

**No. R-484. House concurrent resolution recognizing Vermont students' excellent performance on the national reading examination.**

(H.C.R.324)

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Ancel of Calais, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Audette of South Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Bray of New Haven, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Cheney of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Geier of South Burlington, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larson of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Milkey of Brattleboro, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Obuchowski of Rockingham, Orr of Charlotte, Partridge of Windham, Pellett of Chester, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Rodgers of Glover, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Mendon, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington, Young of St. Albans City and Zenie of Colchester

Whereas, the reading skills of students from every state, in grades four and eight, are tested biennially, and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Education's National Center on Educational Statistics recently released the 2009 scores for the reading tests

administered under the auspices of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, and

Whereas, the 2009 results showed that Vermont's students' reading skills were among the best in the nation, and

Whereas, 75 percent of the Vermont fourth graders, compared to 67 percent nationally, scored at or above the basic level, and this is the second highest in the nation with only Massachusetts' fourth graders surpassing their more northerly New England neighbors, and

Whereas, 84 percent of Vermont eighth graders were reading at or above the basic level, which is the highest in the country, while the national percentage stood at 75 percent, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes Vermont students' excellent performance on the national reading examination, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont School Boards Association, the Vermont Superintendent's Association, the Vermont Principals' Association, the Vermont-National Education Association, and commissioner of education Armando Vilaseca.