

**No. R-434. House concurrent resolution congratulating Douglas Heavisides on being named the 2018 Vermont Career Center Director of the Year.**

(H.C.R.360)

Offered by: Representatives Lucke of Hartford, Buckholz of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Briglin of Thetford, Christensen of Weathersfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Kimbell of Woodstock, and Masland of Thetford

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, in 2012, when Doug Heavisides assumed the directorship of the Hartford Area Career and Technology Center (HACTC), he confronted an immediate challenge in the declining enrollment at its sending schools, and

Whereas, Doug Heavisides started collaborative initiatives intended to transform HACTC into the jewel of the Upper Valley and Vermont's model career and technical center, and

Whereas, he has created a school culture known as "RESPECT-ENGAGE-LEARN-WORK-SERVE-GROW," and

Whereas, an assertive discipline model heightens students' self-worth, and a digital assessment tool encourages them to master 21st-century job skills, and

Whereas, students are afforded leadership opportunities through participation in the Student Advisory Board and the National Technical Honor Society, and

Whereas, the Creative Improvement Council has facilitated new branding initiatives such as murals and signage on campus, and

Whereas, he established a Parent Advisory Board, opening a previously missing but needed communications channel between the HACTC administration and parents; and similarly, the important institutional relationship between HACTC and its sending schools has been strengthened, and

Whereas, HACTC's community connections have been fostered through the National Technical Honor Society Food Drive for The Haven, hosting the Upper Valley Robotics Club, expanding the schedule of adult education classes, and hosting a summer technical camp for middle school students, and

Whereas, for all these reasons, Doug Heavisides' HACTC colleagues, with the strong support of community leaders, enthusiastically nominated him for recognition as Vermont's 2018 Career Center Director of the Year, and he was awarded this prestigious and richly deserved honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Douglas Heavisides on being named the 2018 Vermont Career Center Director of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Doug Heavisides.