

No. R-470. House concurrent resolution honoring Andreas Lehner for his outstanding administrative leadership in public education.

(H.C.R.364)

Offered by: Representative Greshin of Warren

Whereas, Andreas Lehner earned graduate degrees in education from Harvard and the University of Massachusetts, and

Whereas, Andreas Lehner has passionately striven to provide the best possible education to the students under his supervision as both a teacher, starting in 1964, and for more than three decades as a principal, and

Whereas, in 1980, he accepted an offer to serve as principal at Harwood Union High School in Waterbury, and

Whereas, during the next eight years, Andreas Lehner emphasized community involvement in all aspects of the educational process, which helped to alleviate tensions during difficult budget negotiations and a period of disagreement between Waterbury residents and those from the Mad River Valley, and

Whereas, he supported a volunteer workforce to construct an outdoor track, and

Whereas, under his insightful leadership and the auspices of Project Harmony, Harwood Union High School was the first high school to send a group of students to stay with families in the former Soviet Union, and

Whereas, in 1988, Andreas Lehner accepted a new challenge as principal of the Warren School, an ideal match, and

Whereas, Warren School faculty members have enthusiastically critiqued Andreas Lehner as a principal who “always puts kids first,” and

Whereas, students at the Warren School have consistently performed in the top quartile in Vermont on New England Common Assessment Program evaluations and twice ranked second in the state, and

Whereas, the department of education has recognized the Warren School as one of 14 schools in the state with relatively high concentrations of poverty that demonstrate high achievement for all students, and

Whereas, the Warren School has established successful prekindergarten and after-school programs and is one of the few Vermont schools with a growing enrollment, and

Whereas, this June, Andreas Lehner will conclude his exemplary 48-year career in public education and leave a record filled with achievements, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Andreas Lehner for his outstanding administrative leadership in public education, and be it further

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