

No. R-463. House concurrent resolution honoring Carla Lewis for her 40 years of outstanding service as a Fayston Elementary School teacher.

(H.C.R.389)

Offered by: Representatives Grad of Moretown and Read of Fayston

Whereas, Carla Lewis is passionate about teaching and strives to meet the individual needs of her students, and

Whereas, she is a teacher who goes above and beyond what is expected of a public school educator, and

Whereas, Carla Lewis inspires children to shine in special ways that are unique to them, including having inspired one of her students, now a Fayston Elementary School colleague, to enter the teaching profession, and

Whereas, these wonderful accolades describe the level of excellence that has marked Carla Lewis's teaching career, and

Whereas, Carla Lewis attended the University of Nebraska, earning a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education in 1974, and

Whereas, preferring Vermont's Green Mountains to Nebraska's plains, Carla Lewis began her teaching career at the Fayston Elementary School in 1978, and

Whereas, she immediately found this Mad River Valley school, where she has taught grades two through five, an ideal place to teach, and

Whereas, in 1985, Carla Lewis furthered her own education, earning a master's degree in education at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, Carla Lewis has taken on leadership roles that extend beyond the classroom, stewarding the sunshine fund, helping her students create a beautiful quilt for the school, and spearheading the construction of a nature trail on the school's grounds, and

Whereas, she is the recipient of the Christa McAuliffe Award, named for the Concord, New Hampshire, teacher who died in the 1986 space shuttle accident, and a star in space is named in Carla Lewis's honor, and

Whereas, she was nominated for the prestigious Vermont Teacher of the Year Award and the Life Changer of the Year Award, and

Whereas, in June of 2018, the much admired Carla Lewis is concluding her teaching career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Carla Lewis for her outstanding service as a Fayston Elementary School teacher, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Carla Lewis at the Fayston Elementary School.