

No. R-89. House concurrent resolution honoring Heidi Baitz for her outstanding contribution to public education in the Town of Ludlow.

(H.C.R.70)

Offered by: Representative Nicoll of Ludlow

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and White

Whereas, for nearly four decades, elementary school students in the Town of Ludlow have derived great educational benefit from the academic mentoring of Heidi Baitz, who, as the granddaughter of a former Black River High School principal, has continued a family pedagogic tradition, and

Whereas, originally a special education teacher, and, as a dedicated lifelong learner, Heidi Baitz earned a master's degree at the University of Vermont, and later, a certificate of advanced graduate studies from the University of Southern New Hampshire, and

Whereas, Heidi Baitz has developed a living history project in collaboration with the Black River Academy Museum, and in one instance, her sixth graders each selected an historic home and its past owner, a leading Ludlow personality, to study, and then portrayed the individual owners as part of a public walking tour, and

Whereas, as the school's wellness leader, Heidi Baitz has organized healthy lunch days, with menus she often prepared personally, hosted speakers on diet and wellness, arranged a master chef competition, and facilitated afterschool classes in yoga and Pilates, and

Whereas, personal wellness is important for Heidi Baitz as she regularly hikes and practices yoga, as well as bikes, does circuit training, dances, skates, swims, and, at home, she is a prolific gardener, and

Whereas, Heidi Baitz is a person of deep spirituality, who has a meaningful association with the Benedictine Monks of the Weston Priory, and

Whereas, in June 2023, Heidi Baitz will conclude her stellar teaching career, but she will no doubt remain active in Ludlow, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Heidi Baitz for her outstanding contribution to public education in the Town of Ludlow, and be it further

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