

No. R-179. House concurrent resolution congratulating Jay Hoffman and his students who produce the South Burlington Network News at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School.

(H.C.R.120)

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Audette of South Burlington, Geier of South Burlington and Head of South Burlington,

Whereas, one of the most impressive examples of an unusual school project is the South Burlington Network News (SBNN) for which Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School technology teacher Jay Hoffman is responsible, and

Whereas, students' participation in SBNN requires a commitment of considerable free time to the development of a weekly, live 15-minute news program, and

Whereas, with portable recording equipment, these aspiring young journalists cover stories while learning the technical, writing, and presentation skills required to air a television newscast, and

Whereas, critical to the success of SBNN's weekly telecasts is the students' mastering of the important lesson of working together as a team, and

Whereas, Jay Hoffman's skills as an instructor have been so successful that his students and he are the proud recipients of several national awards, and

Whereas, in 2008, the Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School was named a winner in the middle school division of eSchool News' Empowered Education Awards in recognition of an SBNN video the contest's judges viewed as "an outstanding example of how technology can be used to enhance the educational learning experience for all students," and

Whereas, Tuttle students Neel Desai, Riya Patel, and Ronak Bhagat won a 3rd prize in CSPAN's 2009 StudentCam competition for their informative documentary *SBNN: Financial Crisis* that will be aired on CSPAN on Wednesday, April 8 as will a taped interview with Neel, and

Whereas, Tuttle student colleagues Samantha Barrett, Hunter Riehle, and Meghan Drouin won honorable mention in the same competition for their video documentary *Money Matters*, and

Whereas, Jay Hoffman recently received personal recognition when he was named one of 47 finalists in the 2009 Cable's Leaders in Learning Awards that the Cable in the Classroom organization administers, and

Whereas, he was selected in the awards' general excellence category and will now be considered for a national 2009 Cable's Leaders in Learning Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jay Hoffman and his award-winning students who produce the South Burlington Network News at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jay Hoffman at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School in South Burlington.