

No. R-159. House concurrent resolution congratulating Champlain Valley Union High School Principal Adam Bunting on being named the 2018 Vermont Principal of the Year.

(H.C.R.133)

Offered by: Representatives Brumsted of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Webb of Shelburne, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Ingram and Lyons

Whereas, Adam Bunting's own education began in the Washington, DC, public schools, but his realization that school could be a caring and not a punishing experience occurred when he moved to Vermont, at nine years of age, and enrolled in the Shelburne Community School, and

Whereas, the memory of the supportive educational environment at the Shelburne Community School remained with him through his student years at Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) and at Connecticut College, and

Whereas, the special kindness and decisive support given him as a college freshman during two unusual experiences, one that was potentially life threatening, still resonate in the way he conducts his professional duties, and

Whereas, Adam Bunting recognized that he thrived in a scholastic milieu and returned to his high school alma mater as an English teacher, and

Whereas, in due course, he was promoted to lead a house at CVU, one of the large academic units to which all CVU students are assigned, and an excellent job performance earned him the principalship at Montpelier High School, and

Whereas, in 2015, the opportunity of returning to CVU as principal was irresistible, and Adam Bunting eagerly assumed this new challenge, and

Whereas, especially noteworthy has been his unwavering affirmation of inclusion of all students, regardless of gender, race, religion, and sexual orientation, a message he has directly acted upon in confronting incidents of graffiti vandalism and in the aftermath of an assembly speaker whose background and closing comment discomfited some students, and

Whereas, Adam Bunting was nominated for the Vermont Principal of the Year Award, and the surprised CVU principal accepted this well-deserved distinction, which recognized "his work in personalized and proficiency-based learning," with grace and modesty, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Champlain Valley Union High School Principal Adam Bunting on being named the 2018 Vermont Principal of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Adam Bunting and to CVU.