

No. R-251. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont students at the Pioneer Valley Regional School in Northfield, Massachusetts, who are being honored as 2022 Peacemaker Award winners.

(H.C.R.169)

Offered by: Representative Coffey of Guilford

Whereas, in 2000, shortly after the Columbine School shooting, the Traprock Center for Peace & Justice and the Interfaith Council of Franklin County, Massachusetts, decided “to applaud students who are finding ways to work for peace and social and environmental justice,” and

Whereas, past honorees have included students in 8th through 12th grades, or their equivalent, who were active participants in anti-bullying, recycling, and tutoring programs in schools, churches, and community organizations, and

Whereas, in 2022, the Quabbin Mediation Training Director wrote in support of the 33 students volunteering as Training Active Bystanders (TAB) at several schools in northern Massachusetts, and

Whereas, the TAB project is a joint initiative of these schools and Quabbin Mediation and “promotes pro-social attitudes, youth leadership, and school community connections, while significantly reducing violence,” in the students’ respective schools, and

Whereas, this unusual endeavor, “teaches students to analyze what harm is, why it is happening, and [to examine] the consequences of the harm,” and

Whereas, the two Vermont students who made this commitment to peace and justice, and became allies to the entire student body at the Pioneer Valley Regional School in Northfield, Massachusetts, are Vernon residents Elizabeth Brown and Amelia Fowler-Shaw, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont students attending the Pioneer Valley Regional School in Northfield, Massachusetts who are being honored as 2022 Peacemaker Award winners, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Elizabeth Brown, and Amelia Fowler-Shaw.