

**No. R-250. House concurrent resolution congratulating Luke Foley on being named the 2013 Vermont Teacher of the Year.**

(H.C.R.182)

Offered by: Representatives Grad of Moretown, Donahue of Northfield, Lewis of Berlin, and Greshin of Warren

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Agency of Education and the State Board of Education select a Vermont Teacher of the Year who participates in events at Vermont schools and is the State's candidate in the National Teacher of the Year competition held in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, in 2013, Luke Foley of Warren, who is an instructor at the Northfield Middle and High School's STAR program, which offers an alternative education curriculum, was named the Vermont Teacher of the Year, and

Whereas, he is a graduate of Colorado College and holds a master's degree in teaching from the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, prior to joining the Northfield Middle and High School faculty, Luke Foley was a social studies teacher at Montpelier High School, and

Whereas, he has an ideal professional background to teach as an alternative educator, having worked as a wilderness guide, field instructor, and school program director both domestically and internationally, and

Whereas, Luke Foley approaches education "using real-world problems to develop [students'] critical academic skills" and finds ways "for students to contribute to the world around them," and

Whereas, he also serves as a Forest for Every Classroom fellow with the National Park Service and Shelburne Farms, and volunteers with VT FEED (Food Every Day) and other sustainability programs, and

Whereas, Luke Foley is an ideal recipient of this special honor in the field of education, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Luke Foley on being named the 2013 Vermont Teacher of the Year, and be it further

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