

No. R-533. House concurrent resolution congratulating Essex High School teacher Maria Ung on her receipt of a Milken Family Foundation National Education Award.

(H.C.R.227)

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, the Milken Family Foundation National Education Awards were established to “celebrate, elevate and activate exemplary K–12 educators” both early and mid-career, and

Whereas, the awards are intended to honor outstanding teachers and principals for both their past accomplishments and future potential contributions to their profession, and

Whereas, recipients are not required to meet specific criteria but each participating state’s department of education nominates local educators whose names are submitted to the foundation for final selection, and

Whereas, each Milken Family Foundation National Education Award recipient is honored with an unrestricted \$25,000.00 cash award and the opportunity to participate in professional development programs designed specifically for them, and

Whereas, the award is presented to an honoree at a surprise school assembly at which students, faculty, and local and state education officials are in attendance, and

Whereas, the surprised and thrilled 2011 sole Vermont recipient of the Milken Family Foundation National Education Award was Maria Ung of

Essex High School, and among the attendees at her award presentation was Commissioner of Education Armando Vilaseca, her former high school principal, and

Whereas, Maria Ung graduated from Essex High School, earned her college degree at St. Michael's College, and then taught science in Milton and Rochester before returning home in the fall of 2007 to her alma mater as a colleague of her own former teachers, and is now a conceptual chemistry instructor, and

Whereas, aside from being an admired and popular teacher, Maria Ung has a second role as the inspiring coach of the Essex High School cheerleading team which, under her enthusiastic, innovative leadership, has continued a proud tradition of earning state championships, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Essex High School teacher Maria Ung on her receipt of a Milken Family Foundation National Education Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Maria Ung at Essex High School.