

**No. R-350. House concurrent resolution honoring Tanner Dow for his artistic and literary accomplishments.**

(H.C.R.231)

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor, Adams of Hartland, Shand of Weathersfield and Stevens of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, just before his third birthday, Tanner Dow was diagnosed with autism and the prognosis for his being able to read and write was not optimistic, and

Whereas, although he barely uttered a word until age five, once enrolled in kindergarten Tanner Dow quickly discovered the joy of visiting the library and he especially favored books about animals, and

Whereas, Tanner Dow surprised nearly everyone by mastering reading and writing skills at approximately the sixth-grade level, and

Whereas, perhaps even more impressive are the artistic and literary talents Tanner Dow has developed to considerable acclaim, and

Whereas, Tanner Dow's proclivity to take a pen in hand and create beautiful illustrations amazed his teachers and classmates, and

Whereas, as a student at Windsor High School, Tanner Dow created a children's book entitled *The ABC Zoo Book*, a collection of alphabetized and witty snippets of animal life featuring endearing characters such as Hardee the Hare, Larry the Lion, and Tito the Tiger, and

Whereas, the 150 copies of *The ABC Zoo Book* that Tanner Dow's parents arranged to be printed were purchased quickly, and the additional 300 copies of a second run also proved popular, and

Whereas, Tanner Dow's classmates widely applauded him at their high school prom last spring, and, at Windsor High School's Senior Night, his teachers patiently stood in line waiting for him to autograph their personal copies, and

Whereas, since *The ABC Zoo Book*'s publication, Tanner has read the book aloud to several elementary school classes, and

Whereas, thrilled with the success of his first literary venture, Tanner Dow is working on a new book with a Noah's Ark theme, and

Whereas, in recognition of his artistic flair and savvy, the Center for Cartoon Studies in White River Junction, in conjunction with the Vermont Alliance for Arts Education, awarded Tanner Dow a scholarship to attend a one-week workshop at the center, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Tanner Dow for his artistic and literary accomplishments, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tanner Dow in Windsor.