

No. R-306. House concurrent resolution congratulating Aziza Malik on being named the 2024 Vermont Teacher of the Year.

(H.C.R.240)

Offered by: Representatives McCann of Montpelier, Andrews of Westford, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Black of Essex, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buss of Woodstock, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donahue of Northfield, Elder of Starksboro, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Headrick of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McGill of Bridport, Morris of Springfield, Mrowicki of Putney, Ode of Burlington, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Rachelson of Burlington, Rice of Dorset, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Torre of Moretown, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Ram Hinsdale, Vyhovsky, Weeks, and Wrenner

Whereas, beginning in 1964, the State of Vermont has annually designated an elementary, middle, or secondary school teacher as the Vermont Teacher of the Year, and

Whereas, the selected teacher is honored at the University of Vermont's Outstanding Teacher Day and represents Vermont at the National Teacher of the Year events in Washington, DC, and

Whereas, the Vermont Teacher of the Year serves "as an advocate for the teaching profession, education and students" throughout the State, and

Whereas, for 2024, the Agency of Education has selected Aziza Malik, an upper elementary teacher at Champlain Elementary School in Burlington, to receive this special commendation, and

Whereas, Aziza Malik has held her current position for 14 years, and she is known for "fostering authentic relationships between schools and [community] stakeholders," and

Whereas, through her initiatives, such as the teaching of Abenaki history, Aziza Malik brings a sense of relevancy to the classroom, and

Whereas, Aziza Malik's successful effort to revitalize the Champlain Elementary School community garden epitomizes a genuine dedication to her school, and

Whereas, Aziza Malik is an ideal person to serve as the Vermont Teacher of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Aziza Malik on being named the 2024 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 Aziza Malik and to Champlain Elementary School.