

No. R-431. House concurrent resolution honoring Diana Pfenning for her outstanding leadership of the Tapestry Program of Rutland County.

(H.C.R.329)

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Andrews of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Courcelle of Rutland City, McNeil of Rutland Town, Potter of Clarendon and Russell of Rutland City

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, the Tapestry Program of Rutland County (serving students in the communities of Proctor, Rutland City, Rutland Town, and West Rutland) was organized in 2000 and is an afterschool program designed to “provide expanded learning opportunities, as well as multiple cultural and enrichment experiences in a safe drug free, supervised environment,” and

Whereas, since the Tapestry Program was established, Diana Pfenning has served as its effective and innovative executive director with supervisory responsibilities for the services provided at schools in each of the four communities it serves, and

Whereas, Diana Pfenning earned a degree in elementary education at Castleton State College and a master’s degree in early childhood education from Wheelock College in Boston, and

Whereas, in 2003, she implemented a sustainability plan to “keep the lights on after school” in the four communities and seven schools serving over 800 students a year, and

Whereas, in 2005, the National Partnership for Quality After School Learning recognized the Tapestry Program for its exemplary practices and homework program, and

Whereas, two professional awards for distinguished service have been presented to Diana Pfenning, the Early Childhood Council’s Building Bright Futures Award in

2006 and then, in 2007, the 21st Century Leadership Award for “exceptional leadership in program sustainability,” and

Whereas, under her capable direction, all six Tapestry sites have earned either 4- or 5-star accreditation from the department for children and families, and

Whereas, among Diana Pfenning’s accomplishments have been the repeated receipt of 21st Century Learning grants, and the establishment in 2010 of the MOVE Program for middle school students to foster career opportunity engagement, and

Whereas, after her tenure as the first and only executive director, during which the Tapestry Program of Rutland County has greatly enhanced the educational experiences for many children, Diana Pfenning will be retiring in June 2012, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Diana Pfenning for her outstanding leadership of the Tapestry Program of Rutland County, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Diana Pfenning and to the Rutland Public Schools.