

No. R-445. House concurrent resolution congratulating Erica Wallstrom on being awarded an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship.

(H.C.R.332)

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Act (Act) was signed into law in 1994, and

Whereas, the Act established the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship (AEF) Program that enables extraordinary K–12 educators in the fields of science, technology, mathematics, or engineering to work for 11 months with a federal agency or Congress on a national education policy or program, and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Science’s Office of Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists manages the AEF Program, and

Whereas, only 14 educators are awarded this honor each year, and the extremely competitive selection process, including four days of interviews in Washington, D.C., started in September and culminated with the announcement of fellowship recipients in March, and

Whereas, one of the 2014 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship winners is Erica Wallstrom, a 9th-grade science teacher at Rutland Senior High School, and

Whereas, Erica Wallstrom and her husband, David, who has been an enthusiastic supporter of her successful quest for an AEF, will be relocating temporarily to Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, in the nation’s capital, Erica Wallstrom will be working at federal agencies on National Science Foundation-supported research examining climatological effects on the permafrost in Greenland and possibly in Antarctica, and

Whereas, Erica Wallstrom is anticipating this unusual and exciting research adventure to encourage more persons, especially her students, to recognize the importance of the polar icecap on the world’s environment, and

Whereas, she is an educator who cares passionately about her students and views her teaching role as one of great importance, and

Whereas, the awarding of an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship to Erica Wallstrom is both a singular personal achievement and a great honor for Rutland Senior High School, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Erica Wallstrom on being awarded an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship, and be it further

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