

No. R-513. House concurrent resolution honoring Kerry Clifford for her devotion to teaching young children.

(H.C.R.397)

Offered by: Representative Acinapura of Brandon

Whereas, Kerry Clifford has worked as an educator in the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union for a quarter of a century, and

Whereas, her commitment to educating young children has been evident from the first day she stepped into the classroom, and

Whereas, Kerry Clifford started her career in public education in the Triple E early childhood program, and

Whereas, she later began working in the demanding area of special education, and

Whereas, Kerry Clifford consistently brought a cheerful, positive, and loving attitude to the classroom, and she is a natural born teacher, and

Whereas, her students' education was always Kerry Clifford's top priority, and

Whereas, needy students were always a special concern for Kerry Clifford, and she strove to make them feel part of the class by bringing extra gifts for children unable to contribute to a holiday exchange, packing snacks and lunches for class trips, and transporting children to school events, and

Whereas, as a Brandon resident, Kerry Clifford provided an important connection between her school and the community, regularly attending community- and school-sponsored events to support the local children, and

Whereas, this enthusiastic educator has fought a personal battle against cancer during much of her career, but has never allowed her illness to interfere with her school duties, and

Whereas, Kerry Clifford has been active in cancer research fundraising, and in 2010 was honored as a “Survivor of the Year” at a Relay for Life event, and

Whereas, this amazing woman has been a true asset to every colleague with whom she has worked, and her retirement this year from the Neshobe School, where she has most recently been a teaching assistant, and the Northeast Rutland Supervisory Union will mark the departure of a truly outstanding educator, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Kerry Clifford for her devotion to teaching young children, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kerry Clifford in Brandon.