

April 20, 2012

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Dear Robert:

I would like to extend my congratulations to you on your receipt of the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce 2012 Citizen of the Year Award.

This recognition is a tremendous honor, and one that's very well-deserved. As someone who explored a career in teaching myself, and did my training in that area, I have a lot of admiration for teachers and all that you do to inspire young people. The programs you established at the Academy created opportunities for your students that they never had before and might not otherwise have had, and you should take great pride in that.

Through your subsequent volunteer work and leadership in a variety of arts and health care organizations, it's clear that you never turned down an opportunity to apply your talents where they could make a difference for your neighbors. This, in my mind, is one of the true markers of a leader.

I commend you for all you have done to serve the Northeast Kingdom. I hope others will be inspired by your accomplishments and follow in your footsteps.

Again, my sincere congratulations.

Sincerely,

Phil Scott