HOUSE No. 1076

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven M. Walsh

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to creating a community service graduation requirement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Steven M. Walsh	11th Essex	1/20/2011

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By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1076) of Steven M. Walsh for legislation to authorize local school committees to create a community service graduation requirement. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 526 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to creating a community service graduation requirement.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition,
- 2 is hereby amended by inserting after Section 2B the following section:-
- 3 Section 2C.
- 4 Local School Committees shall have the option of instituting a requirement of all
- 5 secondary school students to complete no less than ten hours of community service over the
- 6 course of their secondary school career in order to receive a high school diploma. Individual
- 7 school districts shall determine which activities or projects in their local area qualify as
- 8 "community service".