

No. R-17. House concurrent resolution congratulating Norwich University's Sullivan Museum and History Center on being designated as Vermont's first Smithsonian affiliate.

(H.C.R.6)

Offered by: Representatives Grad of Moretown, Donahue of Northfield, and Lewis of Berlin

Whereas, in 1819, Captain Alden Partridge founded the American Literary, Scientific and Military Academy, now Norwich University, the nation's first private military college, and

Whereas, in 1902, Norwich University formally began collecting artifacts reflecting its history; in 2006–2007, The Sullivan Museum was created; and the collection is now housed in a state-of-the-art exhibition facility known as The Sullivan Museum and History Center, and

Whereas, the permanent collection includes over 11,000 items divided into several broad categories, including artwork, objects, and textiles, and

Whereas, complementing the permanent collection are outstanding special exhibits, including the recently concluded *1864: Some Suffer So Much*, telling the story of Norwich University alumni who have served as military surgeons from the Civil War to the present, and

Whereas, the Smithsonian, consisting of 19 diverse and distinctive national museums, the National Zoo, and nine research facilities, has a strong tie to Norwich University as alumnus George Colvocoresses participated in the Wilkes Expedition that gathered artifacts resulting in the establishment of the Smithsonian Institution and the core collection for its first museum known as the National Museum of Natural History, and

Whereas, the affiliates program of the Smithsonian enables local museums across the country to develop collaborative relationships with both the Smithsonian and the 196 affiliated museums and cultural institutions, and

Whereas, until 2014, no Vermont museum or other cultural organization had been awarded Smithsonian affiliation, and

Whereas, on September 2, 2014, Norwich University's Sullivan Museum and History Center was welcomed as Vermont's first Smithsonian affiliate at a festive ceremony featuring Harold Closter, the director of Smithsonian affiliations; U.S. Senator Leahy; Norwich University President Richard Schneider; and the Sullivan's Director and Norwich University Associate Professor Sarah E. Henrich, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Norwich University's Sullivan Museum and History Center on being designated as Vermont's first Smithsonian affiliate, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to The Sullivan Museum and History Center at Norwich University.