

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 11

House concurrent resolution welcoming the exhibition *The Hale Street Gang: Portraits in Writing* to the State House

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph and Townsend of Randolph

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, during the opening weeks of the 2011 legislative session, a unique multimedia (black and white photographic portraiture and audio recording) presentation entitled: *The Hale Street Gang: Portraits in Writing* will shine a joyful light and warmth in the state house, and

Whereas, this exhibition features the life-size black and white photographic portraits of 12 extraordinarily creative octogenarian and nonagenarian members of the Greater Randolph Senior Center (Cookie Campbell, Loraine Chase, Charles Cooley, Ruth Demarest-Godfrey, Margaret Egerton, D'Ann Calhoun Fago, Mary Hutchinson, Cynthia Jackson, John Jackson, Mary Jacobs, Estelle Therrien, and Idora Tucker), and

Whereas, for 30 years, Sara Tucker, the daughter of Idora Tucker, was a writer and editor at Condé Nast Magazine in New York City, before her husband, Patrick Texier, and she relocated to Randolph, and

Whereas, Sara Tucker had been volunteering at the Randolph Senior Center, leading these 12 savvy Vermont storytellers in a joint, yet individual, process of recording their special life memories in writing, and

Whereas, when Braintree photographer Jack Rowell attended a public reading, he was so impressed with their enthusiasm and stories that he organized a four-day photo shoot of these typical, but truly inspiring, Vermonters and arranged with Greg Sharrow of the Vermont Folklife Center to create audio recordings of these writers reading their work, and

Whereas, with financial support from foundation grants, and an online fundraising campaign utilizing Kickstarter.com, this unique and beautifully curated exhibit of portraits and audio recordings premiered at the Vermont Folklife Center, and a book containing the essays, *The Hale Street Gang: In Cahoots*, has been published, and

Whereas, the exhibit officially opens at the state house on January 11, 2011 with a festive reception honoring all of the contributors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes the exhibition *The Hale Street Gang: Portraits in Writing* to the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each individual and organizational exhibition participant.