

No. R-39. House concurrent resolution honoring nonprofit organizations and Common Good Vermont.

(H.C.R.23)

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Briglin of Thetford, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Fields of Bennington, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gonzalez of Winooski, Jerman of Essex, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lenos of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Patt of Worcester, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Viens of Newport City, Walz of Barre City, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senator Baruth

Whereas, nonprofit organizations help build and sustain healthy and vibrant communities throughout Vermont and contribute significantly to making the State a special place, and

Whereas, Vermonters enhance the well-being of their communities through contributions of volunteer time and commitment of financial resources to nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, daily, the nonprofit sector helps millions of individuals and families in the United States sustain their bodies and spirits in many ways, and

Whereas, nonprofit services include animal welfare; the arts; children's and senior citizens' support programs; land conservation and environmental protection; energy efficiency; food security; health education, prevention and care; and many other important services, and

Whereas, according to the Vermont Community Foundation, nonprofit organizations comprise 19.8 percent of Vermont's annual Gross State Product, and Vermonters donate millions of hours a year at these organizations, and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Labor reported that in 2012 (the most recent data available), the nonprofit sector in Vermont included 44,131 employees with an average wage of \$44,882, and

Whereas, nonprofit organizations serve a vital role in facilitating charitable giving and social action, and

Whereas, Common Good Vermont helps these organizations to be more effective and efficient, through its delivery of online resources, training opportunities, partnerships, and signature events, and

Whereas, on February 5, 2015, under the auspices of Common Good Vermont, nonprofit organizations will gather in the State House to educate legislators concerning the activities of the nonprofit sector, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors nonprofit organizations and Common Good Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Common Good Vermont.