

No. R-63. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont League of Cities and Towns on its 50th anniversary.

(H.C.R.40)

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Townsend of South Burlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Hubert of Milton, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaClair of Barre Town, Lewis of Berlin, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Weed of Enosburgh

Whereas, the unswerving mission of Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is to serve and strengthen local government, and

Whereas, the history of the VLCT can be traced to 1964 when local officials began formally discussing the need for a statewide municipal association, and an organizing board was formed with representation from a number of municipalities, and

Whereas, these strategy sessions culminated on June 27, 1967 when the VLCT was established at a meeting in Montpelier City Hall, and University of Vermont Professor Andrew Nuquist served as the VLCT's acting director, and

Whereas, VLCT's first board of directors meeting was held on July 27, 1967 in Colchester and on April 15, 1968, it appointed Henry E. Warren, the Woodstock Town Manager, as the organization's first Executive Director, and

Whereas, through the years, VLCT's membership continued to climb and 100 percent membership of 246 cities and towns was ultimately achieved in December 1995, and

Whereas, throughout its 50-year history, VLCT has had six executive directors, the current Director being Maura Carroll, and

Whereas, through VLCT, Vermont local officials have participated actively in the National League of Cities, and

Whereas, local officials rely heavily on this membership association to give voice to municipal issues in the Legislature, to provide answers, advice, and technical assistance on all municipal issues, to serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas and best practices among cities, towns and villages, and to provide coverage for insurance needs through municipal risk pools, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont League of Cities and Towns on its 50th anniversary and extends best wishes that the next 50 years will be as productive, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.