

No. R-70. House concurrent resolution designating February 16, 2017 as Afterschool Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.47)

Offered by: Representatives Miller of Shaftsbury, Ancel of Calais, Bartholomew of Hartland, Baser of Bristol, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Bock of Chester, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buckholz of Hartford, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Conlon of Cornwall, Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Colchester, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donovan of Burlington, Fields of Bennington, Forguites of Springfield, Frenier of Chelsea, Gamache of Swanton, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Brookfield, Howard of Rutland City, Jessup of Middlesex, Jickling of Brookfield, Joseph of North Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keefe of Manchester, Kimbell of Woodstock, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans Town, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Rachelson of Burlington, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibiliala of Dover, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wood of Waterbury, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Whereas, afterschool and summer learning programs keep children safe, inspire learning, create jobs, and help working families, and

Whereas, numerous organizations in Vermont provide afterschool and summer learning programs for kindergarten through grade 12, and

Whereas, high-quality afterschool and summer learning programs are typically based on collaborations of schools and partners, including community groups, libraries, organizations serving youths, and recreation departments, and

Whereas, according to Vermont Afterschool, Inc., more than 24 percent (21,690) of Vermont students in kindergarten through 12th grade participate in afterschool programs, and 33 percent of those who are not enrolled would participate if more programs were available and accessible, and

Whereas, afterschool and summer learning programs provide students with summer meals, afterschool suppers, healthy snacks, and physical activity, and

Whereas, many full- and part-time jobs across the State, including important work experience opportunities for high school youths especially in Vermont's rural communities, are attributable to these programs, and

Whereas, a sizeable number of surveyed 5th through 12th graders reported a sense of belonging in their afterschool program, and

Whereas, participation in afterschool programs designed to build skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics has proven beneficial for students, and

Whereas, according to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Vermont high school students who participate in afterschool activities (up to 19 hours per week) are less likely to consume alcohol, use illegal drugs, or be in a physical fight than those students not similarly enrolled, and

Whereas, Vermont's PreK-16 Council's Working Group on Expanded Learning Opportunities documented that every \$1.00 invested in afterschool programs saves Vermonters \$2.18 in the future by increasing students' earning potential, improving performance at school, and reducing crime, and

Whereas, the State's schools and communities are able to leverage important federal funding for afterschool and summer learning programs, and

Whereas, educators, advocates, parents, and students involved in these programs are in Montpelier today to celebrate their work and to continue learning about best practices for their respective programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 16, 2017 as Afterschool Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Afterschool, Inc. in Colchester.