

**No. R-64. House concurrent resolution recognizing the important role of nonprofit organizations in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.51)

Offered by: Representatives Edwards of Brattleboro, Andrews of Rutland City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Royalton, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Courcelle of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Gilbert of Fairfax, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larson of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Mitchell of Barnard, Mrowicki of Putney, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Trieber of Rockingham, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington, Woodward of Johnson, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Albany

Whereas, nonprofit organizations operate in most Vermont communities and include diverse groups whose focus or mission includes animal welfare, the arts and culture, children's services, land conservation and environmental protection, energy efficiency, food security, health care, caring for the homeless, recreational activities, senior citizen services, and others, and

Whereas, the state of Vermont frequently partners with nonprofit organizations for many services which might not otherwise be provided by government, and

Whereas, nonprofit organizations offer an important outlet for philanthropic donations, and Vermonters volunteer countless hours of time to their communities through nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, an organization named Common Good Vermont is serving as a cooperative information clearinghouse for nonprofit organizations in Vermont, providing tools, training, and technical assistance that offer informative instruction and guidance in the management of a nonprofit's in-person activities and use of the Internet, and

Whereas, on, February 9, 2011, under the auspices of Common Good Vermont, nonprofit organizations will gather at the state house to educate legislators concerning the work of their individual organizations and the importance of nonprofit organizations in the civic life of our state, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to honor nonprofit organizations and Common Good Vermont for their important contributions to the quality of life in Vermont communities, and be it further

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