

No. R-159. House concurrent resolution congratulating South Burlington on its designation as a Tree City U.S.A.

(H.C.R.116)

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Audette of South Burlington, Geier of South Burlington and Head of South Burlington

Whereas, in order to promote the planting and nurturing of trees in municipalities throughout the United States, the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters sponsors the Tree City U.S.A. program, and

Whereas, the benefits of designation as a Tree City U.S.A. include the creation of a framework for action that: facilitates the planting of trees; educates the public on tree related matters; presents a public image that acknowledges the role of trees as an environmental protector; engenders a sense of pride on the part of those persons directly responsible for the trees' care and in the entire community, positions the town to qualify for financial support for forestry related projects; and enhances a community's public image, and

Whereas, the four essential prerequisites for a town or city to receive Tree City U.S.A. designation are the establishment of a tree board or department, enactment of a tree care ordinance, creation of a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2.00 per capita, and the commemoration of Arbor Day with an official proclamation along with a municipal observance of this special day honoring the importance of trees, and

Whereas, the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program has informed the city of South Burlington of its designation as a Tree City U.S.A, and everyone involved in the effort is proud to have earned this distinction, and

Whereas, on April 22, 2009, the city of South Burlington will be honored as a Tree City U.S.A in a ceremony on the state house lawn, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the city of South Burlington on its designation as a Tree City U.S.A., and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to South Burlington Associate Planner Cathyann LaRose.