

No. R-145. House concurrent resolution observing April 2, 2019 as National Service Recognition Day in Vermont.

(H.C.R.119)

Offered by: Representatives Noyes of Wolcott, Ancel of Calais, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Bates of Bennington, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Brownell of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Colchester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Conlon of Cornwall, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Lincoln, Cupoli of Rutland City, Demrow of Corinth, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Fegard of Berkshire, Feltus of Lyndon, Forguites of Springfield, Gamache of Swanton, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Goslant of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Haas of Rochester, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Hashim of Dummerston, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Jessup of Middlesex, Jickling of Randolph, Johnson of South Hero, Killacky of South Burlington, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lefebvre of Newark, Leffler of Enosburgh, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, Mattos of Milton, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nicoll of Ludlow, Norris of Shoreham, Notte of Rutland City, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Palasik of Milton, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralph of Hartland, Redmond of Essex, Rogers of Waterville, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Seymour of Sutton, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibilias of Dover, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Szott of Barnard, Taylor of Colchester, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Toof of St. Albans Town, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, White of Hartford, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Greensboro

Whereas, in 1993, Congress established the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), and this federal agency’s mission is to “improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering,” and

Whereas, CNCS “engages millions of Americans in service through its core programs—AmeriCorps and Senior Corps—and national volunteer efforts,” and

Whereas, SerVermont is the State’s partner with CNCS, and

Whereas, in Vermont, there are 30 CNCS projects, including those under the rubric of AmeriCorps National, AmeriCorps State, AmeriCorps VISTA, the Foster Grandparent Program, RSVP, and the Senior Companion Program and projects financed through the Social Innovation Fund, and

Whereas, there are 443 CNCS service organizations in Vermont, including conservation and environmental groups, counseling services, faith-based entities, food-support services, housing trusts, municipalities, museums, public libraries, recreation projects, senior and aging programs, and shelters for the homeless, and

Whereas, 2,091 Vermont service volunteers work at these organizations, earning educational scholarship funds for the volunteers’ future use, and

Whereas, in this fiscal year, CNCS is investing \$6,499,734.00 in Vermont, and local host organizations are supplying \$6,258,791.00 in additional support, and

Whereas, since 1994, more than 5,500 Vermont residents have served more than 8.2 million hours through AmeriCorps and qualified for scholarship awards worth in excess of \$19.6 million, and

Whereas, today, more than 5,200 elected officials from across the country will participate in the 7th annual National Service Recognition Day, and

Whereas, as part of this observance, Vermont service volunteers are visiting the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly observes April 2, 2019 as National Service Recognition Day in Vermont, and be it further

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