

**No. R-199. House concurrent resolution commemorating the opening of the new Adult Intensive Unit at the Brattleboro Retreat in partnership with the Department of Mental Health.**

(H.C.R.148)

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Goodwin of Weston, Hebert of Vernon, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, more than one-half of all Vermont adults requiring inpatient psychiatric and addiction care are admitted to the Brattleboro Retreat, and

Whereas, the facility's programs provide vital inpatient, partial hospitalization, residential, outpatient, and educational services for those in need, and

Whereas, the Brattleboro Retreat proactively adapts to the changing needs of its clients and today's evolving health care environment, and

Whereas, the Brattleboro Retreat is a significant employer in Vermont, providing more than 700 jobs, and

Whereas, the Brattleboro Retreat is a strong participant in the work to eradicate the stigma associated with mental illness, and

Whereas, the medical philosophy of the Brattleboro Retreat is that compassionate and effective patient care occurs when patients are viewed as being the best source of their own recovery, and

Whereas, when Tropical Storm Irene struck Vermont, and the Vermont State Hospital evacuated its patients on almost instantaneous notice, the Brattleboro Retreat responded immediately and accommodated a large number of these individuals, and

Whereas, the Brattleboro Retreat's vision is to be the highest quality psychiatric hospital in the United States, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the opening of the new Adult Intensive Unit at the Brattleboro Retreat in partnership with the Department of Mental Health and the State of Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Robert E. Simpson, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Brattleboro Retreat.