

No. R-228. House concurrent resolution congratulating IBM on its centennial anniversary.

(H.C.R.179)

Offered by: Representatives Waite-Simpson of Essex, Evans of Essex, Jerman of Essex, Myers of Essex, Heath of Westford, Botzow of Pownal, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Turner of Milton and Young of Albany

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Baruth, Fox, Lyons, Mazza, Miller and Snelling

Whereas, in 1911, Hollerith's Tabulating Machine Company, the Computing Scale Company of America, and the International Time Recording Company were combined as the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Company (C-T-R), and the new corporation was incorporated on June 16 of that year in the state of New York, and in 1924, it was renamed International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), and

Whereas, in 1957, IBM established a plant in Essex Junction (IBM Burlington), and in 2011, this development and production facility is the largest private industrial employer in the state, and

Whereas, IBM Burlington is a leading development center for microchip technology and produces microchips for some of the most prominent computer, communications, and consumer electronics manufacturers, and

Whereas, many significant thresholds in the expansion of semiconductor chip technology were realized at IBM Burlington, and

Whereas, inventors on the staff of IBM Burlington are credited with about 10 percent of the company's total United States patents issued each year, helping IBM lead the world in the most patents issued annually for the last 18 years, and making the state of Vermont the leader in the number of patents earned per capita, and

Whereas, space and interplanetary exploration, including NASA's Apollo, Mars Rover, and Pathfinder programs, have each benefited from technology developed at IBM Burlington, and

Whereas, exports originating at IBM Burlington total more than \$2 billion in finished goods annually, and

Whereas, IBM Burlington is a great community citizen as the company and its employees donate more than \$2 million annually to nonprofit organizations and schools throughout Vermont and provide hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours each year, and

Whereas, the commitment of IBM Burlington to energy conservation and a better environment are demonstrated through its annual energy savings that are equivalent to the power usage of 2,000 single-family homes, and through its receipt of numerous environmental awards, and

Whereas, on June 16, 2011, IBM Burlington will celebrate its centennial anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates IBM Burlington on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to IBM's senior state executive, Janette Bombardier, at IBM Burlington.