

No. R-259. House concurrent resolution honoring the American Cancer Society's 2009 Relay for Life events in Vermont.

(H.C.R.179)

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington and Morrissey of Bennington

Whereas, in 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Washington ran around the track at the University of Puget Sound for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society, and

Whereas, in 1986, Dr. Klatt decided to devise a 24-hour multi-person relay, and the City of Destiny Classic 24-Hour Run Against Cancer became the model for Relay for Life events that are now held throughout the United States and internationally in 21 countries, and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life unites cancer survivors, their families, and friends in a special effort to raise funds for research into the causes of and cures for cancer, and

Whereas, in 2009, the Vermont Relay for Life regional events and their locations include: Bennington County Relay for Life (Bennington); Relay for Life of Caledonia County (St. Johnsbury); Relay for Life of Central Vermont (Montpelier); Relay for Life of Chittenden County (Essex Junction); Relay for Life of Franklin County (Highgate); Relay for Life of Northeast Kingdom (Newport); Relay for Life of Rutland County (Rutland); Windham County Relay for Life (Brattleboro); and the Relay for Life of Windsor County (Woodstock), and

Whereas, four Vermont institutions of higher education, including Castleton State College, Middlebury College, Norwich University, and the University of Vermont, sponsor their own Relay for Life events, and

Whereas, the enthusiasm that Relay for Life events generate in Vermont does not end when the cold weather arrives as evidenced by the Relay for Life Nordic Style that took place on March 7–8 in Stowe, and

Whereas, these 14 Vermont events have annually raised thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society and demonstrate that Vermonters, both the event participants and their financial supporters, are contributing to the fight against cancer, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the 2009 Relay for Life events in Vermont and all of those persons associated with these important activities in the fight against cancer, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Northern New England Region office of the American Cancer Society in Williston.