

No. R-226. House concurrent resolution congratulating The Collaborative of Londonderry on two decades of outstanding health and substance abuse education programs in southern Vermont.

(H.C.R.187)

Offered by: Representatives Pajala of Londonderry, Browning of Arlington, James of Manchester, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Balint, Campion, Clarkson, McCormack, Nitka, Sears, and White

Whereas, The Collaborative (TC) “is a youth substance use prevention coalition” that conducts programs in 18 towns in Bennington County, western Windham County, and southern Windsor County, and

Whereas, the organizational mission of TC is “promoting healthy communities and substance free youth through education, programming, environmental strategies and policy development,” and

Whereas, TC’s initiatives have focused on preventing youth from using alcohol and tobacco products, the proper use of prescription medications, and youth-parent education programs designed to encourage healthy living, and

Whereas, a critical vehicle for TC has been working directly with schools through projects such as a licensed afterschool program at the Flood Brook School that features creative playtime, a healthy snack, and homework assistance and the Refuse to Use substance-prevention curriculum that has been taught to 300 middle and high school students, and

Whereas, a series of free skate nights at the Riley Rink in Hunter Park and a youth summer camp are also TC initiatives, and

Whereas, in an antitobacco context, TC has worked with municipalities to promote smoke-free policies and ordinances, and

Whereas, TC has partnered with licensed alcohol retailers to educate these commercial establishments about the legal consequence of providing alcohol products to underage customers, and

Whereas, in the prescription medication realm, TC has established the Shires Rx Alliance as a community partner prescription drug education task force, and

Whereas, its publications include a primer about substance misuse prevention for Bennington County and educational materials on marijuana law, opioids, and the consequences of vaping electronic cigarettes, and

Whereas, for two decades, TC has conducted valuable educational and promotional activities with a broad community benefit, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates The Collaborative of Londonderry on two decades of outstanding health and substance abuse education programs in southern Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to The Collaborative in Londonderry.