

**No. R-293. House concurrent resolution recognizing January 2018 as National Mentoring Month in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.233)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, the future of Vermont rests on the hopes and dreams of its young people, and

Whereas, mentors offer valuable encouragement, motivation, and hope for our youths by providing a consistent adult friend and role model, and

Whereas, since 2013, Mobius has served as Vermont's Mentoring Partnership, and

Whereas, relationships with caring mentors offer youths valuable support to guide them toward making positive and healthy life choices, and

Whereas, mentoring before, during, and after school has become an effective strategy that schools use to increase student attendance and academic performance, and

Whereas, research has shown that mentored youths are less likely to start using drugs and alcohol, engage in physical violence, or skip school, and

Whereas, youths with mentors are more likely to graduate from high school and enroll in college and other post-secondary educational programs, and

Whereas, mentored youths also exhibit improved resiliency, better relationships with peers and family members, and greater connectedness to their communities and schools, and

Whereas, a mentoring relationship between peers, whether the mentor is a youth or an adult, encourages learning and success for people of all ages, and

Whereas, an effective way for a business to support youths in its community is to enter into a mentoring partnership with a mentoring organization, a school, or another youth service organization, and

Whereas, collaborative mentoring programs, with broad community support, are more visible and better able to serve more youths, and

Whereas, according to MENTOR, The National Mentoring Partnership, one in three youths in Vermont will grow up without a formal or natural mentor, and Mobius is committed to closing this gap, and

Whereas, January 2018 is being observed as the 16th National Mentoring Month, and today, January 31, 2018, the General Assembly is celebrating the importance of mentoring, now therefore be it.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes January 2018 as National Mentoring Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mobius, Vermont's Mentoring Partnership.