

No. R-284. House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont's Free & Referral Clinics on its 25th anniversary.

(H.C.R.233)

Offered by: Representative Scheu of Middlebury

Whereas, in 1995, five free health care clinics for the uninsured formed an informal coalition, and in 1997 this coalition was incorporated as the nonprofit Vermont Coalition of Clinics for the Uninsured, now known as Vermont's Free & Referral Clinics (VFRC), and

Whereas, in 1999, the General Assembly began appropriating funds, supporting the important work of VFRC, and

Whereas, since 1997, the clinics have served 64,000 Vermonters, and between 2007 and 2018 this number experienced a 94 percent increase, and

Whereas, in 2018, the assistance the nine clinics offered was valued at an estimated \$7.5 million, and they continue to play a critical health care role in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vermont's Free & Referral Clinics on its 25th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to VFRC in Middlebury.