

No. R-332. House concurrent resolution recognizing the important role of nonprofit organizations in Vermont.

(H.C.R.239)

Offered by: Representatives Edwards of Brattleboro, Aswad of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Burke of Brattleboro, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Representative Davis of Washington, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of Montpelier, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Klein of East Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larson of Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, McCullough of Williston, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, Obuchowski of Rockingham, Pellett of Chester, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Smith of Mendon, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Toll of Danville, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington and Young of St. Albans City

Offered by: Senators Doyle and Cummings

Whereas, nonprofit organizations operate in most Vermont communities and include diverse groups whose focus or mission includes animal welfare, the arts and culture, children's services, land conservation and environmental protection, energy efficiency, food security, health care, caring for the homeless, recreational activities, and senior citizen services, and

Whereas, the state of Vermont frequently partners with nonprofit organizations for many services which might not otherwise be provided by government, and

Whereas, nonprofit organizations offer an important outlet for the philanthropic donations, and Vermonters volunteer countless hours of time to their communities through nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, a new organization, Common Good Vermont, is serving as a cooperative information clearinghouse for nonprofit organizations in Vermont, providing tools, training, and technical assistance that offers informative instruction and guidance in the management of a nonprofit's in-person activities and use of the Internet, and

Whereas, on February 16, 2010, under the auspices of Common Good Vermont, nonprofit organizations will gather at the state house to educate legislators concerning the work of their individual organizations and the importance of nonprofit organizations in the civic life of our state, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to honor nonprofit organizations and Common Good Vermont for their important contributions to the quality of life in Vermont communities, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Common Good Vermont.