No. R-408. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of Green Up Day and honoring Melinda Vieux for her superb organizational leadership.

(H.C.R.326)

Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

<u>Whereas</u>, in 1970, Governor Deane C. Davis established Green Up Day as an annual statewide event to beautify Vermont, and in 1979, responsibility for this event was assigned to a new nonprofit named Vermont Green Up Inc., and

<u>Whereas</u>, in 1996, when the organization's future was in jeopardy, its board appointed Melinda Vieux, a veteran Vermont nonprofit manager, as its executive director, and she later served as its president, and

<u>Whereas</u>, during her innovative 21-year tenure, Melinda Vieux revitalized Vermont Green Up Inc., established town coordinators in every municipality, and tripled the number of volunteers, and

<u>Whereas</u>, as a result of her initiative, in 2014, the General Assembly designated the first Saturday in May as Green Up Day and adopted a Vermont income tax checkoff to benefit Vermont Green Up Inc., now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives

That the General Assembly commemorates the 50th anniversary of Green Up Day and honors Melinda Vieux for her superb organizational leadership, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Green Up Inc. and Melinda Vieux.