

**No. R-460. House concurrent resolution congratulating Wilson House in East Dorset on its 30th anniversary.**

(H.C.R.386)

Offered by: Representative Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, in 1852, the local entrepreneur Ira Cochran opened a new hotel in the village of East Dorset, and

Whereas, by the late 19th century, the Wilson family owned an interest in the hotel that in 1895 was named the Wilson House, and which, on November 26 of that year, became the birthplace of William G. Wilson, and

Whereas, William G. Wilson was the “Bill W.” who cofounded Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) in 1935, and

Whereas, in 1987, Ozzie Lepper purchased the then-deteriorating Wilson House, restoring it as a hotel and creating a respite site for AA participants and a memorial to Bill W., and

Whereas, the mission of the now nonprofit Wilson House is “to responsibly maintain the historic birthplace, memory, spirit, and purpose of Bill Wilson,” and

Whereas, since its reopening in 1988, Wilson House has been a spiritually based organization that “fosters community relations and avoids commercialism,” and

Whereas, on the weekend of June 1 to 3, 2018, the Wilson House in East Dorset will celebrate its 30th anniversary, marking a special milestone in the history of the building and the important organization that occupies its premises, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Wilson House in East Dorset on its 30th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Wilson House in East Dorset.