

No. R-287. House concurrent resolution commemorating the successful completion of the new Waterbury State Office Complex.

(H.C.R.214)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, in August 2011, Tropical Storm Irene precipitated the Winooski River to inundate the Waterbury State Office Complex, and

Whereas, built as the Vermont State Hospital, in recent years the Waterbury State Office Complex had housed the Agency of Human Services, the Agency of Natural Resources, and the Department of Public Safety, serving as the daytime home for approximately 1,500 State employees, and

Whereas, in the aftermath of Irene, only the Department of Public Safety was able to return, and

Whereas, the reintroduction of a large State employee presence to Waterbury was critical for both the provision of vital State services and the vibrancy of the town's economy, and

Whereas, arranging the multimillion-dollar reconstruction financing of the Waterbury State Office Complex was an extensive process involving funds from the State of Vermont, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and insurance proceeds from the flood damage, and

Whereas, the rebuilding of the Waterbury State Office Complex required 41 months of intensive labor, and the components include: both a new 86,000-square-foot building and a 20,000-square-foot maintenance facility; 115,000 square feet of historic preservation work; and renovations to 13 core buildings, and

Whereas, the new main office structure was designed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold standards, and all occupied space is located above the projected 500-year flood plain, and

Whereas, the Department of Buildings and General Services and the Division of Historic Preservation, in partnership with the architecture and design firms Freeman French Freeman of Burlington and Goody Clancy of Boston; PC Construction of South Burlington; Rist-Frost-Shumway Engineering, P.C. of Laconia, New Hampshire; and Engineering Ventures, PC of Burlington worked in unison to complete the largest State building project in Vermont's history, and

Whereas, on December 14, 2015, the new Waterbury State Office Complex was dedicated in a much-anticipated celebratory ceremony, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the successful completion of the new Waterbury State Office Complex, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, the State Historic Preservation Officer, and each of the private sector contractors cited in this resolution.