

**No. R-27. House concurrent resolution designating January 2017 as National Mentoring Month in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.13)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, relationships with caring mentors offer youths valuable support to guide them toward making positive and healthy life choices, and

Whereas, the mentoring programs that Vermont's schools and youth organizations offer are effective at increasing student attendance and academic performance, and

Whereas, mentored youths are less likely to skip school, start using drugs and alcohol, or engage in violence and are more likely to attend college, and

Whereas, these young people exhibit improved self-esteem, have better relationships with family members and peers, and feel a greater connectedness to their community and schools, and

Whereas, partnerships between businesses, schools, and other youth service organizations and mentoring programs are an effective way for businesses to support youths within their communities, and

Whereas, collaborative mentoring programs that the entire community supports are able to serve more youths, and

Whereas, since 2013, Mobius has served as Vermont's mentoring partnership organization providing support for youth mentoring programs and volunteer mentors throughout the State, and

Whereas, Mobius, along with other public and private organizations, is committed to working to increase the number of quality mentoring matches statewide, and

Whereas, a mentoring relationship between peers, youths, or adults encourages learning and success for people of all ages, and

Whereas, hundreds of Vermont youths are waiting for mentors, and

Whereas, nationally, January 2017 is being observed as the 15th National Mentoring Month, and today, January 18, 2017, the General Assembly is celebrating the importance of mentoring, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January 2017 as National Mentoring Month in Vermont, and be it further

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