No. R-415. House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Senior Games Association for its encouragement of physical fitness for older Vermonters.

(H.C.R.341)

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Baser of Bristol, Buckholz of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, Deen of Westminster, Hooper of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Partridge of Windham, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of New Haven, Troiano of Stannard, Webb of Shelburne, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, in 1983, the Vermont Senior Games Association (VSGA) was established to promote fun, fitness, and fellowship among the growing population of Vermonters who are 50 years of age and older, and

<u>Whereas</u>, the VSGA's programs range from informal physical fitness activities and sports training clinics to athletic competitions in nationally sanctioned events, including basketball, bowling, cycling, golf, horseshoes, racquet sports, swimming, table tennis, track and field, and triathlon, and

Whereas, it organizes the demanding annual Vermont Senior Games Championships that enable athletes 50 years of age and older to qualify for the elite biennial National Senior Games, where, in 2017, in Birmingham, Alabama, 31 Vermont senior athletes competed and collectively won five gold, 11 silver, and five bronze medals, and

<u>Whereas</u>, although the honor of winning medals is a special incentive, the VSGA is dedicated to enabling all interested Vermonters who are 50 years of age and older, of all athletic abilities, to enjoy and benefit from the fun, fitness, and fellowship of competitive sports, and

<u>Whereas</u>, the Vermont Senior Games are made possible through the support of and in partnership with the Vermont Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association, Vermont Systems, Inc., as well as many other athletic organizations, sports facilities, and community businesses, and

Whereas, today, April 19, 2018, members of VSGA's volunteer board of directors, sports coordinators, and supporters are visiting the State House to celebrate and honor the Vermont senior athletes who competed in the 2017 National Senior Games, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont Senior Games Association for its encouragement of physical fitness for older Vermonters, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Senior Games Association.