## No. R-27. House concurrent resolution celebrating the importance of mentoring programs for young persons in Vermont.

## (H.C.R.16)

Offered by: Representatives Brown of Richmond and Brady of Williston

Whereas, the future of Vermont rests on the hopes and dreams of its young people, and

<u>Whereas</u>, caring and committed mentors offer support for youth when they act as a consistent friend and role model, help to ignite a young person's curiosities, solidify a youth's passions, and encourage the flowering of an individual's potential, and

Whereas, mentored youths exhibit improved resiliency and better relationships with peers, family, schools, and community, and

<u>Whereas</u>, Vermont mentoring agencies, including MENTOR Vermont and other public and private organizations, are committed to working collaboratively to empower youth and broaden the reach of mentoring relationships in our communities, and

<u>Whereas</u>, in January 2002, MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership and Harvard University's T.H. Chan School of Public Health jointly designated January as National Mentoring month, and

<u>Whereas</u>, today, February 1, 2023, MENTOR Vermont, which is committed to fostering an environment of diversity and inclusion, is extending Mentoring Month 2023 by one day for a special legislative commemoration of this creative and invaluable movement to assist young persons in their quest to develop meaningful lives, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the importance of mentoring programs for young persons in Vermont, and be it further

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