

NO. R-22. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
THE WESTON CRAFT SHOW ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

(H.C.R.9)

Offered by: Representative Hube of Londonderry

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, each October, carefully selected artisans from throughout Vermont gather at the Weston Playhouse to exhibit their creativity at the Weston Craft Show, and

Whereas, in 1983, the Weston Craft Show's inaugural presentation was not unlike similar events that occur each autumn on Vermont's town greens and at other gathering places, and

Whereas, the distinctive character of the Weston Craft Show can be traced to its organizers' decision to showcase exclusively Vermont crafters and their varied creations, and

Whereas, the chosen exhibitors consist of award-winning individuals whose handmade crafts have been subject to rigorous artistic juries, and

Whereas, three local museums that are central to Weston's historic character, the Farrar-Mansur House, the Old Mill Museum and Dam, and the Craft Building, directly benefit from the Weston Craft Show's monetary proceeds which have increased from just a few hundred dollars in 1983 to over \$25,000.00 annually, and the Weston Craft Show has now donated in excess of \$260,000.00 to these museums, and

Whereas, a loyal and growing number of visitors are delighting in the artistic wonders that are exhibited, and the show's success is due in large

measure to the dedicated volunteers who return each year to assist in organizing and operational duties, and the superb efforts of its chair, Shirley Knowlton, and

Whereas, the introduction of new exhibiting artisans enables the show to maintain its sparkle and vitality, and in 2008, wood turner Michael Foster, jewelry designers Jaclyn Davidson and Shawn and Ann Lester, potters Michael Sullivan and Amanda Ryzner, wool crafter Suzanne Lenel, and woodworkers Bob Weaver and Deb Salzarulo joined the ranks of the artisans whose work is on display, and

Whereas, the 2008 Weston Craft Show consisted of more than just exhibits and a wonderful opportunity to purchase decorative crafts, as visitors could attend seminars with either Lisa Curry Mair on “Working with the Artisan to Create Custom Craft Pieces” or Greg Worden on “Why American Crafts?”, and

Whereas, 2008 marked the 25th anniversary of the Weston Craft Show and its major role in the promotion of Vermont crafts and crafters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Weston Craft Show on its 25th anniversary and extends best wishes for the show's future success, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Shirley Knowlton in Weston.