

NO. R-42. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
CARSHARE VERMONT ON LAUNCHING ITS CAR-SHARING
SERVICE.

(H.C.R.12)

Offered by: Representatives Wizowaty of Burlington, Audette of S. Burlington, Bohi of Hartford, Bray of New Haven, Brennan of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Geier of S. Burlington, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Lanpher of Vergennes, Macaig of Williston, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Orr of Charlotte, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Savage of Swanton, Sharpe of Bristol, Stevens of Waterbury, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Trombley of Grand Isle, Webb of Shelburne, Westman of Cambridge and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, meeting Vermonters' transportation needs at reasonable cost, and with a minimum of environmental impact, is a persistent challenge for the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, Vermont's public transit systems, while of high quality, are limited in their service territories due to Vermont's rural settlement patterns, and

Whereas, affordable access to a car is a great benefit to Vermonters, especially to those who cannot individually afford to own their own cars, and

Whereas, Vermont's transportation policy, as set forth in 19 V.S.A. §§ 10b and 10f, includes the promotion of ridesharing, meaning the efficient, coordinated, integrated, cost-effective, and environmentally sound use of transportation resources, and the support of conservation, efficiency, rideshare, and other innovative transportation advances, and

Whereas, in December 2008, CarShare Vermont (CSVV) launched a car-sharing service that allows people to join as members and use cars located near their homes or workplaces when they need them, and

Whereas, CSVV's mission is to provide a convenient, affordable, and reliable alternative to owning a car that enhances the environmental, social, and economic well-being of our region and planet, and

Whereas, studies show that members of car-sharing organizations reduce their annual vehicle miles traveled by 50 percent, and each car-share vehicle placed in service results in between seven and 20 vehicles being taken off the road, and

Whereas, CSVV's service has been launched in inner Chittenden County, where it will subsidize some low income members' membership and usage, and

Whereas, CSVV hopes to expand to other communities in Vermont once it is up and running smoothly and financially able to expand, and

Whereas, CSVV's car-sharing service will lessen the burden of government by helping to meet the state's transportation policy goals, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates CSVV on launching its car-sharing service, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Annie Bourdon, Executive Director of CSVV, in Burlington.