

**No. R-210. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation's Career and Education Outreach program on its 40th anniversary.**

(H.C.R.146)

Offered by: All House Members

Offered by: All Senate Members

Whereas, in 1969, the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) established the Outreach program to implement the federal government's Talent Search in order to guide disadvantaged students on a path toward postsecondary education, and

Whereas, during the first year of Outreach's existence, two VSAC counselors provided 326 disadvantaged high school seniors with counseling about college financing, and

Whereas, early in the 1970s, financial counseling services were expanded to all four high school grades, in 1976 VSAC established an Educational Information Center for adults, in 1987 the Outreach program was expanded to include middle school students, and in 1991 all of the Outreach Program's services were expanded to every corner of the state, and

Whereas, in 1994, VSAC received a \$1.4 million National Early Intervention Scholarship & Partnership grant enabling 500 low income students who would be the first generation of their families to attend college to receive counseling services and renewable college scholarship assistance, and

Whereas, in 1999, the U.S. Department of Education awarded VSAC grants worth \$8.4 million through the federal GEAR UP program for early

education intervention for young students, and over the last decade, VSAC has continued to be the recipient of significant federal grants to continue its vital counseling services, and

Whereas, also in 1999, VSAC in collaboration with the department of employment and training established a higher education information center in Rutland, and in 2001 VSAC opened a resource center at its headquarters, and

Whereas, in 2004, VSAC renamed Outreach as Career and Education Outreach to reflect the broader scope of services now being offered, and

Whereas, in 2009, a great team of 40 counselors serves Vermonters, and since 1969, over 538,000 Vermonters have been in contact with a VSAC program now under the jurisdiction of Career and Education Outreach, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation's Career and Education Outreach program on its 40th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in Winooski.