

No. R-249. House concurrent resolution congratulating the new International House of Pancakes Restaurant in South Burlington for serving pure Vermont maple syrup.

(H.C.R. 169)

Offered by: Representatives Branagan of Georgia, Pugh of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Ainsworth of Royalton, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clerkin of Hartford, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Edwards of Brattleboro, Fagan of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Higley of Lowell, Howard of Rutland City, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hubert of Milton, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lewis of Derby, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, McAllister of Highgate, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Mitchell of Barnard, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Donnell of Vernon, Pellett of Chester, Ram of Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Smith of Mendon, South of St. Johnsbury, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Turner of Milton, Webb of Shelburne, Wheeler of Derby, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington and Young of St. Albans City

Whereas, the International House of Pancakes (IHOP) is a national chain of restaurants which is familiar to millions of Americans nationwide for its pancakes, French toast, and waffles offered from early in the morning until late at night, and

Whereas, prior to March 2009, IHOP had steadfastly refused to serve pure maple syrup, Vermont's or any other state's, at any of its locations, and

Whereas, recognizing Vermonters' overwhelming preference for pure maple syrup, IHOP had always refrained from opening a restaurant in Vermont, a state in which there is an abundance of wonderful sugar shacks and other

unique local eateries serving homemade pancakes and true Vermont maple syrup as a standard option, and

Whereas, IHOP realized that if the chain were ever to advertise truthfully that it has locations in all 50 states, then establishing a Vermont restaurant was required, and

Whereas, after much deliberation and planning, IHOP has now ventured into the Green Mountain State with the opening of a new restaurant in South Burlington, and

Whereas, recognizing this new IHOP would be far more profitable if the menu reflected the tastes of the local population, the franchise owner, Sam Handy, Jr., secured special permission from IHOP's corporate headquarters to offer pure Vermont maple syrup at a small additional cost, and

Whereas, the slight premium price charged for pure Vermont maple syrup reflects its special quality and the extra effort of local maple sugar bush owners to create the highest quality product, and

Whereas, Sam Handy, Jr., is also considering purchasing eggs and dairy products produced on local Vermont farms, and

Whereas, the successful introduction of pure Vermont maple syrup at the IHOP in South Burlington might prompt IHOP's corporate headquarters staff to reevaluate its policy to not offer pure maple syrup at any other IHOP restaurant, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the new International House of Pancakes restaurant in South Burlington and Sam Handy, Jr., for serving pure Vermont maple syrup, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sam Handy, Jr., at the International House of Pancakes in South Burlington and to the chain's corporate headquarters.