

**No. R-321. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Good Beginnings of Central Vermont and its outstanding volunteer support programs for families of newborn and adopted infants.**

(S.C.R.40)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott,

*Whereas*, Good Beginnings of Central Vermont (GBCV) was established in July 1991 to provide home support services to families with newborn and adopted infants in the belief that families are a source of inspiration and could use community support when new infants enter their homes, and

*Whereas*, the organization is under the direction of a 14-member board of directors and other community advisors, and serves 23 municipalities in central Vermont, and

*Whereas*, the underlying mission of GBCV is for volunteers to provide a caring community with weekly free home visits to these parents for a period of up to three months, and

*Whereas*, the four primary purposes of these volunteer home visits are to: develop caring relationships with families through the volunteer mentor role; educate new parents about well-child care, child development, and nutrition; connect the parents to community support resources; and promote parental independence and self-esteem, and

*Whereas*, GBCV also offers prenatal care guidance, fatherhood educational programs, front infant carriers to support parent-child bonding, and books for infants and young children in order to promote literacy, as well as other assistance services for newborns and their families, and

*Whereas*, GBCV serves an important community need and encourages the development of strong and cohesive families as an essential societal institution, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors Good Beginnings of Central Vermont and its outstanding volunteer support programs for families of newborn and adopted infants, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the board, volunteers and staff at Good Beginnings of Central Vermont in Northfield.