

No. R-414. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Arts Council of Windham County on its 35th anniversary.

(H.C.R.295)

Offered by: Representatives Edwards of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Milkey of Brattleboro, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Olsen of Jamaica and Partridge of Windham

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, the mission of the Arts Council of Windham County (ACWC) is to strengthen the environment for artists and arts organizations in Windham County, and

Whereas, representatives of the major arts organizations in Windham County established the ACWC to make “the arts accessible and familiar to all the residents of Windham County; to offer professional support to all community arts groups and individual artists; to initiate innovative programs; and to work in partnership with the Vermont Council of the Arts (now the Vermont Arts Council) in making its programs readily available to Southern Vermonters,” and

Whereas, ACWC exists to promote a complete spectrum of the arts (visual, literary, culinary, and performing) as a vital part of the life and economy of the Windham County area, and

Whereas, among the important arts programs and services ACWC provides are the Lively Arts Calendar, a monthly comprehensive listing of arts and cultural events in Windham County; initial access to the Vermont Arts Council

Artists in Residence Program; 30 years of Student Art Month, an annual month-long tribute to the creativity and talent of young students; and formalization of Gallery Walk, a year-round, festive FIRST FRIDAY stroll in downtown Brattleboro and other nearby locations, and

Whereas, the ACWC board works tirelessly to assure that Windham County has the highest quality of public art for the enjoyment of the citizens of Windham County and its visitors, and

Whereas, 2010 marks the 35th anniversary of the Arts Council of Windham County, and a joyous celebration of this cultural milestone will take place in Brattleboro on June 5, 2010, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Arts Council of Windham County as it celebrates 35 years of promoting the importance of the arts in southeastern Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Arts Council of Windham County.