

No. R-97. House concurrent resolution in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Lyndon State College.

(H.C.R.70)

Offered by: Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon and Crawford of Burke

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, the 1910 session of the General Assembly enacted Act 61, “Providing Teacher Training Courses in High Schools and Academies,” and in 1911, a one-year teacher training program was established in rented space at Lyndon Institute operating as the Lyndon Normal School, and

Whereas, the duration of the curriculum was incrementally extended from one to four years, culminating in the awarding of the first bachelor’s degrees in 1944, and

Whereas, in accordance with Act 61 of 1947, Lyndon Normal School became Lyndon Teachers College, and

Whereas, the new college assumed increasing importance as a source for training excellent teachers for the Northeast Kingdom’s elementary and secondary schools, and

Whereas, in 1961, the Vermont State Colleges were established, pursuant to Act 247, and the redesignated Lyndon State College broadened its available majors, eventually offering degrees in, among other fields, atmospheric sciences, electronic journalism arts/TV studies, and mountain recreation management, and these three academic programs have earned national recognition as outstanding in their respective fields of study, and

Whereas, in the tradition of its teacher training heritage, experiential education remains an important aspect of the Lyndon State College curriculum, and

Whereas, a majority of the Lyndon State College students represent the first generation of their families to attend college, and 80 percent are enrolled in professional academic degree programs, and

Whereas, Lyndon State College is committed to collaboration among the Northeast Kingdom's business, education, governmental, and nonprofit leadership in order to enhance individual and regional prosperity, including the creation of more job opportunities in the region, and

Whereas, Lyndon State College proudly begins its second century with a modern campus and a clear vision of its future as an academic institution offering outstanding opportunities for its students, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Lyndon State College, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lyndon State College President Carol A. Moore.