

No. R-152. House concurrent resolution welcoming the decision of the International Earth Science Olympiad to come to Vermont in 2014.

(H.C.R.103)

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes, Aswad of Burlington, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Burke of Brattleboro, Cheney of Norwich, Deen of Westminster, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Jerman of Essex, Lenos of Shelburne, Malcolm of Pawlet, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Sharpe of Bristol, Sweaney of Windsor, Webb of Shelburne, Wright of Burlington and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Giard and White

Whereas, a thorough knowledge of earth science can serve secondary school students as a foundation for further scientific pursuits in college and professionally, and

Whereas, the annual International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) attracts student delegations from many countries for an academically challenging competition, and

Whereas, in 2003, the International Geoscience Education Organization voted to establish the IESO, and after additional deliberations among leading earth scientists, a syllabus for the IESO was adopted in 2005, and

Whereas, in 2007, after several years of careful preparation, the first IESO was held in South Korea, and its great success has been continued in subsequent years in the Philippines (2008), Taiwan (2009), and Indonesia (2010), and the sites for this annual event in 2011–2013 are Italy, Japan, and India, respectively, and

Whereas, the IESO has announced that in 2014, the event will take place in the United States. and the University of Vermont College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences will serve as the host academic organization, and

Whereas, the presence of this international educational gathering in Vermont will enable many visitors to see Vermont's natural wonders, and

Whereas, the granite and marble industries, alternative energy companies, including wind and solar manufacturing enterprises, agricultural and forestry activities, and hydroelectricity facilities will be showcased at the USA-Vermont IESO in 2014, and

Whereas, the state's colleges will be presented a rare chance to display their education resources to top secondary students from many nations, and

Whereas, Vermont will serve as a friendly venue for this intercultural academic conclave, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes the selection of Vermont as the site for the International Earth Science Olympiad and the opportunity for the state to host delegations from all of the participating countries, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tom Tailer, Codirector of UVM/GIV Engineering.