

No. R-168. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation on its 20th anniversary and designating April 13, 2011 as Vermont Children's Trust Foundation Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.127)

Offered by: Representatives Lenex of Shelburne, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Buxton of Royalton, Campion of Bennington, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Crawford of Burke, Davis of Washington, Donovan of Burlington, Fisher of Lincoln, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Gilbert of Fairfax, Hooper of Montpelier, Jewett of Ripton, Larocque of Barnet, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, South of St. Johnsbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Woodward of Johnson and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Baruth, Doyle, Fox, Miller, Nitka and Snelling

Whereas, the Vermont Children's Trust Fund was created pursuant to No. 177 of 1985 (Adj. Sess.) "for the purpose of providing funds for community-based primary prevention programs that have been shown to be effective for juveniles," and

Whereas, one of the sources of authorized funding was private donations from individuals or organizations, and

Whereas, in order to encourage and maximize private contributions to the fund, in 1991, the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation was established, and

Whereas, in 1996, the public was provided a new opportunity to contribute to the fund through a new income tax check-off, and

Whereas, the money in the fund, regardless of its source, is allocated to promote a set of positive family and youth outcomes, including assuring that pregnant women and young children thrive; that children are ready for and

succeed in school and live in stable and supportive families; and that youths choose healthy behaviors, and

Whereas, in recent years, the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation has annually awarded grants totaling approximately \$475,000.00 to 75 worthy community-based prevention programs serving children from ages 0–18, and in some instances, their parents or prospective mothers, and

Whereas, the staff, trustees, and friends of the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation will gather at the State House on April 13, 2011 to begin the 20th anniversary celebration of this important community organization that attempts to direct young Vermonters in the right direction on life's journey, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation on its 20th anniversary and designates April 13, 2011 as Vermont Children's Trust Foundation Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Linda Allen, the Co-Executive Director of the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation, in Burlington.