

No. R-183. Senate concurrent resolution designating December 1–7, 2011 as Civil Air Patrol Week and commemorating the organization’s 70th anniversary.

(S.C.R.18)

All Members of the Senate,

Whereas, the Civil Air Patrol is the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force and was founded by an act of the United States Congress on December 1, 1941, and

Whereas, the brave men and women of the Civil Air Patrol made many of the same sacrifices, including loss of life, that thousands of uniformed armed service members made during World War II, flying 24 million miles with little more than basic aeronautical instruments to protect our homeland, and

Whereas, Civil Air Patrol members are highly trained and continually prepared to serve the interests of the nation as well as the state of Vermont through aerial and ground search and rescue operations, humanitarian mercy flights, border patrol and security, statewide forest fire monitoring, and photo disaster assessments in emergencies, and

Whereas, the Vermont Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, through its squadrons, organizes and conducts aerospace education and training for its cadet and senior members, the general public, and teachers in Vermont’s schools, and

Whereas, this highly respected aeronautical institution has organized and participated in numerous activities supporting and honoring Vermont’s veterans and the families of our active National Guard members, and

Whereas, the Civil Air Patrol is conducting a unique and comprehensive program for all teenaged cadets in leadership education, training, personal and career development, and awareness of critical environmental and global issues, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designate December 1–7, 2011 as Civil Air Patrol Week and commemorate the organization’s 70th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Wing of the Civil Air Patrol commander, Colonel Thomas Benckert in South Burlington.