

No. R-199. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the South Burlington Land Trust on winning the Green Mountain Environmental Leadership Awards' 2011 Courage in Leadership Award.

(S.C.R.20)

By Senators Lyons, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Sears, Snelling, Starr, Westman and White,

By Representatives Andrews of Rutland City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Deen of Westminster, Degree of St. Albans City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Fisher of Lincoln, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, Gilbert of Fairfax, Greshin of Warren, Helm of Fair Haven, Howard of Cambridge, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of Canaan, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Larson of Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Brien of Richmond, Olsen of Jamaica, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburgh, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Ralston of Middlebury, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Shaw of Pittsford, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Wright of Burlington and Young of Albany,

Whereas, long before 1968, when Act 333 severely restricted the presence of outdoor advertising, Vermonters sought to maximize the beauty of this special state, and Act 333 was an impetus for the adoption in 1970 of Act 250, Vermont's comprehensive land use law, and

Whereas, these laws spurred a great wave of environmental activism in Vermont that continues unabated into the second decade of the 21st century, and

Whereas, many individuals and statewide and local organizations are dedicated to creating a more environmentally hospitable Vermont for this and future generations, and

Whereas, the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain and FreePressMedia have jointly established the Green Mountain Environmental Leadership Awards to honor environmental innovators and leaders, and

Whereas, nominations were solicited during January, and the judges announced a winner in each of three categories at an April 14 presentation at ECHO, a date selected for its proximity to Earth Day, and

Whereas, the Courage in Leadership Award was established to honor “an individual or organization taking up a cause of environmental conservation or stewardship issues because of a principled position in the face of likely public or political criticism,” and

Whereas, the winner in this category was the South Burlington Land Trust, as reported in an April 16 *Burlington Free Press* article, “for mobilizing residents to oppose the construction of a police station at the Wheeler Nature Park,” and

Whereas, the South Burlington Land Trust was formed in 2003 “out of growing concern about the loss of the City’s natural areas due to rapidly increasing suburban development,” and

Whereas, this well-deserved honor recognizes an organization that has worked diligently to preserve South Burlington’s natural areas, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate the South Burlington Land Trust on winning the Green Mountain Environmental Leadership Awards’ 2011 Courage in Leadership Award, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the South Burlington Land Trust, to the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, and to FreePressMedia.