

No. R-229. House concurrent resolution recognizing the Vermont Mountain Bike Association's important role in outdoor nonmotorized recreation.

(H.C.R.180)

Offered by: Representatives Howard of Cambridge, Jewett of Ripton, Bohi of Hartford, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Corcoran of Bennington, Degree of St. Albans City, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Ellis of Waterbury, Helm of Fair Haven, Hooper of Montpelier, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jerman of Essex, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lorber of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Olsen of Jamaica, Pearson of Burlington, Peaslee of Guildhall, Potter of Clarendon, Ram of Burlington, Shaw of Pittsford, Turner of Milton, Wilson of Manchester and Woodward of Johnson

Whereas, the Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA) was formed in 1996 to promote mountain biking through education, planning, funding, and establishing and maintaining multi-use trails throughout Vermont, and

Whereas, promoting sensible trail use and the creation of community recreation trail networks for the health and benefit of local citizens and visitors are VMBA objectives, and

Whereas, similar to the Green Mountain Club and the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, the VMBA is the corridor manager of mountain bike trails on state land and educates users on low-impact and healthy enjoyment of our public and private lands, and

Whereas, the VMBA encourages youth involvement in recreational activities and promotes healthy lifestyles and responsible outdoor recreation, and

Whereas, educating trail users on implementing successful public and private landowner relationships is an important priority for the VMBA, and

Whereas, the VMBA has sought to be a good neighbor and community member through responsible use of open lands, and it promotes a positive image of trail use through ongoing relationships with the United States Forest Service, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and many Vermont municipalities and private landowners, and

Whereas, the VMBA is a knowledge base for sustainable trail construction techniques and has sought to develop best practices through training of its individual chapter members and of businesses, landowners, and public organizations, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the Vermont Mountain Bike Association's important role in outdoor nonmotorized recreation, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Mountain Bike Association in Waterbury.