

No. R-235. House concurrent resolution commemorating World Veterinary Year and the 250th anniversary of the veterinary medical profession.

(H.C.R.186)

Offered by: Representatives Bartholomew of Hartland, Ancel of Calais, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Royalton, Campion of Bennington, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Degree of St. Albans City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Gilbert of Fairfax, Greshin of Warren, Head of South Burlington, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Cambridge, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Larson of Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Berlin, Lewis of Derby, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Munger of South Burlington, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Peaslee of Guildhall, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburgh, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Smith of New Haven, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington, Woodward of Johnson, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Albany

Offered by: Senators Benning, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Doyle, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Hartwell, Kitchel, Kittell, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Pollina, Sears and Snelling

Whereas, the treatment of animal diseases has been documented as far back as 1900 B.C., and

Whereas, the term “veterinarian” was first used in the 1600s, when there was no formal veterinary medical training, and

Whereas, as debilitating diseases took their toll on livestock populations, as public health concerns increased, and as the scope and complexity of medical knowledge about animals advanced, the need for more formal instruction became apparent, and

Whereas, at the initiative of French veterinarian Claude Bourgelat, the first veterinary college was established in 1761 in Lyon, France, ushering in the era of formalized veterinary education, and marking the birth of veterinary medicine, and

Whereas, to commemorate the remarkable accomplishments of the veterinary medical profession over the past 250 years, as well as to inspire the profession to set goals to meet future challenges, 2011 has been designated World Veterinary Year, and

Whereas, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), with roots which date back to 1863, and whose mission is “to improve animal and human health and advance the veterinary medical profession,” serves more than 81,500 members, and

Whereas, the AVMA is the United States representative on the Vet2011 Executive Committee which is coordinating observances of World Veterinary Year, and numerous commemorative celebrations are occurring in 71 countries, beginning with a ceremony which took place in Versailles, France and a closing ceremony that will occur in conjunction with the World Veterinary Congress in Cape Town, South Africa, and United States' events include a celebration and symposium at the 2011 AVMA annual convention in St. Louis, Missouri in July, and

Whereas, veterinarians are essential to the health of Vermont's dairy and livestock industries, provide medical care to the state's pet and companion animals, play critical roles with respect to scientific research and food safety, and are the public's first line of defense against the spread of animal and zoonotic diseases, and

Whereas, the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association serves over 300 veterinarians by promoting animal well-being and public health, and providing education for veterinarians and the public, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates World Veterinary Year and the 250th anniversary of the veterinary medical profession, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the American Veterinary Medical Association in Schaumburg, Illinois, and the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association in Essex Junction.