

No. R-98. House concurrent resolution commemorating Vermont Railway's gift of a 1913 rail car to the City of Rutland.

(H.C.R.63)

Offered by: Representative Russell of Rutland City

Whereas, the General Assembly chartered the Rutland & Burlington Railroad in 1843, and

Whereas, this legislative action was the foundation for the establishment of freight and passenger rail service in the City of Rutland, and

Whereas, the Rutland & Burlington Railroad was the first operating rail line in Vermont, and its route between the two municipalities was completed in 1849, and

Whereas, by the late 1860s, this railway company was known as the Rutland Railroad, and after 1950 as the Rutland Railway, and

Whereas, the Rutland Railroad's route system once extended for approximately 400 miles in Vermont and into New York State, and

Whereas, although the Rutland Railway ceased operating in 1963, the Vermont Railway, a part of the Vermont Rail System, now operates trains on much of the former Rutland Railway's track network, and

Whereas, the Vermont Railway retains historic ties to the City of Rutland and, in recognition of this relationship, has donated a 1913 rail car to the city, and

Whereas, this century-old rail car will be sheltered and displayed publicly at the Vermont Farm and Food Center, which is the new home of Rutland City's winter market, and

Whereas, the rail car will serve as a reminder that local families built and worked on the Rutland Railroad and of the impact this railroad had on the history and development of the City of Rutland, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly applauds Vermont Railway's gift of a 1913 rail car to the City of Rutland, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Rail System in Burlington, to Rutland City Mayor Christopher Louras, and to the Rutland Railway Association.