

No. R-101. House concurrent resolution congratulating the American Veterinary Medical Association on its 150th anniversary.

(H.C.R.66)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Doyle, Fox, McAllister, Pollina, and Zuckerman

Whereas, the American Veterinary Medical Association was founded in 1863 as the U.S. Veterinary Medical Association in New York City, and

Whereas, veterinarians have played an integral role in discovering the causes of numerous diseases that can affect our nation's citizens, including salmonellosis, West Nile infection, yellow fever, and malaria, and

Whereas, these health care professionals provide valuable protection of the public through preventive medicine, control of zoonotic diseases, and scientific research, and

Whereas, they have advanced human and animal health by inventing and refining technologies and instrumentations, including artificial hips, bone plates, splints, and arthroscopic surgery, and

Whereas, veterinarians play an integral role in protecting the quality of dairy and beef herds nationwide and the security of the entire U.S. food supply, and

Whereas, military veterinarians provide crucial support to the nation's armed forces and assistance to the agricultural independence of developing nations around the world, and

Whereas, disaster relief veterinarians provide public health services and veterinary medicine support for animals and humans displaced and ravaged by natural and human-caused emergencies, and

Whereas, veterinarians are dedicated to preserving the human-animal bond and promoting the highest standards of science-based and ethical animal welfare, and

Whereas, 2013 marks the 150th anniversary of organized veterinary medicine in the United States, and

Whereas, professional colleagues from Vermont and around the world will be joining veterinarians in the United States to celebrate this momentous occasion, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the American Veterinary Medical Association on its 150th anniversary, 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 and to the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association.