

**No. R-137. House concurrent resolution honoring Girls on the Run of Vermont, Inc.**

(H.C.R.97)

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Ancel of Calais, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Champion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Cross of Winooski, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Fisher of Lincoln, French of Randolph, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Hubert of Milton, Huntley of Cavendish, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kilmartin of Newport City, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, Michelsen of Hardwick, Mitchell of Fairfax, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Morristown, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Strong of Albany, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Woodward of Johnson, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Baruth, Bray, Campbell, Collins, Doyle, Flory, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Snelling, White, and Zuckerman

Whereas, in 1996, Molly Barker started the first Girls on the Run with 13 girls in Charlotte, North Carolina, and

Whereas, her objective was to inspire young girls to live healthy lives and recognize their extraordinary potential through a series of running activities, and

Whereas, today, Girls on the Run activities occur in over 200 cities in the United States and Canada, and its Vermont presence began in 1999, and

Whereas, Girls on the Run of Vermont, Inc., a nonprofit organization was incorporated in 2001 and envisions a Vermont where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to pursue boldly her dreams, and

Whereas, starting with its first running event, 25,000 young Vermont girls have participated either in grades 3–5 in Girls on the Run, or in grades 6–8 in the associated Girls on the Track, and

Whereas, over 2,000 volunteer coaches have served as mentors for young Vermont girls participating in this exciting and worthwhile activity, and

Whereas, in 2013, over 200 groups in 144 schools, an estimated 3,000 girls, and over 600 volunteer coaches who encourage and guide these young girls in their running activities are participating, and

Whereas, the 2013 Girls on the Run season started between March 11 and March 25, depending on the specific locality, and

Whereas, this spring, Girls on the Run of Vermont, Inc. will host three regional five-kilometer events at Brattleboro Union High School on May 25, at the Vermont State Fairgrounds on June 1, and at the Champlain Valley Expo on June 8, and

Whereas, it is anticipated that among the three events, a total of over 8,000 persons, including girls, parents, and community members, will attend, and

Whereas, Girls on the Run helps young girls develop confidence and instills in them the desire to succeed while living healthy lives, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Girls on the Run of Vermont, Inc. for its outstanding programs which improve the lives of young girls through running and healthy living, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Girls on the Run of Vermont, Inc. in Brattleboro.