

No. R-167. House concurrent resolution celebrating Latchis Arts' 10th anniversary as the owner of the Latchis Hotel and Theatre.

(H.C.R.121)

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, in 1938, the Latchis Family built the Latchis Memorial Building, including both the Latchis Theatre and the Latchis Hotel, in downtown Brattleboro, and

Whereas, the building introduced both the Art Deco style and precast concrete sheathing to downtown Brattleboro, and

Whereas, the Latchis Theatre is one of two high-style Art Deco theaters in Vermont, and the Latchis Memorial Building is one of the half dozen most important Art Deco buildings in the State, and

Whereas, in 1983, the Latchis Memorial Building was awarded a listing on the National Registry of Historic Places, and

Whereas, in March 2003, Latchis Arts completed a \$1.6 million capital campaign and, in partnership with the Preservation Trust of Vermont, purchased the historic Latchis Hotel and Theatre, and

Whereas, Latchis Arts established a set of goals: to establish the building as an arts and culture magnet for downtown Brattleboro and to continue the long-running Latchis tradition of presenting first-run and art house movies, and

Whereas, since 2003, Latchis Arts has invested \$1.8 million in code updates, system upgrades, restoration, and beautification projects, and

Whereas, Tropical Storm Irene resulted in \$600,000 worth of damage to the Latchis Memorial Building, but in 46 days, the building was reopened and 2,000 persons visited during the reopening weekend, and

Whereas, Latchis Arts collaborates with other nonprofit organizations to present programs at the Latchis Theatre, including the Brattleboro Music Center, the Vermont Jazz Center, the Brattleboro Literary Festival, the Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce, Brattleboro Rotary, the Women's Film Festival, the Brattleboro Film Festival, and the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, and

Whereas, Latchis Arts is a contributor to the Vermont economy and is a member of local economic development organizations including the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, Building a Better Brattleboro, the Town Arts Committee, and the Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce, and

Whereas, Latchis Arts has revitalized the Latchis Hotel and Theatre and has created a new and vibrant Brattleboro arts center, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates Latchis Arts' 10th anniversary as the owner of the Latchis Hotel and Theatre, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Latchis Arts in Brattleboro.