

**No. R-180. House concurrent resolution designating June 22, 2013 as Town Hall Theater Day in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.128)

Offered by: Representative Nuovo of Middlebury

Whereas, one of Middlebury's architectural and cultural treasures is the Town Hall Theater, an impressive 1880s brick structure, and

Whereas, a group of artistically and civically concerned individuals was formed in 1997 to purchase it and restore architectural luster while simultaneously retrofitting it as a first-class, 21st-century performance, exhibition, and meeting venue, and

Whereas, with the assistance of the Bread Loaf Corporation, the Endeavor Fund, Middlebury College, and the State of Vermont as well as hundreds of local contributors, the supporters of this worthy endeavor were able to purchase the building in the year 2000, and

Whereas, the improvements included stabilization of the structure, restoration of the bell tower, renovation and modernization of the theater space, installation of new seating and modern technical systems, including HD satellite reception and video projection, and the addition of the Jackson Gallery, and

Whereas, Town Hall Theater is now the home of the Middlebury Community Players, The Maiden Vermont Chorus, the Middlebury Actors Workshop, and the Opera Company of Middlebury and hosts the After Dark Music Series, Point Counterpoint, the Vermont Bookshop Authors Series, Night Fires, the Champaign Philharmonic Orchestra, and fundraising events for area nonprofits, and

Whereas, since opening in 2008, the theater has presented a wide range of events, including nationally known performers, Middlebury College presentations, weddings, teen dances, town meetings, memorial celebrations, educational events, live broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera, and the Middlebury Union High School Junior Prom, and

Whereas, the Will and Carolyn Jackson Gallery at Town Hall Theater presents eight exhibitions each year of the work of Vermont artists, and

Whereas, Town Hall Theater now presents over 165 events every year and was presented a Preservation Trust of Vermont Award, and

Whereas, on June 22, 2013, the Town Hall Theater will celebrate its fifth anniversary with a performance cavalcade of memorable past events as part of a festive birthday party, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates June 22, 2013 as Town Hall Theater Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Town Hall Theater in Middlebury.