

No. R-207. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Lake Champlain Committee on its 50th anniversary.

(H.C.R.156)

Offered by: Representatives Webb of Shelburne, Beyor of Highgate, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Buxton of Tunbridge, Cheney of Norwich, Cole of Burlington, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Huntley of Cavendish, Jewett of Ripton, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Nuovo of Middlebury, Pearson of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Taylor of Barre City, Townsend of South Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Lyons, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Doyle, Fox, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, MacDonald, Mazza, McAllister, Pollina, Rodgers, Snelling, Westman, and Zuckerman

Whereas, in 1963, citizens from Vermont and New York established the Lake Champlain Committee (LCC) to prevent the lake from becoming an international seaway, and

Whereas, the LCC's mission is to be "dedicated to protecting Lake Champlain's environmental integrity and recreational resources for this and future generations through science-based advocacy, education and collaborative action," and

Whereas, the Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail is a creation of the LCC which promotes its use as water-based recreational resource, and

Whereas, in 1968, the LCC was successful in opposing the construction of a nuclear power plant in Charlotte, and

Whereas, in 1978, the LCC led the successful effort to ban the use of phosphate laundry detergents, and

Whereas, in 1982, the LCC initiated the nation's first citizens' acid rain monitoring program, and

Whereas, in 1988, the LCC helped bring the governors of Vermont and New York and the Premier of Quebec together to sign an agreement to work cooperatively to reduce pollution in Lake Champlain, and

Whereas, in 1993, the LCC drafted the citizen involvement process for the Burlington Barge Canal Superfund Site, and

Whereas, in 1997, the LCC successfully advocated for the burial of power lines, opening up a scenic vista along the Milton-South Hero causeway, and

Whereas, LCC's citizen participation efforts include extensive outreach programs, water quality monitor training, a lake protection pledge campaign and a bilingual boating manual, and

Whereas, in 2007, the LCC helped secure passage of Vermont legislation to ban phosphates from automatic dishwashing detergents by 2010, and

Whereas, recent LCC initiatives have included the publication of the book *Lake Champlain: A Natural History*, initiation of an invasive species control program, and trebling the number of blue-green algae monitoring locations around the lake, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Lake Champlain Committee on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Lake Champlain Committee in Burlington.