

No. R-255. House concurrent resolution designating January 2014 as National Mentoring Month in Vermont.

(H.C.R.187)

Offered by: Representatives Gallivan of Chittenden, Burke of Brattleboro, Clarkson of Woodstock, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Hooper of Montpelier, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Mook of Bennington, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Sharpe of Bristol, Taylor of Barre City, Vowinkel of Hartford, and Webb of Shelburne

Whereas, relationships with caring mentors offer youth valuable support to guide them toward making positive and healthy life choices, and

Whereas, the mentoring programs schools and youth organizations offer are effective at increasing student attendance and academic performance, and

Whereas, mentored youth are less likely to skip school, start using drugs and alcohol, or engage in violence, and are more likely to attend college, and

Whereas, these young people exhibit improved self-esteem, have better relationships with family members and peers, and feel a greater connectedness to their community and schools, and

Whereas, partnerships between businesses, schools, and other youth service organizations and mentoring programs are an effective way for businesses to support youth within their communities, and

Whereas, collaborative mentoring programs that the entire community supports are able to serve more youth, and

Whereas, since 2013, Mobius has served as Vermont's mentoring partnership organization, and it provides support for youth mentoring programs and volunteer mentors throughout the State, and

Whereas, Mobius with other public and private organizations are committed to working to increase the number of quality mentoring matches statewide, and

Whereas, hundreds of Vermont youth are waiting for mentors, and

Whereas, since 2002, January has been designated National Mentoring Month, a time dedicated to an outreach campaign focusing national attention on the need for mentors to ensure brighter futures for young people, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January 2014 as National Mentoring Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mobius.