

No. R-272. House concurrent resolution recognizing the commitment of Cape Air to serving Rutland.

(H.C.R.203)

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Malcolm of Pawlet, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, Stevens of Shoreham, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, commercial air service provides an important link in a community's domestic and international connectivity, and

Whereas, route realignments and consolidations have left smaller communities vulnerable to the discontinuation of air service, and

Whereas, one smaller community that is pleased to have commercial air service is Rutland, where flights originate and terminate at the Rutland-Vermont Southern Regional Airport, and

Whereas, Cape Air, an employee-owned company, is a recipient of the Federal Aviation Administration's Diamond Award for Outstanding Aircraft Maintenance, and

Whereas, annually, Cape Air serves over 650,000 passengers on 120,000 flights in the Northeast, Midwest, Florida, Caribbean, and Micronesia, and

Whereas, Cape Air has established a partnership with Jet Blue enabling travelers to extend their trips to destinations beyond Cape Air's territory, and

Whereas, passengers are offered a choice of three daily Cape Air flights in each direction between Rutland-Southern Vermont Regional Airport and Boston, and

Whereas, Cape Air's commitment to Rutland is symbolized in the opening, on January 6, 2014, of a new ticket office on West Street in downtown Rutland, and

Whereas, this office will provide added convenience for the local flying public, and

Whereas, the establishment of a downtown Rutland office marks a milestone for commercial air service in Rutland, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the commitment of Cape Air to serving Rutland, and be it further

Resolved: that the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Cape Air in Rutland.