

No. R-278. House concurrent resolution congratulating Green Mountain RSVP on its 40th anniversary of community service.

(H.C.R.206)

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Springfield, Dakin of Chester, and Emmons of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, the Corporation for National and Community Service operates Senior Corps, which includes the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, commonly known as RSVP, and

Whereas, RSVP is organized across the United States into local nonprofit agencies, including the Green Mountain RSVP serving Windsor County, and

Whereas, Green Mountain RSVP recruits and assigns persons age 55 and older to serve as community volunteers, who assist individuals and nonprofit agencies in a wide assortment of tasks, and

Whereas, Green Mountain RSVP's roster consists of over 300 volunteers, who, in 2012, donated over 58,000 hours of their time and expertise at 77 locations in Windsor County, saving nonprofit agencies thousands of dollars, and

Whereas, among the diverse activities in which Green Mountain RSVP volunteers participated were leading Bone Builders osteoporosis prevention exercise classes, providing tax preparation assistance, delivering food through the Meals on Wheels program, visiting patients in hospitals and nursing homes, driving persons to medical appointments, mentoring children in and outside schools, and knitting and crocheting items for nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, studies have documented that seniors who volunteer live longer, healthier, and more fulfilling lives, and

Whereas, in 2013, Green Mountain RSVP observed its 40th anniversary of community service and commemorated this special milestone with a celebratory event on October 24, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Green Mountain RSVP on its 40th anniversary of community service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Linda Husband, Program Manager at the Green Mountain RSVP and Volunteer Center in Springfield.