

No. R-281. House concurrent resolution congratulating the *Vermont Cynic* on its 130th anniversary.

(H.C.R.209)

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Cole of Burlington, Cross of Winooski, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Ram of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro, and Wizowaty of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Baruth, Snelling, and Zuckerman

Whereas, independent student journalism at the University of Vermont (UVM) has existed since the *University Cynic*, now known as the *Vermont Cynic*, was first published in 1883, and

Whereas, the mission of the *Vermont Cynic* “is to serve the University of Vermont and the Burlington community as an independent student voice that strives to be an outlet for news and to promote the exchange of ideas and information,” and

Whereas, the *Vermont Cynic* prides itself on reporting the news in “an accurate, objective, unbiased, timely and comprehensive” manner, and

Whereas, this news organization operates with a staff of approximately 80 students, including a 12-member editorial board and three executive editors, and

Whereas, the *Vermont Cynic* continues to publish as a traditional printed newspaper boasting a 5,000-copy circulation both on and off the UVM campus, and

Whereas, the digital age arrived at the *Vermont Cynic* in 2001, when online publication began, and in 2014, social media, multimedia reports, and forums are an essential part of the *Cynic*’s journalistic mission, and

Whereas, the *Vermont Cynic* has won national recognition for excellence in collegiate journalism, and

Whereas, in 2011, the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) presented the *Cynic* its Pacemaker Award, which is considered college journalism’s equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize, and

Whereas, the *Vermont Cynic* was honored for its outstanding journalism in the Press’s newspaper category, and

Whereas, in 2012, the *Vermont Cynic* demonstrated once again the high quality and versatility of its news product when the Associated College Press honored the UVM publication with a Pacemaker Award in its online category, and

Whereas, in October 2013, the National College Media Convention awarded the *Vermont Cynic* with a Best of Show for best special edition (9th place), and best multimedia package (3rd place), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the *Vermont Cynic* on its 130th anniversary and wishes it continued journalistic success, and be it further

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