

No. R-301. House concurrent resolution honoring nonprofit organizations and Common Good Vermont.

(H.C.R.218)

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Christie of Hartford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Gallivan of Chittenden, Goodwin of Weston, Juskiwicz of Cambridge, Lenex of Shelburne, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Quimby of Concord, Toll of Danville, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, nonprofit organizations help build and sustain healthy and vibrant communities throughout Vermont, and contribute significantly to making the State a special place, and

Whereas, Vermonters enhance the well-being of their communities through contributions of volunteer time and commitment of financial resources to nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, daily, the nonprofit sector helps millions of individuals and families in the United States sustain their bodies and spirits in many ways, and

Whereas, nonprofit services include animal welfare, the arts, children's and senior citizens' support programs, land conservation and environmental protection, energy efficiency, food security, health education, prevention and care, and many other important services, and

Whereas, according to the Vermont Community Foundation, nonprofit organizations comprise 18.7 percent of the State's annual Gross State Product (GSP), and Vermonters donate 20.7 million hours a year at these organizations, and

Whereas, nonprofit organizations serve a vital role in facilitating charitable giving and social action, and

Whereas, Common Good Vermont helps these organizations to be more effective and efficient, through its delivery of online resources, training opportunities, partnerships, and signature events, and

Whereas, on February 6, 2014, under the auspices of Common Good Vermont, nonprofit organizations will gather in the State House to educate legislators concerning their work, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors nonprofit organizations and Common Good Vermont, and be it further

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