

No. R-403. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Commission on Women on its 50th anniversary.

(H.C.R.293)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy established the President's Commission on the Status of Women, in order to address the pervasive inequalities women faced and Vermont U.S. Senator George Aiken was a member, and

Whereas, in 1964, Governor Philip Hoff took a similar action, establishing, in Executive Order No. 20-86, the Governor's Commission on Women, and future Governor Madeleine Kunin was a member, and

Whereas, the Commission functions as an advisory, referral, and research and publication organization on policy issues that affect Vermont women's lives, and

Whereas, in the 1970s, the Commission persuaded the Department of Education to abolish its rule prohibiting pregnant girls from attending school, and supporting a Montpelier girl who became the first in the nation to play Little League baseball, and

Whereas, in the 1980s, the Commission promoted advancements in maternity insurance coverage, and, in the 2000s, it advocated successfully for passage of the Equal Pay Act, and

Whereas, in accordance with 2002 Acts and Resolves No.142, the Governor's Commission on Women was given statutory authorization and renamed the Vermont Commission on Women (Commission), and

Whereas, among the Commission's publications is the regularly reissued *The Legal Rights of Women in Vermont*, a comprehensive compendium of legal information about adoption, consumer protection, domestic relations, and housing, and

Whereas, the Commission assisted in the creation of the Office of Women's Health at the Department of Health, the Vermont Women's Fund, the Vermont Women's History Project, and many organizations related to the lives of Vermont women, and

Whereas, 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the Vermont Commission on Women and it is commemorating this anniversary throughout the year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Commission on Women on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Commission on Women, to Governor Shumlin, to the Vermont Business Roundtable, and to the Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility.