No. R-78. House concurrent resolution congratulating Lions Club International’s District 45 on its 60th anniversary.

(H.C.R.59)


Whereas, in 1917, a small group of Chicago businessmen created a service organization for the purpose of giving back to their community and adopted the name Lions Club, and the organization soon became known as Lions Club International (LCI), with the motto “We Serve,” and

Whereas, the first Vermont Lions Club was established in Burlington in 1924 and was assigned to Lions District 33, also encompassing New Hampshire and western Massachusetts, and

Whereas, after Helen Keller addressed the 1925 LCI convention, the organization adopted assisting the blind and persons with a visual impairment, as well as the deaf and persons who are hard of hearing, as its primary service mission, and

Whereas, in 1945, LCI realigned its jurisdictional map and transferred the Vermont Lions Clubs to a new District 44 with New Hampshire, and

Whereas, a momentous occasion occurred on June 5, 1955, when at a LCI District Convention, the Vermont Lions were reorganized into their own LCI District 45, and
Whereas, the District 45 Lions Clubs support the LCI Foundation’s activities, including working to eradicate measles worldwide, providing glasses to Special Olympic athletes, facilitating international disaster relief, and supporting other activities that include the Sight First program and youth programs through the formation of Leo Clubs, and

Whereas, the Vermont Lions also sponsor many statewide programs that currently include the Lions Twin State Soccer Match, the Vermont Eye Bank at Porter Medical Center, and the Green Mountain Lions Camp for deaf and hard of hearing children, and

Whereas, individual Vermont Lions Clubs also conduct locally originated service projects including providing audiology equipment for schools, financing corrective surgeries, offering student scholarships, and purchasing eyeglasses and hearing aids for needy Vermonters, and

Whereas, in 2015, LCI consists of 46,000 clubs and 1.3 million members worldwide, including the proud Lions of District 45, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lions Club International’s District 45 on its 60th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lions Club International’s District 45.