

No. R-145. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Lund Family Center on its 125th anniversary.

(H.C.R.109)

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Donovan of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Beyor of Highgate, Botzow of Pownal, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Tunbridge, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Colchester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Donahue of Northfield, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Helm of Fair Haven, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lefebvre of Newark, Lenex of Shelburne, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Martin of Wolcott, McCormack of Burlington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans City, Patt of Worcester, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ryerson of Randolph, Savage of Swanton, Sheldon of Middlebury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Webb of Shelburne, and Woodward of Johnson

Offered by: Senator Campion

Whereas, the General Assembly enacted No. 141 of 1890, establishing the "Home for Friendless Women," and

Whereas, on April 12, 1893, the home opened in Burlington and, in 1926, it was renamed the "Elizabeth Lund Home," in memory of Elizabeth Lund, an ardent supporter, and in honor of her husband, Dr. William B. Lund, who made a significant financial donation, and

Whereas, in 1969, a new "Elizabeth Lund Home" building opened on Glen Road in Burlington, and it was expanded in 1987, and

Whereas, in recognition of the home's designation as one of Vermont's first parent-child centers, in 1987, it was renamed and incorporated as the "Lund Family Center" (Lund), and

Whereas, in 2000, Lund partnered with other nonprofit organizations to open Independence Place, a transitional housing facility in Burlington at which clients are taught independent living skills, and

Whereas, in order to improve its residential treatment services for pregnant and parenting women and their children, in 2007, Lund conducted a capital campaign to finance an expansion and renovation of the Glen Road facility, and

Whereas, in 2011, Lund purchased a site at 50 Joy Drive in South Burlington to house adoption, education, and parent-child services as well as administrative offices and, following another capital campaign, dedicated the property in 2014 as the Hoehl Family Building, and

Whereas, Lund is Vermont's only residential treatment program designed for pregnant or parenting women to live with their children while receiving treatment for substance abuse, mental illness, or both, and

Whereas, women residents at Lund can enroll in its New Horizon's middle school, high school, and college preparatory programs, and early education and preschool classes for residing children are offered in collaboration with Head Start, and

Whereas, in 2015, Lund serves more than 4,000 Vermonters statewide and empowers families to break cycles of poverty, addiction, and abuse; and, during its 125 years, Lund facilitated over 9,000 adoptions, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Lund Family Center on its 125th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Lund Family Center.