

**No. R-285. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Town of Colchester on its selection as one of *Money Magazine's* Top 50 Best Places to Live in America.**

(H.C.R.212)

Offered by: Representatives Dakin of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, and Purvis of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, *Money Magazine* annually ranks the 50 best small cities in the country in which to reside, and

Whereas, the selection criteria include “great jobs, strong economies, affordable homes, excellent schools, and that special something that makes it a great place to live,” and

Whereas, among the top 50 places *Money Magazine* chose was Colchester, the only Vermont municipality on which this honor was bestowed, and

Whereas, aside from citing basic statistics, including a population of 17,638; a median income of \$66,413; and a 7.1 percent job growth, *Money Magazine* described other less quantifiable factors in granting this special status to Colchester, and

Whereas, one of the considerations was a feeling of living in the country while retaining easy access to downtown Burlington, and

Whereas, also mentioned was the quality of homes available for sale in specific price ranges, and

Whereas, the scenic beauty of Malletts Bay was an important consideration in assessing Colchester’s eligibility for this coveted placement, and

Whereas, the above-average scoring of Colchester High School students on standardized tests was also a positive attribute, and

Whereas, the presence of St. Michael’s College provides an outstanding academic and cultural resource for both its student body and the entire town, and

Whereas, the Town of Colchester was delighted to be awarded this great national recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Town of Colchester on its selection as one of *Money Magazine's* Top 50 Best Places to Live in America, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Colchester Town Clerk.