

No. R-303. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Institute for Sustainable Communities on its 25th anniversary.

(H.C.R.229)

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Montpelier, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, and Stevens of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, as Eastern European nations were liberated from Soviet domination following the collapse of the Berlin Wall, Vermont Governor Madeleine Kunin and her planning director, George Hamilton, agreed to monitor national elections in Bulgaria, and

Whereas, as a result of this experience, in 1991, the former governor established the Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC) in Montpelier, where George Hamilton continues to serve as President, and

Whereas, the mission of ISC is “to help communities around the world address environmental, economic, and social challenges to build a better future shaped and shared by all,” and

Whereas, ISC seeks to develop and nurture sustainable communities, defined as communities that are “economically, environmentally, and socially healthy and resilient,” and

Whereas, the organization partners with governments, foundations, and nonprofit organizations and always engages the local population in every project, and

Whereas, ISC is always asking the question “what’s possible?”, and

Whereas, the success of a sustainable community is dependent on its members’ commitment to and involvement with activities related to citizenship, responsive leadership, and the fostering of caring and healthy community institutions, services, and businesses, and

Whereas, during the past quarter-century, ISC has worked to achieve sustainable communities in 30 countries, both overseas and in the United States, through the management of over 100 projects, and

Whereas, in 2016, the geographic breadth of ISC encompasses the United States, Bangladesh, China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam, and

Whereas, recent ISC projects include establishing the Sustainable Communities Leadership Academy in the United States and serving as the climate partner on the U.S. Agency for International Development’s CityLinks program in Southeast Asia, and

Whereas, 2016 marks a quarter-century that ISC has served as a leader in the building and encouraging of sustainable communities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Institute for Sustainable Communities on its 25th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Institute for Sustainable Communities in Montpelier.