

No. R-409. House concurrent resolution designating April 5, 2016 as National Service Day in Vermont.

(H.C.R.320)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is “a federal agency that helps more than 5 million Americans improve the lives of their fellow citizens through service,” and

Whereas, among the guiding principles of CNCS are to “put the needs of local communities first” and to “help rural and economically distressed communities obtain access to public and private resources,” and

Whereas, the Vermont Commission on National and Community Service (SerVermont) is the State’s partner with CNCS, and

Whereas, in Vermont, there are currently a total of 25 CNCS projects, including those under the rubric of AmeriCorps (AmeriCorps National, AmeriCorps State Competitive, AmeriCorps State Formula, and AmeriCorps VISTA); Senior Corps (Senior Corps, Foster Grandparent Program, RSVP, and Senior Companion Program); projects financed through the Social Innovation Fund; and miscellaneous programs, and

Whereas, there are 542 service locations statewide, including conservation and environmental organizations, counseling services, faith-based entities, food-support services, housing trusts, municipalities, museums, public libraries, recreation projects, senior and aging programs, and shelters for the homeless, and

Whereas, 2,242 Vermont service volunteers are working at these organizations, earning for their future use \$1,625,617.00 in educational scholarship funds, and

Whereas, in this fiscal year, CNCS is investing \$6,090,478.00 in Vermont; and local host organizations are supplying \$4,222,642.00; including \$334,372.00 of State funds, and

Whereas, for every federal dollar spent on national service, two dollars in other federal programs is saved, and four dollars’ worth of benefits are sent to local communities, and

Whereas, today, April 5, 2016, service volunteers are visiting the State House, and their good works are highly commendable, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 5, 2016 as National Service Day in Vermont, and be it further

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