

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 193

House concurrent resolution congratulating the National Park Service on its centennial anniversary and celebrating its outstanding conservation, preservation, and recreational activities in Vermont

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, on August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed into law the National Park Service Organic Act, and

Whereas, for the past century, the National Park Service (NPS) has served an essential role in protecting our nation's natural and historic treasures, and is charged with their perpetual protection, enabling the public to enjoy visiting these facilities, and engaging in educational activities, and

Whereas, Vermont is home to the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Woodstock, and the 150-mile segment of the 2,185-mile-long Appalachian National Scenic Trail that passes through the State, and

Whereas, NPS's Vermont presence contributes \$2.2 million to the State's economy, and

Whereas, in Vermont, NPS has designated 18 national historic landmarks and listed 833 properties on the National Register of Historic Places, and

Whereas, since 1969, NPS has awarded over \$23 million in historic preservation grants in Vermont and has facilitated \$235 million in historic preservation projects through the federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program, and

Whereas, in Vermont, there are 12 national natural landmarks; since 1965, NPS has awarded over \$33 million in Land and Water Conservation Fund grants; and since 1989, NPS's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program has aided 63 community and recreation projects in the State, and

Whereas, the NPS Federal Lands to Parks program has provided 195 acres of former federal lands to Vermont for recreational purposes, and

Whereas, more than 46 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers in Vermont have benefited from NPS support and technical assistance, and

Whereas, August 16, 2016 marks the NPS's centennial anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the National Park Service on its centennial anniversary and celebrates its outstanding conservation, preservation, and recreational activities in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the National Park Service in Washington, D.C., to its northeast regional office in Philadelphia, to the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Woodstock, and to the Appalachian Trail Park office in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.