

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 339

House concurrent resolution congratulating the broadcasting duo Bruce and Hobbes on the publication and promotion of their anti-bullying and domestic violence prevention book, *Hobbes Goes Home*

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes, Baser of Bristol, Eastman of Orwell, Jewett of Ripton, Nuovo of Middlebury, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Whereas, after recognizing the significance and seriousness of bullying and violence in schools across our country, Vermont radio personality, Bruce Zeman, whose special canine companion, Hobbes, is a bullied domestic violence survivor, decided to write a book on these subjects and read it to students in every Vermont school, and

Whereas, Bruce, with Hobbes foremost in his thoughts, wrote *Hobbes Goes Home*, and the two of them began a statewide, anti-bullying book tour that raised awareness of these issues and empowered students to facilitate substantive change through kindness and empathy, and

Whereas, the two have already visited 125 schools across Vermont, reading their book and speaking to students about bullying, domestic violence, empathy, compassion, and forgiveness, and

Whereas, *Hobbes Goes Home*, which is the true story of Hobbes's rescue from an abusive home and his subsequent adoption by the Zeman family, has raised significant awareness of these important issues and shown Vermont in a positive light, and

Whereas, the book has received significant positive attention from across the nation, as a result of its empowering messages for students of all ages, and has earned praise from President Barack Obama, Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin, Congressman Peter Welch, and dozens of educators, teachers, students, and animal welfare organizations, and

Whereas, through their book and the web-based radio show, *Bruce and Hobbes Radio*, this broadcasting duo continues to promote positive messages for students, empowering them to make changes in their lives and the lives of others by acting with kindness, compassion, and empathy, and

Whereas, the publication and promotion of *Hobbes Goes Home* can serve as a national model for ending bullying and domestic violence, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the broadcasting duo Bruce and Hobbes on the publication and promotion of their anti-bullying and domestic violence prevention book, *Hobbes Goes Home*, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bruce Zeman in New Haven.