

**No. R-383. House concurrent resolution commemorating the Green Mountain Club on its centennial anniversary.**

(H.C.R.271)

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Minter of Waterbury, Botzow of Pownal, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Ancel of Calais, Baker of West Rutland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Geier of South Burlington, Gilbert of Fairfax, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Cambridge, Howard of Rutland City, Jerman of Essex, Koch of Barre Town, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Olsen of Jamaica, Partridge of Windham, Pellett of Chester, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Ram of Burlington, Rodgers of Glover, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Mendon, South of St. Johnsbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, Young of St. Albans City, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Scott, Mazza, Illuzzi, Ashe, Ayer, Bartlett, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Choate, Cummings, Doyle, Flanagan, Flory, Giard, Hartwell, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Racine, Sears, Shumlin, Snelling, Starr and White

Whereas, the Long Trail, a “footpath through the wilderness,” extends the length of Vermont and is America’s oldest long-distance hiking trail, and

Whereas, on March 11, 1910, in the Sample Room of Burlington's Van Ness House hotel, James P. Taylor convened a meeting of civic leaders who sought to promote recreational pedestrian access to the Green Mountains, and they established a new organization named the Green Mountain Club (GMC), and

Whereas, the Green Mountain Club's founders enjoyed the support and good wishes of prominent Vermonters, including Governor George H. Prouty, former Governors Urban A. Woodbury and Fletcher D. Proctor, and U.S. Senators Carroll S. Page and William P. Dillingham, and

Whereas, the core mission of the GMC is to make "the Vermont Mountains play a larger part in the life of the people" by protecting and maintaining the Long Trail, and

Whereas, the design and construction of the Long Trail and of a network of shelters for hikers to sleep in overnight was not completed until 1931, and

Whereas, on the club's 50th anniversary in 1960, the general assembly adopted joint resolution J.R.H.50, which expressed the legislature's "thanks to the Green Mountain Club for a good job done and . . . every good wish for the Green Mountain Club's continued success," and

Whereas, pursuant to joint resolutions J.R.S.22 of 1971 and J.R.S.18 of 1985, the General Assembly recognized the Green Mountain Club "as the founder, sponsor, defender and protector of the Long Trail system for now and future generations to come," and

Whereas, in 1986, the Green Mountain Club and the state of Vermont embarked together on a land protection campaign to ensure a permanent corridor for the trail's path and its connecting side trails, an effort which is nearly complete but continues to this day, and

Whereas, after a devastating fire in 2003 destroyed the GMC's historic South Barn at its Waterbury campus headquarters, the club initiated a successful Second Century Campaign to raise private funds for construction of a new energy-efficient visitor center and increased the club's financial wherewithal to perform its mission for another hundred years, and

Whereas, today, March 11, 2010, marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the GMC's founding, and tonight, GMC members and friends of the Long Trail will gather in Burlington to mark this date in the history of a great Vermont organization, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Green Mountain Club as it celebrates a century of mud, rocks, sweat, black flies, heroic volunteers, and great hikes on Vermont's Long Trail, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the secretary of the Green Mountain Club.