

No. R-61. House concurrent resolution designating February 14 as One Billion Rising Day in Vermont.

(H.C.R.33)

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Montpelier, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Jerman of Essex, Krowinski of Burlington, Larocque of Barnet, Lenex of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Martin of Springfield, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Michelsen of Hardwick, Mrowicki of Putney, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Weed of Enosburgh, Wizowaty of Burlington, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, V-Day is “a global activist movement to end violence against women,” and it promotes this goal through various public awareness events, and

Whereas, the motivation for V-Day’s establishment was the grim reality that violence against women is a serious international problem, and

Whereas, according to V-Day, “one in three women on the planet will be raped or beaten in her lifetime,” and

Whereas, here in the United States, V-Day estimates that one in four women will be raped, and

Whereas, V-Day also reports that over 50 percent of Vermont homicides in the last decade have been related to domestic violence, and

Whereas, the continuing excessive amount of violence perpetrated against women, both domestically and internationally, is a horrible situation, and action to combat this phenomenon is extremely important, and

Whereas, as a fitting observance of V-Day’s 15th anniversary, V-Day has designated February 14, 2013 as a day of One Billion Rising to call out against violence against women and girls around the world, and

Whereas, on February 14, V-Day is “inviting one billion women and those who love them to walk out, dance, rise up, and demand an end to this violence” as a worldwide demonstration of support for combating violence against women, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 14, 2013 as One Billion Rising Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the local representative of the V-Day organization.