## No. R-179. House concurrent resolution designating April 27 as Vermont Youth Appreciation Day.

(H.C.R.127)

Offered by: Representatives Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, and Morrissey of Bennington

Whereas, more than 40 percent of Vermont youths participate in volunteer activities and programs through their schools, or private and religious organizations, for the betterment of their local and state communities, and

Whereas, many Vermont youths are employed within their regions, providing needed services for the citizens of Vermont, and

Whereas, both in and out of school, they participate in sports, music, theater and other arts activities, which provide greatly needed enjoyment and entertainment in all communities, and

<u>Whereas</u>, Vermont youths are engaged in the use and development of technology and social media, supporting and promoting new skills and abilities which will be needed in our future economy, and

Whereas, they are engaged in projects to clean up and improve the environment through recycling efforts, composting, reducing waste, participating in local Green-up Day activities, and promoting environmental awareness to the larger community, and

Whereas, many Vermont youths provide child care for their extended families as well as other needed services, enabling family members to be employed, and

Whereas, Vermont youths are essential for the growth and development of an economy in which entrepreneurs will prosper, a culture of respect will develop, commitment and independence will be important, and an educational system in which students will flourish, now therefore be it

## Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Saturday, April 27, 2013 as Vermont Youth Appreciation Day with activities that celebrate the gifts of Vermont youths to our State through their actions, their contributions, and their promise, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kiah Morris at the Southwest Vermont Career Development Center in Bennington.