

**No. R-440. Joint resolution authorizing the use of the State House on June 18, 2014 for the 2014 Green Mountain Girls State Day.**

(J.R.H.22)

Offered by: Representatives Krowinski of Burlington, Batchelor of Derby, Branagan of Georgia, Burke of Brattleboro, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Gallivan of Chittenden, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Hoyt of Norwich, Jerman of Essex, Keenan of St. Albans City, Lenex of Shelburne, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Michelsen of Hardwick, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Spengler of Colchester, Sweaney of Windsor, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Vowinkel of Hartford, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Wizowaty of Burlington, and Young of Glover

Whereas, Girls State is an educational program that the American Legion Auxiliary established in 1937 with a mission "to teach young women responsible citizenship," and

Whereas, each June, outstanding high school juniors from across the State gather to participate in an intensive week of civic education, and

Whereas, a highlight of their week is the day devoted to a mock legislative session at the State House in Montpelier, and

Whereas, the young women serve on legislative committees, and the resulting bills are debated in House and Senate floor sessions, and

Whereas, this program provides an opportunity for young women to explore their leadership potential, and

Whereas, Girls State serves as a unique educational experience for the students and is a worthy use of the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly authorizes the use of the State House, including all the committee rooms, rooms 10 and 11, and the chambers of the House of Representatives and the Senate on June 18, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:15 p.m., for the convening of the 2014 Green Mountain Girls State, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont American Legion Auxiliary in Montpelier.