

**No. R-179. House concurrent resolution honoring the Rutland Young Professionals and its networking activities.**

(H.C.R.136)

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, McCoy of Poultney, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, and Tate of Mendon

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, the future vitality of greater Rutland as a hub of economic growth and prosperity is dependent, in part, on the area attracting and retaining young professionals interested in building their careers locally, and

Whereas, young professionals must feel welcomed in greater Rutland and committed to remaining for the long term, and

Whereas, recognizing the need to promote greater Rutland as a desirable place for young professionals to establish their careers, local residents have created initiatives intended to meet this objective, and

Whereas, initial efforts were started through groups known as RutBusters and Local Share, and

Whereas, in July 2013, some of the participants in these groups established Rutland Young Professionals (RYP) as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, and

Whereas, the mission of RYP is “to engage with our community, create social and professional networking opportunities and work to build a Rutland area that attracts and retains young professionals,” and

Whereas, RYP sponsors events that are intended to offer young professionals interesting and productive networking opportunities, and

Whereas, the monthly RYP mixer focuses on a special location or guest speaker and offers attendees a chance to learn more about the greater Rutland community and to meet individuals with similar interests, and

Whereas, RYP also organizes one-time events, including the 2015 Rutland City Mayoral Debate held at the College of St. Joseph, and

Whereas, the organization has begun an exciting partnership with Castleton Downtown, a Castleton College community and business outreach center, and

Whereas, today, April 29, 2015, members of RYP are visiting the State House to see the lawmaking process in action, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Rutland Young Professionals and its networking activities, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Rutland Young Professionals.