

**No. R-180. House concurrent resolution recognizing the important role of adoptions in Vermont family life.**

(H.C.R.137)

Offered by: Representatives Strong of Albany, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Christie of Hartford, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dame of Essex, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Huntley of Cavendish, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lewis of Berlin, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Parent of St. Albans City, Purvis of Colchester, Rachelson of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Tate of Mendon, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, and Wright of Burlington

Whereas, every child deserves a family, love, and support, and

Whereas, there are no unadoptable children, just unfound homes, and

Whereas, Vermonters are grateful for the mothers who choose the difficult decision to make an adoption plan for their child and for the families who have opened their hearts and homes to bring a child in need of a family into their lives, and

Whereas, these adopting families need support and encouragement in order to meet the challenging emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of their adopted children, and

Whereas, Vermont adoption agencies work hard to unite children of all ages and needs with the appropriate loving family, and

Whereas, every year many children in Vermont are united with new families, and

Whereas, the need for loving families willing to adopt children continues, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the important role of adoptions in Vermont family life, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont adoption agencies.