

**No. R-189. House concurrent resolution welcoming the Northeast Food and Drug Officials Association to Vermont for its 104th annual meeting.**

(H.C.R.146)

Offered by: Representative Macaig of Williston

Whereas, the New England Food and Drug Officials Association (NEFDOA) was established in 1911, and

Whereas, NEFDOA's mission is "To protect and provide for the public health through education, training, promotion of current public health principles, and through uniformity in the promulgation and enforcement of food and drug laws and regulations," and

Whereas, the original New England states membership was expanded in 1991 to include the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec, resulting in the substitution of Northeast for New England in the organization's name, and, more recently, New York and Ontario were added to the organization's membership, and

Whereas, NEFDOA is one of six regional affiliates of the Association of Food and Drug Officials, a national organization with a similar public health mission, and

Whereas, in 2011, NEFDOA celebrated its centennial anniversary, and

Whereas, in 2015, NEFDOA will convene its 104th annual meeting in Burlington on May 6–8, 2015, at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center, and

Whereas, NEFDOA's current officers are Lisa Roy of Maine (president), Elisabeth Wirsing of Vermont (president-elect), Michael Moore of Massachusetts (vice president), Joyce Welch of New Hampshire (past president), and Mary Yebba of Massachusetts (secretary), and

Whereas, in addition to the organization's officers, NEFDOA's board of directors includes Ron Rose of Connecticut and Gene Blake of New Hampshire (as representatives-at-large); the directors of state and provincial drug programs in the member jurisdictions; the heads of federal departments charged with enforcement of food, drug, cosmetic devices, or product safety laws; Darby Greco of New York (regional affiliate director); and Nicole Bouchard-Steeves (representing the Canadian Food Inspection Agency) and Darren Leyte (representing Health Canada), and

Whereas, Patricia Kaczynski of Connecticut is NEFDOA's executive director, having succeeded Gene Blake, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes the Northeast Food and Drug Officials Association to Vermont for its 104th annual meeting, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Northeast Food and Drug Officials Association.