

No. R-269. House concurrent resolution designating January as National Mentoring Month.

(H.C.R.198)

Offered by: Representatives Dakin of Chester, Bancroft of Westford, Bissonnette of Winooski, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cole of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donahue of Northfield, Fiske of Enosburgh, Jerman of Essex, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Sibia of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Tate of Mendon, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Bray and Nitka

Whereas, mentors offer young Vermonters a caring adult friend and role model who can guide them towards healthy life choices, and

Whereas, mentoring before, during, and after school has become an effective strategy for schools to increase student attendance and academic success, including high school graduation and college matriculation rates, and

Whereas, mentored youth are less likely to start using drugs and alcohol or engage in physical violence, and

Whereas, mentored youth also exhibit improved resiliency, better relationships with peers and family members, and feel greater connectedness to their communities, and

Whereas, partnerships among businesses, schools, other youth service organizations, and mentoring programs are an effective way for businesses to support youth within the community, and

Whereas, collaborative mentoring programs, with broad local and statewide business and organizational support, are able to serve more young Vermonters, and

Whereas, according to MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership, one in three young Vermonters lacks a formal or natural mentor, and

Whereas, since 2013, Mobius has served as Vermont's Mentoring Partnership and, in collaboration with various mentoring programs and other public and private organizations, is committed to closing the mentoring gap, and

Whereas, since 2002, January has been designated National Mentoring Month, a month-long outreach campaign focusing national attention on the need for mentors, as well as how each of us can work together to increase the number of mentors and ensure brighter futures for young Vermonters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January as National Mentoring Month in Vermont, and be it further

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