

No. R-346. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland Garden Club on its centennial anniversary.

(S.C.R.39)

By Senators Mullin, Collamore, and Flory,

By Representatives Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, Komline of Dorset, McCoy of Poultney, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town,

Whereas, since its founding in 1915, the Rutland Garden Club (RGC) has sought to “provide a social framework for the sharing of information and ideas on gardening and floral design,” and

Whereas, the RGC seeks to stimulate the public’s interest in all phases of gardening, and

Whereas, its continuing activities include the design, planting, and maintenance of the Rutland City gardens and downtown spaces and offering garden therapy services, and

Whereas, as a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, Inc., the RGC is able to exchange ideas with other garden clubs throughout the State, and

Whereas, a highlight of the RGC’s centennial celebration was the holding of a standard (competitive and educational) flower show, and

Whereas, the RGC’s 2015 standard flower show, entitled “Song of the Seasons,” was held May 30–31, 2015 at the Vermont Marble Museum in Proctor and included Division I (judged floral designs), Division II (over 100 judged horticultural exhibits, including perennials), and Division III (special exhibits on bees, Vermont’s endangered and invasive plants, and home solar technology), and

Whereas, other centennial celebrations included raising funds to refurbish the Veterans’ Blue Star Highway historic marker in the Woodstock Avenue Blue Star Garden and arranging for a commemorative planting marking the 100th anniversary of the placement of the Ethan Allen Green Mountain Boy sculpture in Rutland’s Main Street Park, and

Whereas, RGC looks forward to its second century of leading the way in the beautification of Rutland and promoting interesting floral and horticultural projects, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rutland Garden Club on its centennial anniversary, *and be it further*

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