

No. R-18. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation on its 40th anniversary.

(S.C.R.2)

By Senators Cummings, Brooks, and Pollina,
By Representative Donahue of Northfield,

Whereas, Vermont's 12 nonprofit economic development corporations are designed to enhance economic growth and vitality throughout the State, and

Whereas, since 1976, in Washington County and the three Orange County towns of Orange, Washington, and Williamstown, the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation (CVEDC) has assisted and advocated on behalf of the business community, and

Whereas, the CVEDC summarizes its mission succinctly as "attract[ing] and retain[ing] good wage paying jobs for the citizens of our region," and

Whereas, the organization's leadership is composed of its executive director, Jamie Stewart; a director of development, Jennifer Surat; and a 29-member governing board consisting of municipal and State officials and local business owners, and

Whereas, CVEDC's financing is derived from a similar combination of municipal, State, and private sector sources, and

Whereas, the services CVEDC provides to the region's businesses are both specific and broadly applicable, and

Whereas, CVEDC assists businesses seeking to expand at their current location or searching for a new site in the region; offers informational workshops, seminars, and confidential, specific advice and guidance to businesses; works in conjunction with the Vermont Department of Economic Development, the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, and the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce to promote Central Vermont as an ideal location for new businesses; strives to improve the regional infrastructure necessary for businesses to operate successfully; and serves as an advocate for the Central Vermont business community, and

Whereas, on October 25, 2016, at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Montpelier, CVEDC celebrated its 40th anniversary and honored the following 2016 award winners: the Small Business of the Year (Filabot); the Member of the Year (National Life Group); the Leo C. Laferriere Community Service Award (American Flatbread); the Director's Award (Darn Tough Vermont); and the President's Award recipient (Barre Mayor Thomas Lauzon), and

Whereas, this celebratory evening was a special occasion for both the CVEDC and all the honorees, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation on its 40th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation.