

No. R-134. House concurrent resolution designating May 2017 as HOBY Youth Service Month in Vermont.

(H.C.R.104)

Offered by: Representative Sibia of Dover

Whereas, the mission of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) is "to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation," and

Whereas, the Vermont chapter of HOBY (HOBY Vermont) has hosted an annual four-day leadership seminar for high school sophomores from around the State since 1983, and

Whereas, each year, over 100 students, called "ambassadors," benefit from the inspiration of Vermont leaders in the fields of education, government, business, and the nonprofit sector, and

Whereas, through panels, keynote speakers, simulations, and team building exercises, HOBY Vermont promotes the core values of volunteerism, integrity, excellence, diversity, and community partnership, and

Whereas, HOBY Vermont empowers Vermont's future leaders to make a positive difference in their communities, State, and nation through effective and compassionate leadership, and

Whereas, over the course of the seminar, HOBY ambassadors form lifelong relationships and partnerships with their peers, and

Whereas, HOBY Vermont is committed to promoting participation in community service projects that impact the lives of those in need, and

Whereas, through the Leadership for Service initiative of HOBY Vermont, ambassadors have completed 18,529.86 volunteers hours since January 2000 with 90 percent of these hours occurring in Vermont, and

Whereas, HOBY Vermont-inspired volunteer work has tallied an estimated overall economic impact of \$427,484.00 in the past 16 years, and

Whereas, last year, 15 ambassadors from HOBY Vermont, each of whom completed over 100 volunteer service hours, were recipients of the President's Volunteer Service Award, and their combined efforts totaled 2,041 hours, and

Whereas, the participants in HOBY Vermont programs have established the foundation for a lifelong commitment to leading and volunteering on worthy community service projects, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 2017 as HOBY Youth Leadership Month in Vermont, and be it further

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