

No. R-146. House concurrent resolution honoring Alexander L. Aldrich for his two decades of exemplary leadership in the furtherance of the arts in Vermont.

(H.C.R.112)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Alex Aldrich's proclivity for arts administration and advocacy is undeniable, and after graduating from Harvard and the Yale School of Management, he embarked on an interesting career, and

Whereas, several positions followed in the Washington, D.C. area, including serving as the assistant director of the music program at the National Endowment for the Arts, and then in Atlanta, a stop that included Olympic and Paralympic adventures, and

Whereas, in January 1997, Alex Aldrich moved to Vermont to serve as the executive director of the Vermont Arts Council (VAC), and

Whereas, as the VAC is the nation's only state arts agency not a part of state government, Alex Aldrich assumed managerial responsibilities that his 49 other peers need not address, and he has been an ardent legislative advocate for the VAC and the arts community, and

Whereas, Alex Aldrich's innovative leadership of the VAC has benefited artists, arts organizations, and arts education programs, and

Whereas, as a board member of the Vermont Council on Rural Development, he promoted a creative economy that emphasizes the arts, and

Whereas, in collaboration with the Vermont Department of Marketing and Tourism, Alex Aldrich helped develop Vermont's Heritage Tourism Kit, and

Whereas, he played a major role in the VAC's headquarters enhancements, including the addition of a new building wing and the creation of a sculpture garden, and

Whereas, the Camel's Hump design on the Vermont Quarter and the selection of *These Green Mountains* as the State Song owe much to his constructive input, and

Whereas, other significant initiatives he fostered were the Palettes of Vermont project, the Art of Action project, and the Animating Infrastructure program, and

Whereas, Alex Aldrich has announced his VAC leadership will conclude on April 14, 2017, ending an outstanding 20-year tenure, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Alexander L. Aldrich for his two decades of exemplary leadership in the furtherance of the arts in Vermont and wishes him well in his future endeavors, and be it further

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