

No. R-235. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating and thanking all the participants in the 25th Annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive in Rutland County.

(S.C.R.17)

By Senators Mullin, Collamore and Flory,

Whereas, for a quarter century, the United Way of Rutland County has overseen a countywide one-day food drive, known as the Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive, to replenish area food shelves prior to the summer season when food demands are increased, and

Whereas, as the name implies, this food drive is facilitated through the generous participation of U.S. postal carriers from every post office in Rutland County, who collect the donated food, and with the enthusiastic support of the National Association of Letter Carriers Union Branch # 495, especially Chris Greeno, and

Whereas, once the food is collected, it must be sorted and distributed, and these tasks were accomplished with a large group of volunteers, including students and staff from the 77 Park Street program, and

Whereas, special support came from local media outlets that publicized the food drive, and from Stewart's Shops and Fassett's Thrift Store that donated refreshments for the hard working volunteers at the sorting center, and

Whereas, the silver anniversary edition of this vital community effort was a rousing success as 23,411 pounds of food were collected on May 13, 2017, and this year marked the one-million-pound milestone for the drive's 25-year history, and

Whereas, in Rutland City, recipients of the food donations included BROCC Community Action, the Rutland Community Cupboard, and the Salvation Army, and beyond the city's borders, food was distributed to Fair Haven Concerned and to food shelves in Brandon, Pittsford, Poultney, and West Rutland, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates and thanks all the participants in the 25th Annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive in Rutland County, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the United Way of Rutland County, to the Letter Carriers Union Branch # 495, to the 77 Park Street Program, to Stewart's Shops, and to Fassett's Thrift Store.