

**No. R-371. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Brattleboro Floral Arts and Garden Club on its 50th anniversary.**

(H.C.R.299)

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, and Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, in 1967, as a way to beautify its community, a group of dedicated Brattleboro area volunteers created the garden at the Creamery Bridge in West Brattleboro, and

Whereas, these botanical enthusiasts decided to formalize their association and established the Brattleboro Floral Arts and Garden Club (the Club) that today is a member club of the Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, Inc., and

Whereas, the Club has complementary objectives to: promote an interest in gardens, their design, and management; educate Club members and local residents in horticultural practices; encourage participation in floral design and the allied arts; foster local floral beautification projects; and offer environmentally related educational programs, and

Whereas, in commemoration of the organization's 50th anniversary and through the inspiration of 50-year member Frances Gibson, the Club has reinvigorated the Creamery Bridge garden, and

Whereas, this endeavor has entailed the planting of an effectively new garden that eliminated invasive plants and introduced environmentally appropriate and friendlier alternatives, and

Whereas, the Club members who led this wonderful botanical rejuvenation were Mary Heninger, Jil MacMenamin, and Fran Jerard, and

Whereas, plans are in process for the creation of a new garden at the Landmark Trust Scott Farm and Stone Trust in Dummerston, and

Whereas, aside from these projects, the Club assists in the maintenance of the gardens at Brattleboro's Green Mountain Chapel and World War I Memorial, and

Whereas, the organization awards annual scholarships to college-bound students pursuing majors in horticulturally related fields, and

Whereas, in 2017, Alice Stockwell also observed her personal 50th membership anniversary, and Sandy McCauley reaches the half-century membership milestone this year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Brattleboro Floral Arts and Garden Club on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Brattleboro Floral Arts and Garden Club.