

No. R-447. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont on its 50th anniversary.

(H.C.R.373)

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, the mission of Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS), one of the State's leading mental health support organizations, "is to provide creative, collaborative, and compassionate health care services that are responsive to the needs of our communities," and

Whereas, the seven guiding values to which HCRS adheres are: teamwork, creativity, integrity, passion, quality, trust, and wisdom, and

Whereas, HCRS was established in 1967 to serve persons with developmental challenges residing in Windham and Windsor Counties, and

Whereas, in 1973, it formed a mental health agency known as Mental Health Services of Southeastern Vermont, and this separate name continued until 1991, when all of the organization's activities were placed under the HCRS banner, and

Whereas, among the highlights of HCRS's last half-century are the opening of Beekman House (1979), the initial offering of employment services (1984), the establishment of a school-based program (1987), the launching of a summer program for youths (1991), the beginning of a police social work program (2002), receipt of Joint Commission accreditation (2003), and the opening of Vermont's first crisis care center (2010), and

Whereas, In addition to its emergency services, HCRS now offers mental health support services through its Children, Youth and Family Program, the Adult Outpatient and Substance Abuse Program, the Community Rehabilitation and Treatment Program, the Developmental Services Program, and several residential programs, and

Whereas, HCRS operates from regional offices in Bellows Falls, Brattleboro, Hartford, and Windsor, as well as the organization's Springfield headquarters, and

Whereas, in commemoration of its 50th anniversary, HCRS hosted a series of celebratory events, including a Me2 Orchestra concert, a staff and client art show, and a 5k run and walk, and

Whereas, HCRS looks forward to a second half-century of offering a broad range of mental health support services, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

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