

No. R-464. House concurrent resolution honoring Dartmouth College undergraduate students Nicole Beckman, Hanna Bliska, and Eliza Jane Schaeffer for their research report entitled “Medication Assisted Treatment Programs in State Correctional Facilities in Vermont.”

(H.C.R.390)

Offered by: Committee on Corrections and Institutions

Whereas, the treatment of opioid-addicted incarcerated individuals poses a difficult challenge for the Department of Corrections, and

Whereas, as the House Committee having jurisdiction over the Department, the Committee on Corrections and Institutions (the Committee) develops policy for the Department to implement, and

Whereas, Dartmouth College hosts the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center that, through its Policy Research Shop, offers faculty-supervised and nonpartisan undergraduate-conducted policy research and analyses for public officials in New Hampshire and Vermont, and

Whereas, the Committee availed itself of the Policy Research Shop’s services in order to conduct an assessment of medication-assisted treatment for opioid-addicted incarcerated individuals, and

Whereas, under the guidance of Daniel Schroeder, three Dartmouth College undergraduates—Nicole Beckman, Hanna Bliska, and Eliza Jane Schaeffer—were assigned to this project, and

Whereas, the Dartmouth students documented the increased opioid use nationally and cited federal laws and regulations that affect the medical treatment of incarcerated individuals, and

Whereas, the report highlighted interim maintenance treatment; medication options; and the current Vermont infrastructure for the treatment of opioid-addicted incarcerated individuals, and

Whereas, the report included a hub-and-spoke diagram detailing the overall medication-assisted treatment services offered in Vermont, and

Whereas, the students compared Vermont’s process for treating opioid-addicted incarcerated individuals to the parallel systems used in five other states, and

Whereas, the study continued with four treatment and policy considerations before reaching a series of thoughtful conclusions, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dartmouth College undergraduate students Nicole Beckman, Hanna Bliska, and Eliza Jane Schaeffer for their research report entitled “Medication Assisted Treatment Programs in State Correctional Facilities in Vermont,” and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center, Daniel Schroeder, and each of the students honored in this resolution.