

No. R-3. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Winston Prouty Center for Child and Family Development on its 50th anniversary.

(H.C.R.3)

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

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, the Winston Prouty Center for Child and Family Development (Prouty Center) in Brattleboro was established in 1969 as one of the first preschool programs in the country for children with special needs, and

Whereas, today, the Prouty Center “provides inclusive education and family support to promote the success of children and families,” and

Whereas, among the principles that the center espouses are that “children, families and staff benefit from participating in an environment where everyone feels they belong, where every effort is made to accommodate differences and individual needs, and where everyone’s uniqueness is celebrated,” and

Whereas, these themes are implemented through collaboration and persistence, and

Whereas, the Winston Prouty Center’s onsite Early Learning Center (ELC) received accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children and earned a five-star rating from the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, in conjunction with the ELC, the Winston Prouty Center offers community services, such as children’s integrated services, family supportive housing, a child care referral program, a child care financial assistance program, a child and adult care food program, and perhaps uniquely, the Early Learning Express Bookmobile, and

Whereas, in 2016, the Winston Prouty Center purchased the 184-acre forested campus of the former Austine School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and in addition to its various buildings, the campus features a system of publicly accessible trails, and

Whereas, the Winston Prouty Center is eagerly anticipating its next half-century of outstanding community service on behalf of young children and their families, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Winston Prouty Center for Child and Family Development 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 Winston Prouty Center for Child and Family Development in Brattleboro.