

No. R-20. House concurrent resolution designating January 23, 2019 as Vermont Retired State Employees Association Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.13)

Offered by: Representative Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, the Vermont Retired State Employees Association (VRSEA) was established “to protect and enhance state retirees’ pension and health care benefits,” and it represents all retired State employees and beneficiaries who receive these benefits, and

Whereas, aside from its central mission of safeguarding the well-deserved benefits that accrue to retired State employees, the VRSEA also exists to “promote good will and fellowship among all retired state employees,” and

Whereas, current retired State employees have given a combined 210,000 years of public service on behalf of Vermonters, and

Whereas, their public service careers have encompassed many vital roles, such as ensuring public safety, maintaining the State’s transportation infrastructure, protecting Vermont’s forests and wildlife, and providing support services for children, and

Whereas, 78 percent of the VRSEA members continue to reside in Vermont, remaining active in their respective communities and contributing to the State’s economy through expenditures from their pension incomes, and

Whereas, their postretirement volunteer service on behalf of municipalities and nonprofit organizations is of great societal benefit, and

Whereas, many retired State employees return to work on a seasonal or temporary basis, providing valuable organizational support and performing key tasks that might otherwise not be completed, and

Whereas, today, Wednesday, January 23, 2019, VRSEA members are visiting the State House to discuss, with members of the General Assembly, issues of great importance to retired State employees, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January 23, 2019 as Vermont Retired State Employees Association Day at the State House, and be it further

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