

**No. R-116. House concurrent resolution congratulating Outright Vermont on its 30th anniversary.**

(H.C.R.98)

Offered by: Representatives Lippert of Hinesburg, Ancel of Calais, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bates of Bennington, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Briglin of Thetford, Brownell of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Colchester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Conlon of Cornwall, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Fegard of Berkshire, Feltus of Lyndon, Forguites of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Grad of Moretown, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Hashim of Dummerston, Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Jessup of Middlesex, Jickling of Randolph, Johnson of South Hero, Killacky of South Burlington, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nicoll of Ludlow, Norris of Shoreham, Notte of Rutland City, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralph of Hartland, Redmond of Essex, Rogers of Waterville, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Seymour of Sutton, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibilialia of Dover, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Szott of Barnard, Taylor of Colchester, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, White of Hartford, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Greensboro

Whereas, the personal and societal challenges facing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQQ) youths 13–22 years of age are numerous and often overwhelming, and

Whereas, in November 1989, Outright Vermont was established with a mission “to build safe, healthy, and supportive environments” for these young persons, and

Whereas, Outright Vermont's organizational model is premised on "youth-adult partnerships which create mutual opportunities for growth, learning, and skill development," and it proudly identifies as an anti-oppression organization, and

Whereas, Outright Vermont seeks to enable LGBTQ youth to celebrate all elements of their identities and "to live safe, healthy, authentic lives," and

Whereas, Outright Vermont offers myriad programs and services, and

Whereas, LGBTQ youth can socialize with their peers and gain needed support at Friday Night Group meetings statewide, and

Whereas, at the Outright Vermont Burlington headquarters, regularly scheduled hours offer LGBTQ youth a safe and comfortable place to relax, study, and meet with their friends, and

Whereas, Gender Creative Kids is a monthly gathering for children under 13 years of age who do not identify within traditional gender groups, and

Whereas, the Trans Group is focused on the specific needs of youth who identify as or consider themselves potentially transgender, and

Whereas, the Youth Leadership Council meets regularly "to cultivate leadership and ownership over the work of making it better for queer and trans youth in Vermont," and the Panorama Group is for adult relatives and caregivers of queer and questioning youth, and

Whereas, the annual Queer and Allied Youth Summit is a statewide event that serves as a highlight of the year for Outright Vermont's participants and their friends, and

Whereas, today, March 29, 2019, Outright Vermont's staff and associated LGBTQ youth are present at the State House to celebrate their achievements and anticipate the future with hope and pride, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Outright Vermont on its 30th anniversary, and be it further

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