

No. R-220. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Sunrise Family Resource Center on its 50th anniversary.

(H.C.R.181)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Brownell of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, James of Manchester, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, a succinct and vital mission of the Sunrise Family Resource Center in Bennington is “Strengthening Families,” and

Whereas, this proud and essential multipurpose organization was established in 1969 as the Bennington Child Day Care Center, and in 1982 restarted as the Sunrise Family Resource Center (Sunrise), and

Whereas, during the mid-1980s, Sunrise began offering parent-education outreach services and became the Bennington County contractor for a family advocacy program, and

Whereas, in 1988, the General Assembly enacted the system of parent-child centers and Sunrise assumed this designation for Bennington County, and

Whereas, in 1993, Reach Up services, helping teens and young parents attain self-sufficiency, were added to the Sunrise program menu, and

Whereas, in 2000, Sunrise launched an on-site compendium of initiatives for high school students, now known as Opportunities, including a State-approved high school completion curriculum for pregnant and parenting teens that has graduated 79 students to date, and

Whereas, at the start of the 21st century, Sunrise began assisting adults preparing to enter the job market, and

Whereas, Sunrise was a local participant in the initiation of Building Bright Futures, has earned a five-star rating from the Vermont Child Development Division, and more recently, started a Dads Create program in partnership with Vermont Arts Exchange, and

Whereas, Sunrise plays a special and welcomed role in the lives of numerous Bennington County residents, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Sunrise Family Resource Center 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 Sunrise Family Resource Center.