

No. R-247. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Community College of Vermont on its 50th anniversary.

(S.C.R.16)

By Senator Lyons,

By Representative Dickinson of St. Albans Town,

Whereas, in 1970, Governor Deane Davis charged a special commission with developing a way to deliver postsecondary education to Vermonters in their local communities, and the commission's endeavors resulted in the establishment of the Community College of Vermont (CCV), and

Whereas, CCV is a mission-driven institution with an abiding commitment to access, affordability, and student success, and

Whereas, CCV is Vermont's only open-admissions institution, embodying the belief that all people are entitled to high-quality postsecondary education, and

Whereas, since the 1980s, CCV has been the State's second-largest college, delivering its programs through a network of 12 locations and establishing lasting relationships in each of these communities, and

Whereas, CCV takes a hands-on approach to supporting students through academic and financial aid and career advising, and

Whereas, CCV pioneered online learning in Vermont and continually broadens college access for students in rural areas, and

Whereas, CCV has served more than 150,000 Vermonters over the past five decades, with 12,488 degrees granted and over 10,000 students served annually, and

Whereas, CCV faculty and staff are proud to continually introduce new academic pathways in response to the changing needs of Vermont and deliver credentials and degrees that serve as a bridge between students and employers, and

Whereas, today, January 22, 2020, State House festivities are celebrating CCV's half-century milestone of connecting Vermonters to opportunity, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Community College of Vermont 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 Community College of Vermont.