

No. R-354. House concurrent resolution congratulating the University of Vermont Extension and WCAX-TV on the 65th anniversary of the *Across the Fence* television program.

(H.C.R.292)

Offered by: Representatives Smith of Derby, Austin of Colchester, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Colchester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Lincoln, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Emmons of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Goslant of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Randolph, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lefebvre of Newark, Leffler of Enosburgh, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Morgan of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, 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, Page of Newport City, Partridge of Windham, Pugh of South Burlington, Ralph of Hartland, Redmond of Essex, Rogers of Waterville, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of New Haven, Squirrell of Underhill, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Dorset, Szott of Barnard, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Toof of St. Albans Town, Townsend of South Burlington, and White of Hartford

Whereas, the *Across the Fence* television program, a joint production of the University of Vermont (UVM) Extension and WCAX-TV, focuses on UVM activities of community interest, including topics associated with home economics and farming, and

Whereas, the inaugural telecast aired on February 14, 1955, when the television medium was still new in Vermont, and

Whereas, this television program represents the only continuing collaboration in the country between a commercial television station and a university's extension service, and

Whereas, *Across the Fence* includes both in-studio and on-location segments and has aired 16,900 episodes over 65 years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the University of Vermont Extension and WCAX-TV on the 65th anniversary of the *Across the Fence* television program, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the UVM Extension and WCAX-TV.