

No. R-112. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Seall community juvenile offender residency program.

(S.C.R.9)

By Senator Campion,

By Representatives Corcoran of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Nigro of Bennington, and Whitman of Bennington,

Whereas, in 1970, the Bennington Junior Chamber of Commerce proposed that a juvenile community residency program be established, and in 1971, the federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration awarded a grant to Phoenix Inc. to operate this project and Dick Sears was hired as executive director, and

Whereas, Bennington became the first Vermont municipality to host a community-based corrections program, and in October 1971, five juvenile offenders began residency in a house at 204 Depot Street, and

Whereas, in 1984 John Allard and Dick Sears purchased 204 Depot Street from Phoenix Inc. and renamed it A&S, the program was incorporated in 1989 as Tarus, Inc., and in 1993 it became Seall, Inc., a nonprofit organization, and

Whereas, Seall, Inc. has acquired additional nearby residential properties in order to offer expanded services, often in association with the Department for Children and Families and the Department of Corrections, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Seall community juvenile offender residency program, *and be it further*

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