

**No. R-41. House concurrent resolution recognizing the critical importance of 3SquaresVT for thousands of Vermonters.**

(H.C.R.25)

Offered by: Representative Williams of Barre City

Whereas, 3SquaresVT is the Vermont name for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the Vermont Department for Children and Families—Economic Services Division serves as the State’s administrative authority, and

Whereas, SNAP is the most effective and efficient anti-hunger program in the country, providing nine meals for every one that the private charitable food system offers, and

Whereas, more than 40,000 households, consisting of over 70,000 Vermonters of all ages and demographics, are 3SquaresVT beneficiaries, and

Whereas, this critical program supports the food needs of friends, neighbors, and families, with privacy and dignity, and it mitigates the impact of poverty on our most vulnerable residents, and

Whereas, 3SquaresVT strengthens Vermont’s local communities’ economic vitality, and, through the spending of more than \$18,000,000 in federal funds each month on food purchases, supports Vermont’s retailers, grocers, farmers, and members of the State’s workforce, and

Whereas, without a vibrant 3SquaresVT program, an essential nutritional lifeline for over 10 percent of Vermonters would vanish, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the critical importance of 3SquaresVT for thousands of Vermonters.