

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 69

House concurrent resolution honoring former President James Earl Carter as a tireless international humanitarian and public servant

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, as a former Governor of Georgia and 39th President of the United States, Jimmy Carter's place in our nation's history is assured, and

Whereas, his post-presidential years, longer than any of his predecessors', reflect the deep religious belief of a devoted Sunday School teacher, as well as the humanitarian focus of his mother, the indomitable Miss Lillian, who, in retirement, volunteered as a Peace Corps nurse in India, and

Whereas, Jimmy Carter never sought to monetize his fame for excessive personal enrichment, but, rather, he and his wife, Rosalynn, still reside in the same modest Plains home they built in 1961, and he has embarked on academic, health care, humanitarian, and writing endeavors with a broad societal impact, and

Whereas, in 1982, this now-prolific author became a Distinguished Professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and established the university-associated Carter Center, a nonpartisan public policy center through which he and the center's staff have engaged in conflict mediation in nations ranging from Bosnia to Uganda, conducted over 100 election-monitoring missions worldwide, led a campaign that has nearly eradicated Guinea worm disease, and vigorously promoted democracy and human rights, and

Whereas, Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter are passionate advocates for and have volunteered in 14 countries on behalf of Habitat for Humanity, an organization that constructs and rehabilitates affordable housing, and

Whereas, in recognition of his extraordinary humanitarian initiatives, the Norwegian Nobel Committee honored former President Jimmy Carter with the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize, and

Whereas, former President Carter has decided to enter hospice care in order to spend his remaining time in contentment and peace, and his life of serving others is a model to emulate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former President James Earl Carter as a tireless international humanitarian and public servant, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to former President Jimmy Carter.