

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 218

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Washington Electric Cooperative on its 85th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Patt of Worcester

Offered by: Senator Perchlik

Whereas, the Washington Electric Cooperative (WEC) is a nonprofit member-owned electric power company, and

Whereas, a nine-person board of directors, drawn from the membership, oversees the management of the WEC, and

Whereas, WEC began serving consumers on December 2, 1939 with its first transmission of diesel-generated power to 150 farms and homes over a 55-mile network, and

Whereas, from this modest beginning, WEC has developed into a regional electricity provider with over 11,800 members, 97 percent of whom are residential customers, and

Whereas, the WEC service area now encompasses 2,728 square miles in parts of 41 towns in Washington, Orange, Caledonia, and Orleans counties, and

Whereas, the distribution network transmitting WEC's electric power extends for 1,347 miles and uses eight substations, and

Whereas, WEC derives two-thirds of its electricity from methane-generated power produced at the Coventry landfill, and

Whereas, WEC owns the hydroelectric-generating station at Wrightsville Dam located on the North Branch of the Winooski River, and the station normally produces 800 kW of electricity and has a drainage area of 69 square miles, and

Whereas, 2024 marks 85 years of WEC's serving north central Vermont with dependable electric service that is now 100 percent renewable, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Washington Electric Cooperative on its 85th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Washington Electric Cooperative.