

**No. R-88. House concurrent resolution celebrating the role of the manufacturing industry in the Vermont economy and designating April 2, 2025 as Manufacturing Day at the State House.**

(H.C.R.68)

Offered by Representatives Cooper of Pownal, Austin of Colchester, Bailey of Hyde Park, Bartley of Fairfax, Birong of Vergennes, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Corcoran of Bennington, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Duke of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Eastes of Guilford, Goldman of Rockingham, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harple of Glover, Harrison of Chittenden, Harvey of Castleton, Headrick of Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Hunter of Manchester, James of Manchester, Kascenska of Burke, Kleppner of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Lipsky of Stowe, Luneau of St. Albans City, Masland of Thetford, Micklus of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nelson of Derby, Nigro of Bennington, North of Ferrisburgh, Nugent of South Burlington, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Olson of Starksboro, Pezzo of Colchester, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Sibilia of Dover, Southworth of Walden, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweeney of Shelburne, Waszazak of Barre City, Wells of Brownington, White of Waitsfield, White of Bethel, Winter of Ludlow, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by Senators Bongartz, Brennan, Clarkson, Douglass, Hart, Ingalls, Major, Plunkett, Weeks, Westman, White, and Williams

*Whereas*, manufacturing is a vital pillar of Vermont's economy, strengthening both rural and urban communities, supplying globally recognized businesses, and driving innovation across diverse industries, ensuring the State's economic resilience and competitiveness, and

*Whereas*, Vermont's manufacturing industry generates close to \$3 billion, an economic impact representing over 8 percent of the State's GDP, and

*Whereas*, manufacturing businesses constitute approximately 10.5 percent of Vermont's private sector workforce, supporting 30,000 jobs, and

*Whereas*, Vermont's manufacturing jobs typically offer wages above the State's average, providing workers with greater economic mobility; and supporting and promoting manufacturing jobs with competitive wages is essential to attracting and retaining talent while fostering long-term economic stability and growth in Vermont, and

*Whereas*, manufacturers in our State contribute significantly to promoting strategic relationships between the State and neighboring regions, including New England, New York, Canada, and the broader local and global economy, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly celebrates the role of the manufacturing industry in the Vermont economy and designates April 2, 2025 as Manufacturing Day at the State House, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Associated Industries of Vermont, the Vermont Regional Development Corporations, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, and the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center.