

No. R-91. House concurrent resolution celebrating the 40th anniversary of the first class at Landmark College and extending best wishes for continued academic success.

(H.C.R.71)

Offered by Representative Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by Senators Harrison and Hashim

Whereas, individuals who learn differently—whether due to autism, dyslexia, attention deficit disorders, executive function challenges, or otherwise—have historically faced major impediments to fair, accessible, and quality education, and

Whereas, until four decades ago, there were not any accredited higher education institutions designed and built exclusively for individuals who learn differently, and in response to the need for this type of school, in 1983, a committed team of educators, philanthropists, and community leaders, including then Putney Select Board member and future Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin, himself dyslexic and unable to read until he was 14 years of age, established Landmark College in Putney, Vermont, and

Whereas, Landmark College accepted its first students in the fall of 1985 and quickly became the world's first accredited college for individuals with learning disabilities and learning differences, and

Whereas, over its 40-year history, Landmark College has broadened the curriculum to include other academic degrees and certificate programs, academic development and college-preparatory programs for high school students, and professional development and certificate programs for educators, and

Whereas, in addition to the academic courses, Landmark College is a global leader in advancing accessibility, inclusion, and opportunity for those who learn differently, and

Whereas, nearly 11,000 students and professionals from 55 countries have studied at Landmark College, opening new doors of opportunity for those who learn differently and preparing them for academic and career success, and

Whereas, the school is the largest employer in Putney and one of the largest year-round employers in southern Vermont, and

Whereas, the outstanding achievements of Landmark College serve as a glowing testament to the dedication and perseverance of all those associated with this unusual and respected higher education institution, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the 40th anniversary of the first class at Landmark College and extends best wishes for continued academic success, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Landmark College.