

No. R-133. House concurrent resolution congratulating the South Burlington Chapter of Rotary International on 40 years of exemplary community service and professional camaraderie.

(H.C.R.109)

Offered by Representatives Burkhardt of South Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, and Nugent of South Burlington

Whereas, on February 23, 1905, Chicago attorney Paul Harris established the world's first Rotary Club, consisting of members from different professional and business backgrounds who gathered to "exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships," and

Whereas, the organization quickly expanded around the globe, and within 16 years, there were Rotary Clubs on six continents, and

Whereas, a fundamental goal of all Rotary Clubs is to promote the Five Avenues of Service: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and New Generation Service (empowering youth), and

Whereas, Rotary International's strong Vermont connection dates from 1923, and the South Burlington Rotary Club, for which Rotary International issued a charter on October 28, 1985, has been a stellar organizational contributor, and

Whereas, over the past four decades, the South Burlington Rotary Club has not only exemplified the highest ideals of Rotary International, making significant financial donations to laudable local initiatives, but, equally, has contributed to hands-on "people power" to support the success of community service projects that have improved life in South Burlington, and

Whereas, among the community achievements in which the South Burlington Rotary Club has participated are the completion of improvements to the bandshell at Veteran's Memorial Park, the acquisition of an all-electric delivery and pickup van for the South Burlington Food Shelf, and the installation of benches along recreation paths, and they assist with school literacy projects, support Scouting programs, host and send students who are studying on international and academic exchanges, and much more, and

Whereas, the South Burlington Rotary Club is proudly commemorating 40 years of selfless good deeds and looks forward to active Rotary service for many years into the future, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the South Burlington Chapter of Rotary International on 40 years of exemplary community service and professional camaraderie, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the South Burlington Rotary Club.