

**No. R-142. House concurrent resolution commending Team Trumie and Truman Compton for their advocacy, community engagement, and fostering of public awareness and acceptance of autism.**

(H.C.R.118)

Offered by Representatives Burrows of West Windsor, Coffin of Cavendish, Austin of Colchester, Bailey of Hyde Park, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bartley of Fairfax, Bishop of Colchester, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Branagan of Georgia, Burditt of West Rutland, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burt of Cabot, Canfield of Fair Haven, Casey of Hubbardton, Chapin of East Montpelier, Charlton of Chester, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Donahue of Northfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Harvey of Castleton, Headrick of Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of Rutland Town, Kascenska of Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Labor of Morgan, LaMont of Morristown, Laroche of Franklin, Luneau of St. Albans City, Maguire of Rutland City, Marcotte of Coventry, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Micklus of Milton, Mihaly of Calais, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Nelson of Derby, Nielsen of Brandon, North of Ferrisburgh, Oliver of Sheldon, Olson of Starksboro, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Pezzo of Colchester, Pinsonault of Dorset, Powers of Waterford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Sibilia of Dover, Southworth of Walden, Steady of Milton, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tagliavia of Corinth, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, Walker of Swanton, Wells of Brownington, Winter of Ludlow, and Yacovone of Morristown

*Whereas*, shortly before his second birthday in 2017, Truman Compton was diagnosed with autism, and shortly thereafter, the informal community of family and friends known as “Team Trumie” was established to provide love and support for Truman and to foster community awareness and acceptance of autism, and

*Whereas*, Team Trumie, now more than 50 volunteers strong, has raised funds for the Special Needs Support Center of the Upper Valley, participated in community walks, donated books about autism or featuring characters with autism to Windsor County classrooms and libraries, and donated sensory kits to the Windsor Fire and Police Departments for first responders’ use, and

*Whereas*, this special support group has designed unique shirts, celebrated Truman’s personal milestones, and created the slogan “let’s learn more about autism, together,” and the international distribution of Team Trumie postcards, featuring this unifying slogan, has sparked worldwide conversations, and

*Whereas*, the efforts of Team Trumie reflect a profound desire to create a world where disability and differences are not hidden but embraced, and

*Whereas*, Truman and his family have actively engaged with their local community through their presence at public venues, established an initiative to improve support for

students with special needs through the installation of outdoor picture-based communication boards on school playgrounds, and launched a project to establish a parent-caregiver special education advisory committee in Windsor County, and

*Whereas*, Truman has bravely and effectively participated in classroom presentations alongside his family, sharing personal insights about autism, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly commends Team Trumie and Truman Compton for their advocacy, community engagement, and fostering of public awareness and acceptance of autism, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Compton family and to Team Trumie.