

**No. R-251. House concurrent resolution congratulating the National Hanger Company of North Bennington on its centennial anniversary.**

(H.C.R.204)

Offered by Representatives Greer of Bennington, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, and Nigro of Bennington

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

*Whereas*, in 1925, enterprising Vermonters established the National Hanger Company (NAHANCO) in North Bennington with a mission “to provide high-quality hangers and retail solutions that stand the test of time,” and

*Whereas*, NAHANCO is the nation’s largest manufacturer of garment hangers, produced in metal, plastic, and wood, and one of the country’s largest distributors of retail supply products, and

*Whereas*, in addition to hangers of various designs and materials, many customized for a specific corporate purchaser, the company’s product line also features clothing racks, garment bags, and merchandise displays, and

*Whereas*, NAHANCO provides customers, including department stores, hotels, restaurants, and specialty clothing stores, sourcing, logistics, warehousing, and e-commerce support services, and

*Whereas*, NAHANCO takes great pride in meeting the highest standards throughout the company, and in recent years sustainability has been of great importance, as its black hangers consist of 80 percent internal and external recycled plastic material, and through recycling, no plastics are introduced into the waste stream, and the wooden hangers are made from sustainable materials, such as lotus wood and bamboo, and

*Whereas*, this same sustainability commitment is also practiced in the operation of NAHANCO’s headquarters, which now uses cleaner fuel, switching from oil to propane; management has replaced incandescent light bulbs and florescent fixtures are now fitted with environmentally friendly bulbs; and the company has installed a compressed air system that lowers costs and has resulted in a 100,000-gallon reduction in water consumption, and

*Whereas*, in 2015, the Vermont Economic Progress Council awarded NAHANCO a \$227,000.00 Vermont Employment Growth Incentive grant, enabling it to expand operations and employment in North Bennington, and

*Whereas*, under the stellar leadership of NAHANCO President Michele Pilcher, the company continues to thrive as a major North Bennington employer and Vermont manufacturer, with a catalog consisting of thousands of competitively priced products, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the National Hanger Company of North Bennington on its centennial anniversary, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to NAHANCO and to Michele Pilcher.