

No. R-8. House concurrent resolution congratulating Food Works at Two Rivers Center of Montpelier on its 25th anniversary.

(H.C.R.1)

Offered by: Representative Klein of East Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, Vermont is a state fiercely committed to the ideals of self-sufficiency, independence, ecological sustainability, small farms, and social justice, and

Whereas, the 1986 Governor's Task Force on Hunger first revealed the "quiet crisis" of childhood hunger across the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, the state of Vermont has been steadily losing small family farms at an alarming rate, and

Whereas, Vermont citizens have long recognized the values of responsible stewardship of the land and healthy eating as cornerstones of personal and community welfare, and

Whereas, Vermont has been at the forefront of the national farm-to-school movement and local food initiatives for decades, and

Whereas, the Montpelier nonprofit organization Food Works, established in 1987, has been a founding partner of Vermont-F.E.E.D. (Food Education Every Day), together with Shelburne Farms and NOFA-Vermont (Northeast Organic Farmers Organization), and

Whereas, over the past several years, Food Works has been a leading food hub through its Two Rivers Center in Montpelier by distributing hundreds of thousands of pounds of local foods to congregate meal sites serving at-risk Vermonters, including senior centers, public schools, early childhood education centers, mental health facilities, food shelves, and hospitals, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Food Works on its 25th anniversary and for its commitment to food justice through education programs that teach the fundamentals of growing, preparing, and preserving fresh food and for its pioneering role in the farm-to-school movement, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Food Works at Two Rivers Center in Montpelier.