

No. R-44. House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Creative Network for its effective initiatives to develop a thriving creative sector in Vermont.

(H.C.R.28)

Offered by: Representative Jerome of Brandon

Whereas, innovation and a creative culture are vital elements of the Vermont brand, and

Whereas, in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 157, Sec. L.1, the General Assembly directed “the Vermont Arts Council...in collaboration with statewide partners...[to] establish the Vermont Creative Network” as a “communications, advocacy, and capacity-building entity that strengthens Vermont’s creative sector,” and

Whereas, the Vermont Creative Network has completed an ambitious statewide study that documents the substantial impact of the creative sector and offers the rationale for its expansion, and

Whereas, the Vermont Creative Network has launched CreateVT, a vision and action planning process that has resulted in a strategy for growing an inclusive and resilient creative sector that will be a robust contributor to our State’s economy, and

Whereas, over 40,000 artists, architects, brewers, crafters, dancers, and members of other creative professions, as well as support staff, representing more than nine percent of the State’s workforce, are enthusiastically contributing to the State’s emerging creative sector, and

Whereas, the arts, the humanities, and creativity are all key to helping Vermont to recover from the pandemic and to address the challenges of racism, climate change, and affordability, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont Creative Network for its effective initiatives to develop a thriving creative sector in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Creative Network.