

No. R-63. House concurrent resolution honoring Rotary International for its continuing good works and congratulating the Burlington, Bellows Falls, Montpelier, St. Johnsbury, and Windsor Rotary Clubs on their centennial.

(H.C.R.47)

Offered by: Representatives Nugent of South Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, Waters Evans of Charlotte, Andriano of Orwell, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Birong of Vergennes, Boyden of Cambridge, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buss of Woodstock, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chase of Chester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Conlon of Cornwall, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donahue of Northfield, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Galfetti of Barre Town, Garofano of Essex, Goslant of Northfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Holcombe of Norwich, Houghton of Essex Junction, Lalley of Shelburne, Leavitt of Grand Isle, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Rachelson of Burlington, Toleno of Brattleboro, Torre of Moretown, and White of Bethel

Offered by: Senator Chittenden

Whereas, Rotary International has strong Vermont roots as the convenor of the first Rotary meeting, held in Chicago on February 23, 1905, was Wallingford native Paul P. Harris, and

Whereas, the objective of Rotary “is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise,” and

Whereas, in 1917, the leadership of Rotary International established the Rotary Foundation “for the purpose of doing good in the world,” and in 1921, “the advancement of peace and international goodwill” was added to the Rotary Constitution, and

Whereas, the mission of Rotary International is implemented through its international programs to fight life-threatening diseases, improve health care, provide clean water and sanitation systems, offer nutritional programs, and support literacy education, and through its Interact and student exchange youth programs, and

Whereas, in 2011, Rotary Clubs in Vermont were a major financial contributor to Tropical Storm Irene relief efforts, and

Whereas, 2023 marks the centennial of the chartering of the Burlington (the first in Vermont), Bellows Falls, Montpelier, St. Johnsbury, and Windsor Rotary Clubs, which are among the many now-operating Rotary Clubs in this international organization’s Districts 7850 and 7870, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Rotary International for its continuing good works and congratulates the Burlington, Bellows Falls, Montpelier, and St. Johnsbury Rotary Clubs on their centennial, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the presidents of Rotary Districts 7850 and 7870, and to the Burlington, Bellows Falls, Montpelier, St. Johnsbury, and Windsor Rotary Clubs.