

No. R-69. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Governor's Institutes of Vermont on their 40th anniversary.

(H.C.R.50)

Offered by: Representatives Bos-Lun of Westminster, Andrews of Westford, Anthony of Barre City, Boyden of Cambridge, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Buss of Woodstock, Chapin of East Montpelier, Coffey of Guilford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, Mihaly of Calais, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Rachelson of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Torre of Moretown, and Troiano of Stannard

Whereas, the catalyst for the formation of the Governor's Institutes of Vermont (GIV) occurred in 1982, when the Commissioner of Education and the Director of the Vermont Arts Council identified a serious deficiency in arts education that resulted in the 1983 launch of the Governor's Institute on the Arts, with a large and enthusiastic student response, and

Whereas, the mission of GIV "is to help Vermont create productive, empowered, and engaged young adults by reaching out to diverse learners with high-impact, world-class learning opportunities," and

Whereas, since 1983, numerous and academically diverse institutes have been established and housed on college campuses, and, in 2023, the institutes will focus on the Arts, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Environmental Science & Technology, Global Issues & Youth Action, Health & Medicine, Mathematical Sciences, and Technology & Design, and

Whereas, the institutes are geographically and economically, racially and ethnically, and gender- and identity-inclusive, as well as physically accessible, and students pay a sliding scale tuition, ensuring affordability, and

Whereas, in addition to the summer college residency programs, GIV has conducted winter weekends, one-day Artshops, and, in response to the restrictions of COVID-19, online summer immersions were developed, and

Whereas, Christine Graham, David Gibson, Jean Olson, Karen Taylor Mitchell, and, since 2021, Elizabeth Frascoia have each served as an outstanding GIV Executive Director, and over 12,000 Vermont youths have enriched their lives by attending a GIV institute, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Governor's Institutes of Vermont on their 40th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to GIV Executive Director Elizabeth Frascoia.