

No. R-118. House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Women's History Project and its women in journalism panel's commemoration of Women's History Month.

(H.C.R.81)

Offered by: Representatives Taylor of Barre City, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Devereux of Mount Holly, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Gallivan of Chittenden, Grad of Moretown, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Marek of Newfane, Michelsen of Hardwick, Mook of Bennington, Myers of Essex, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Stevens of Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor, Townsend of South Burlington, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, the Vermont Women's History Project (VWHP) was established in 2004 as an initiative of the Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) "to promote the critical roles women have played in our nation's history" and is now under the auspices of the Vermont Historical Society (VHS) and a steering committee consisting of historians and partner organizations, and

Whereas, the mission of the VWHP is "to promoting the understanding of the diverse experience of women in Vermont history" and "to create a new perspective on history and culture that will have a positive effect on society's perceptions of women," and

Whereas, the VWHP maintains an informative website featuring a database of Vermont women organized both geographically and according to 20 fields of endeavor including activists, early settlers, equal rights, government, politics, and sports, and

Whereas, March is Women's History Month, an annual international commemoration of women's historical and societal contributions, and

Whereas, on March 26, 2013, the VHS and VCW will cosponsor a panel discussion highlighting the contributions of women to Vermont journalism in the past, the present, and looking into the future, and

Whereas, moderating the panel will be Rickey Gard Diamond, editor of *Vermont Woman*, and panelists will be: Anne Galloway, editor and founder of vtdigger.org; Kristin Carlson of WCAX television; Nina Keck of Vermont Public Radio; and Terri Hallenbeck of the *Burlington Free Press*, and

Whereas, Vermont historian Marilyn Blackwell, author of *Frontier Feminist: Clarina Howard Nichols and the Politics of Motherhood*, will open the event with introductory comments, and

Whereas, the panel will focus on the challenges faced by women journalists, and serve as an encouragement for young women to enter this profession which is fundamental to our democratic society, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont Women's History Project and its women in journalism panel's commemoration of Women's History Month, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Women's History Project at the Vermont Historical Society.