

No. R-191. House concurrent resolution designating May as Older Americans Month in Vermont.

(H.C.R.139)

Offered by: Representative Poirier of Barre City

Whereas, the State of Vermont includes over 144,000 citizens 60 years of age and older, and

Whereas, our State is committed to valuing all individuals and recognizing their ongoing life achievements, and

Whereas, older adults in Vermont play an important role through their continuing contribution of experience, knowledge, and wisdom to life in our State, and

Whereas, they are active community members involved in volunteering, mentorship, the arts, culture, and civic engagement, and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, between 1977 to 2007, there was a one hundred and one percent increase in the number of Americans 60 years of age and older who were employed, and

Whereas, recognizing the successes at work or as retirees of older Vermonters encourages their continuing community participation and spurs further accomplishments, and

Whereas, local communities can provide opportunities enabling older citizens to continue flourishing by emphasizing the importance of their leadership and publicly recognizing their continuing achievements, and

Whereas, presenting opportunities for older Americans to share their wisdom and experience has enormous societal benefits, and recognizes these Vermonters as a valuable asset in strengthening and enriching our communities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May as Older Americans Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Inc. in Barre.