

No. R-205. House concurrent resolution commemorating the fifth anniversary of the death of Jenna Tatro and honoring the work of Jenna's Promise.

(H.C.R.151)

Offered by: Representatives Noyes of Wolcott and Carpenter of Hyde Park

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, for six years, Jenna Tatro struggled to overcome her personal substance use crisis before succumbing to it and dying on February 15, 2019, and

Whereas, Jenna's parents, Greg and Dawn Tatro, along with her siblings, Gregory and Amy Tatro, cofounded Jenna's Promise, honoring her desire, despite her own personal situation, to help others similarly challenged, and

Whereas, Jenna's Promise is "a recovery community in northern Vermont with a whole-life approach to the treatment of substance use disorder" and with a "mission to create a network of support that will help people suffering from substance use disorder," making Jenna's Promise a Vermont leader among substance use recovery organizations, and

Whereas, a primary project was the establishment of Jenna's House Community & Recovery Center in Johnson, which opened in 2021 and is located in a former Catholic church that the family purchased with Jenna's life insurance payment, and

Whereas, Jenna's House Community & Recovery Center "help[s] to break down the stigma associated with substance use disorders" through the hosting of abuse recovery meetings associated with all substances, and it serves as a business, community, and event space, and

Whereas, on February 15, 2024, Jenna's Promise is spearheading a social media conversation that will serve as a reflection on Jenna Tatro's life, discuss the impact of substance use on communities, promote hope and recovery from substance use, empower change, and honor her legacy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the fifth anniversary of the death of Jenna Tatro and honors the work of Jenna's Promise, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jenna's Promise, to Greg and Dawn Tatro, to Gregory Tatro, and to Amy Tatro.