

**No. R-274. House concurrent resolution congratulating Shelby Meunier of Swanton on her participation in the 2013 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Great American Marching Band.**

(H.C.R.205)

Offered by: Representatives Savage of Swanton and Consejo of Sheldon

Offered by: Senators Collins and McAllister

Whereas, Shelby Meunier, now a senior at Missisquoi Valley Union High School (MVUHS), started playing the flute as a fourth grader, and

Whereas, her talents as a flutist were apparent, and, as a sixth grader, Shelby Meunier was accepted into the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association's (VYOA) Chamber Winds Program, and now plays in the VYOA's top-tiered orchestra, and

Whereas, Shelby Meunier's other musical activities have included membership in MVUHS bands and playing at her church and private events, and

Whereas, in the winter of 2012, Shelby learned of auditions for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Great American Marching Band, and

Whereas, this national musical ensemble is re-formed for each year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade from high school musicians across the United States, and

Whereas, Shelby Meunier decided to enter this stringent competition, and was thrilled to have been the only Vermonter awarded a place in 2013, and

Whereas, along with the 280 other selected students, she traveled to New York City for a week of touring and rehearsal in advance of Thanksgiving morning, and

Whereas, on Thursday, November 28, 2013, Shelby Meunier proudly marched and played her flute in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in front of thousands of enthusiastic onlookers along the parade's Manhattan route, while millions more watched on television, and

Whereas, playing in the 2013 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Great American Marching Band was a singular accomplishment in which Shelby Meunier can take great pride, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Shelby Meunier on her participation in the 2013 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Great American Marching Band, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Shelby Meunier.