

No. R-416. House concurrent resolution designating March 27, 2010, at 8:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. (EDT) as Earth Hour.

(H.C.R.298)

Offered by: Representatives Wizowaty of Burlington, Zuckerman of Burlington, Sharpe of Bristol, Ancel of Calais, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Cheney of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Geier of South Burlington, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larson of Burlington, Lenos of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Milkey of Brattleboro, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Pellett of Chester, Poirier of Barre City, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Shand of Weathersfield, Smith of Mendon, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wheeler of Derby, Wilson of Manchester, Young of St. Albans City and Zenie of Colchester

Whereas, climate change is happening all around us, from melting ice caps to increasingly intense weather patterns, and its pace is accelerating, and

Whereas, in a bold statement of collective concern for our planet, millions of people around the world will turn off their lights for one hour—

Earth Hour—on March 27, 2010, at 8:30 p.m. local time, and

Whereas, in 2009, nearly one billion people from 4,100 cities in 87 countries participated in Earth Hour, making it the largest event of its kind in

the world, involving the darkening of hundreds of international landmarks, including the Golden Gate Bridge, Empire State Building, Eiffel Tower, Great Pyramids, Olympic Cube, and city skylines of Las Vegas, Hong Kong, and Tel Aviv, and

Whereas, Earth Hour reminds us that by working together, we can make a difference in solving one of the most critical issues of our time, and

Whereas, Earth Hour also provides an excellent forum for citizens to hold meaningful conversations about the ways in which all of us can act to be part of the solution, and

Whereas, Vermonters can see the moving demonstrations of other countries' participation at www.EarthHour.org, and

Whereas, by agreeing to turn off all nonessential lighting in the state house, all other state office buildings, and other buildings throughout Vermont during the event, the general assembly will join cities, states, individuals, and corporate and government leaders across the country and around the world in calling for action to save our planet for future generations, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Saturday, March 27, 8:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. as Earth Hour in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the World Wildlife Fund in Washington, D.C.