

**No. R-422. House concurrent resolution designating April 19, 2018 as Vermont Golf Day.**

(H.C.R.348)

Offered by: Representatives Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Cupoli of Rutland City, Poirier of Barre City, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senator Soucy

Whereas, the presence of the game of golf in Vermont dates back to the late 19th century, and

Whereas, the Vermont Golf Association (VGA), established in 1902, represents most Vermont golf clubs and over 8,000 amateur golfers, and conducts tournaments and competitions for golfers of all abilities, and

Whereas, since 1964, the VGA Scholarship Fund has awarded in excess of \$1.3 million to graduates of Vermont high schools who are pursuing a college education, and

Whereas, in 1930, the Vermont State Women's Golf Association was created to encourage women to play the game of golf and sponsors events for women golfers, and

Whereas, the Vermont chapter of the Professional Golfers Association of America was organized in 1965 and in 1982 became a chartered member of the New England Professional Golfers Association, and

Whereas, the Vermont Senior Golf Association represents the interests of Vermont's senior golfers, and

Whereas, in 1977, the Vermont Golf Course Superintendents Association was founded to promote the art and science of golf course management, and

Whereas, the golf courses in Vermont annually generate revenue in excess of \$61 million, are responsible for over 1,850 jobs representing \$28 million in wages, and raise more than \$2 million for charitable purposes, and

Whereas, approximately 90 elementary schools and Norwich University participate in the First Tee National School Program for aspiring young golfers, and

Whereas, today, April 19, the economic and historic importance of golf in Vermont is being celebrated at the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 19, 2018 as Vermont Golf Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Golf Association, to the Vermont Chapter of the Professional Golfers Association, and to the New England Professional Golfers Association.