

No. R-183. House concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial of the Vermont State Parks.

(H.C.R.138)

Offered by: Representatives Roberts of Halifax, Andrews of Westford, Andriano of Orwell, Arrison of Weathersfield, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bartley of Fairfax, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bongartz of Manchester, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Boyden of Cambridge, Brown of Richmond, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burrows of West Windsor, Canfield of Fair Haven, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Clifford of Rutland City, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Demrow of Corinth, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Goldman of Rockingham, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Headrick of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Hyman of South Burlington, Jerome of Brandon, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Laroche of Franklin, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Long of Newfane, Maguire of Rutland City, Masland of Thetford, Mattos of Milton, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McGill of Bridport, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Noyes of Wolcott, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Parsons of Newbury, Patt of Worcester, Pearl of Danville, Priestley of Bradford, Rice of Dorset, Satcowitz of Randolph, Shaw of Pittsford, Sims of Craftsbury, Small of Winooski, Stebbins of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Surprenant of Barnard, Taylor of Milton, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, Whitman of Bennington, and Williams of Granby

Whereas, outdoor recreation, as embodied in the glory of our forests, lakes, and mountains, is easily accessible in the Vermont State Parks, which are located throughout the State from Alburgh Dunes to Woodford, and

Whereas, the genesis of the Vermont State Parks can be traced to 1924, when Francies Humphreys of Brookline, Massachusetts, the owner of the Mt. Philo Inn in Charlotte, donated the 232 nearby acres that encompasses the 968-foot Mt. Philo, which is topped by a summit that affords glorious views of the Champlain Valley, the Adirondack Mountains, and the Green Mountains, and

Whereas, in 2001, in recognition of the historic role of Mt. Philo State Park in the recreational history of Vermont, it earned a listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and

Whereas, the manual work and dedication of the Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps crews and the greater travel mobility available following the Second World War enhanced both the attractiveness and growth of the Vermont State Parks, and

Whereas, in calendar year 2022, more than 1.1 million persons experienced the pleasure of visiting a Vermont State Park, and

Whereas, the 55 Vermont State Parks and 18 designated properties, which are a key component of Vermont's \$1.9 billion outdoor economy, benefit from the dedicated efforts of hundreds of State employees and the fundraising efforts of Vermont Parks Forever, the private foundation established in 2013 to support these special lands, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial of the Vermont State Parks, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the State Parks Division of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and to Vermont Parks Forever.