

No. R-45. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board on its 35th anniversary.

(H.C.R.29)

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury and Sheldon of Middlebury

Whereas, in Vermont, the extensive “creat[ion of] affordable housing and conserving and protecting [of] Vermont’s agricultural land, historic properties, important natural areas, and recreational lands” can be attributed to the enactment of 1987 Acts and Resolves No. 88, “The Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund Act,” which established both the Fund and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB), and

Whereas, the preserved 275,699 acres of working forests, natural areas, and recreational lands and the 170,918 acres of preserved agricultural lands, consisting of 789 farms, as well as the 900 businesses enrolled in the Farm & Forest Viability Program, all demonstrate the agricultural and forestry accomplishments of the VHCB, and

Whereas, the VHCB has funded the construction or rehabilitation of 15,000 affordable homes for rental or ownership, and lead paint has been reduced in over 2,800 residences, and

Whereas, 81 historic buildings have been restored for community use, promoting the State’s architectural heritage and revitalizing village and town centers, and

Whereas, over 600 AmeriCorps members have learned important life skills and values serving on VHCB projects, and

Whereas, Vermont is a far better place to live, work, and play due to the initiatives of the VHCB, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board on its 35th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.