

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 343

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration Program

Offered by: Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Atkins of Winooski, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Bouchard of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Deen of Westminster, Degree of St. Albans City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Edwards of Brattleboro, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Hooper of Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenex of Shelburne, Lewis of Derby, Martin of Wolcott, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Munger of South Burlington, Myers of Essex, Peaslee of Guildhall, Perley of Enosburgh, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, more than a century ago, hunters, anglers, and trappers were among the first conservationists who realized America's natural resources were in peril, and they acted on their own initiative to support laws that developed a sound legal system of overseeing wildlife management, including licensing fees, and when later perceived as required, they supported additional revenue sources such as excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, and archery, fishing, and hunting equipment, and

Whereas, in 1937, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act was enacted and established the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSRP), and other federal laws have subsequently expanded its application and scope, and

Whereas, the manufacturers of firearms, ammunition, hunting, fishing, and boating equipment have collected excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, manufactured fishing tackle, electric trolling motors, marine electronics, and motorboat fuel and distributed these funds to the states through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

Whereas, since 1939, the total contribution of the WSRP to state fish and wildlife agencies has exceeded \$13 billion, more than any other single conservation effort in American history, and

Whereas, this cooperative partnership between industry, hunters, anglers, trappers, boaters, recreational shooters, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and state natural resource agencies has resulted in the most successful model of fish and wildlife management in the world, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 75th anniversary of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration Program, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Director Daniel Ashe of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Commissioner Patrick Berry of the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, Manager Brent Miller of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation Northeastern States, President Clint Gray of the Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

**H.C.R. 343 HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE
75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U. S. FISH
AND WILDLIFE & SPORT FISH RESTORA-
TION PROGRAM**

Offered by: Rep. Brennan of Colchester, Et al

Offered by: Senator Westman

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

_____, 2012

Adopted on the Part of the House

Assistant Clerk

SENATE CHAMBER

_____, 2012

Adopted on the Part of the Senate in concurrence

Assistant Secretary