

**No. R-162. House concurrent resolution recognizing the value of public-private academic partnerships such as 3D Vermont.**

(H.C.R.119)

Offered by: Representatives Christie of Hartford, Lucke of Hartford, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, public-private sector academic partnerships can result in great benefits for the participating students, and

Whereas, an outstanding example of a public-private academic partnership is the new 3D Vermont competition that challenges secondary school students to research details about historic buildings in their hometowns and then design models of these structures using 3D printing technology, and

Whereas, the idea for this unusual event originated with Mike Hathorn, a teacher at Hartford High School, and

Whereas, to bring to fruition his combined historical research and 21st-century technology project, Mike Hathorn worked with Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe and other State officials, and

Whereas, White River Junction-based Matt Dunne, the national head of community affairs for Google, took an interest in this project and arranged for Google to serve as the competition's sponsor, and

Whereas, as part of its sponsorship, Google provided 10 Nexus 7 tablets for the first-place school and five tablets for the second-place finisher, and

Whereas, the much anticipated 3D Vermont event, with approximately 20 school teams participating, was held on March 27, 2015, at Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center, and

Whereas, a large rectangular floor covering served as a map of the State of Vermont, and a space was designated on this map for each of the towns that a school represented at the event, and

Whereas, in the designated spaces, the students placed their model structures and accompanying multimedia presentations for the judges' consideration, and

Whereas, the inaugural 3D Vermont event proved a great educational endeavor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the value of public-private academic partnerships such as 3D Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe, Mike Hathorn, and Matt Dunne.