

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 468

Honoring the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council on the celebration of its  
25th anniversary.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 24, 2010

Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. REED) submitted the following  
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

APRIL 14, 2010

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council on the  
celebration of its 25th anniversary.

Whereas, on April 8, 2010, the Blackstone Valley Tourism  
Council will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its found-  
ing;

Whereas, since 1985, the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council  
has been at the forefront of sustainable destination devel-  
opment, community building, resiliency, education, and  
scholarly research;

Whereas the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council is a non-  
profit corporation registered as a 501(c)(3) educational  
organization and is authorized under Section 42-63.1-5  
of the Rhode Island General Laws as the State-des-

ignated regional tourism development agency for the Blackstone Valley of Rhode Island;

Whereas the development region of the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council follows the length and width of the Blackstone River Watershed, from the many tributaries in southern Massachusetts, to the end of the river at the headwaters of the Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island;

Whereas the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council represents the Rhode Island cities of Pawtucket, Central Falls, and Woonsocket, and towns of Cumberland, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Smithfield, Glocester, and Burrillville;

Whereas the Blackstone Valley is the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution that began in 1790 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, when Samuel Slater began textile manufacturing in a wooden mill on the banks of the Blackstone River;

Whereas, since its beginning, the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council has worked to develop, promote, and expand the economic and community development base for the cities and towns in the Blackstone Valley to create a viable visitor and cultural destination that preserves the historic heritage of the region;

Whereas the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council works as an interpreter and educator of the history and ecology of the Blackstone River, initiates ongoing international relationships of major importance to the region, provides input on future riverfront and economic development, and develops various recreational activities;

Whereas the work that the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council accomplishes benefits from its partnerships with local social and community development organizations, municipi-

palties, regional and State economic development organizations, educational institutions, and National and international entities;

Whereas the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council was the first recipient of the Ulysses Prize from the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) that merits distinction for innovative contributions to tourism policy, sustainable tourism planning, environmental protection and new technologies, and in 2006, the Council received the UNWTO.Sbest Certification in tourism governance, the only organization in the United States to earn this certification; and

Whereas, in 2008, the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) recognized the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council with its Tourism for Tomorrow Destination Award, a prestigious sustainable tourism development award, in recognition of the integrated, community-centered, resilient approach of the Council to tourism development and community building: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) honors the Blackstone Valley Tourism

3       Council on the celebration of its 25th anniversary;

4       and

5               (2) wishes the Council continued success.

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