

No. R-62. House concurrent resolution honoring Milton town clerk and treasurer John Cushing on 46 years of exemplary public service and as an advocate for effective municipal governance.

(H.C.R.43)

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of South Hero, and Krebs of South Hero

Offered by: Senator Lyons

Whereas, in March of 1969, the voters of Milton elected a young and eager 21-year-old John Cushing as the town's new clerk and treasurer and launched a municipal government career that, perhaps to John Cushing's amazement, has continued for 46 years, and

Whereas, many Milton residents consider John Cushing and town government nearly synonymous, and he performs his duties with enthusiasm, integrity, and an unlimited passion, and

Whereas, despite John Cushing's impressive longevity in office, which according to the Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association (VMCTA) is the longest of any currently serving clerk-treasurer in Vermont, he has never assumed his reelection as guaranteed, and

Whereas, John Cushing served on the VMCTA's legislative committee, advocating in the State House on issues of importance to his colleagues, and

Whereas, for terms covering the years 1995–1996 and 2007–2009, the VMCTA elected John Cushing as its president, and

Whereas, the VMCTA named John Cushing as the first recipient of its Clerk and Treasurer of the Year Award, and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns presented him its 2002 Municipal Person of the Year Award, and

Whereas, John Cushing was extremely instrumental in the establishment of county-level meetings of clerks and treasurers statewide, and

Whereas, he was an original Milton rescue squad member, and he served as a volunteer firefighter for three decades and for a similar length of time as a deputy Vermont game warden, and

Whereas, John and Linda Cushing are the parents of two sons and a daughter, the grandparents of nine grandchildren, own two draft horses, and maintain an active maple sugar bush, and

Whereas, John Cushing has decided not to seek reelection to his position in March of 2015, ending an amazing career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Milton town clerk-treasurer John Cushing on 46 years of exemplary service to the town of Milton and as an advocate for effective municipal governance, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Cushing.