

No. R-73. House concurrent resolution honoring Robert K. Allen for his public service in the town of Reading.

(H.C.R.43)

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, for 40 years, Robert Allen has faithfully served the town of Reading in innumerable ways that far exceed the official duties of the offices to which he has been elected or appointed, and

Whereas, his history of public service in Reading began inauspiciously on Town Meeting Day, March 6, 1973, when he was narrowly elected to a one-year term on the town's Selectboard, and has been a member ever since, and

Whereas, this electoral victory was the first indication that Robert Allen could persevere through a challenging task, and

Whereas, for over 30 years, Robert Allen has chaired the Reading Selectboard, presiding expertly over diverse deliberations, and

Whereas, other town panels on which Robert Allen has served include the Board of Civil Authority and the Board of Tax Abatement, and

Whereas, Robert Allen's governmental role has not been limited to a legislative venue as he has served in several administrative posts, including Town Service Officer, Town Health Officer, and Town Zoning Administrator, and

Whereas, on numerous occasions, he has attended sessions of the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission, representing the concerns and interests of Reading before this regional panel, and

Whereas, he has worked diligently to secure Reading's fair share of town highway funding from the Vermont Agency of Transportation, and

Whereas, grant writing is a specialty of Robert Allen's as he has enabled Reading to receive financial support for many projects that would otherwise not be funded, and

Whereas, in 1973, 1976, and most recently 2011 after Tropical Storm Irene, Robert Allen has been a leader in flood recovery efforts, and during the past year and one-half, he has worked with the Federal Emergency Management Administration to finance Reading's infrastructure reconstruction, and

Whereas, this much respected man, who has dedicated innumerable hours to town governmental administration, from budget drafting to snow plowing, will mark 40 years of extraordinary municipal public service at the 2013 Reading Town Meeting, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Robert K. Allen for his extraordinary public service in the town of Reading, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Robert Allen in Reading.