

**No. R-99. House concurrent resolution honoring Daniel Roberts on his half century of exemplary service as a Tunbridge volunteer firefighter.**

(H.C.R.81)

Offered by: Representative O'Brien of Tunbridge

Whereas, Dan Roberts was born in Tunbridge in 1949, grew up in a home with four doting sisters, and now resides in this same town with his wife, Betty, and

Whereas, for this "at least" seventh-generation Vermonter, his attachment to the land is exemplified through his farming on Spring Road, and

Whereas, one of Dan Roberts's strongest associations with his hometown has been his five decades of service as a member of the Tunbridge Volunteer Fire Department, and

Whereas, Dan Roberts joined the department shortly after its establishment in 1968, and

Whereas, he recognizes the importance of remaining up-to-date in his knowledge of firefighting techniques and technology, and over the past 50 years, he has attended approximately 2,600 of the department's weekly training sessions, and

Whereas, Dan Roberts's firefighting colleagues know they can rely on him to assist in any role, be it entering a burning building to fight a fire, dousing countless chimney and brush fires or, on happier notes, helping to flood the Tunbridge Central School's skating rink for its annual ice surfacing and hiding eggs for the department's Easter egg hunt, and

Whereas, his service as the department's deputy chief extended "at least" 15 years, and

Whereas, former Tunbridge Fire Chief Brenda Field recollected that if a "challenging or, in particular, physically overwhelming" task was at hand, "Dan was the man," and Tunbridge's lack of a hydrant system is illustrative of this, and

Whereas, Brenda Field told the story about how Dan Roberts met the challenge to move the "heavy portable pump, suction hose, strainer, gas can and rolls of supply hose down to the river" on a subzero night when the ground was buried under three feet of snow, and

Whereas, Dan Roberts's dedication to serving the Town of Tunbridge at all hours of the day and night is admirable and an excellent example for others to emulate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Daniel Roberts on his half century of exemplary service as a Tunbridge volunteer firefighter, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dan Roberts in Tunbridge.