

No. R-110. House concurrent resolution congratulating William Kinney on 50 years of outstanding firefighting service in the Town of Bennington.

(H.C.R.92)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Carroll of Bennington, and Corcoran of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Bill Kinney's half century of dedicated public service, answering the fire alarm at all hours, began on New Year's Day 1969 when he joined the W. H. Bradford Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, and

Whereas, in July 1977, he transferred his firefighter's hat and boots to Putnam Hose Company No. 3 (the Company), where he has remained to this day, and

Whereas, Bill Kinney's commitment to the Company extends far beyond responding to the latest blaze or other emergency, and

Whereas, on the operational side, Bill Kinney has served as second and first foreman as well as in the more senior supervisory role of captain, and

Whereas, his administrative contributions to the Company are extensive, and

Whereas, he has served on many committees, including the Battle Day committee, which is responsible for organizing the Company's role in the annual Bennington Battle Day festivities; the building committee, which oversaw construction of the unified fire station; and the bylaw committee, and

Whereas, for nine years, from 2003 to 2012, Bill Kinney compiled the informative minutes and maintained the records in his role as the Company's efficient secretary, and currently he serves as vice president, and

Whereas, Bill Kinney has advanced his knowledge of firefighting methodologies and investigation techniques through the completion of many pertinent training courses, and his fellow company members have relied on his expertise, and

Whereas, he has worked closely with the Vermont State Police on matters of mutual concern, and

Whereas, Bill Kinney has earned the respect of his colleagues, and no task is too mundane for him to volunteer his assistance, and

Whereas, his sons have joined the firefighting service, establishing a family tradition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates William Kinney on 50 years of outstanding firefighting service in the Town of Bennington, and be it further

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