

No. R-186. House concurrent resolution honoring Director of Elections and Campaign Finance Will Senning for his superb public service.

(H.C.R.141)

Offered by: House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs

Offered by: Senate Committee on Government Operations

Whereas, Will Senning grew up in Duxbury, attended Harwood Union High School, earned his undergraduate degree at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, graduated from Vermont Law School, and practiced law at a Waterbury firm, and

Whereas, in 2011, Will Senning joined the staff of the Elections Division in the Office of the Secretary of State; in 2013, former Secretary of State Jim Condos, impressed with Will Senning's knowledge of Vermont election law and his display of administrative acumen, appointed Will Senning as the Director of Elections and Campaign Finance; and in 2023, Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas was delighted to extend his tenure in this role, and

Whereas, under Will Senning's respected nonpartisan leadership, Vermont successfully implemented an earlier summer primary date, greatly expanded the digitalization of the electoral administrative process, and inaugurated timely election night reporting on the web that the public, the news media, town clerks, and political candidates can confidently rely upon, and during the pandemic, he was instrumental in implementing a major expansion of the vote-by-mail balloting system on primary and general election days, and

Whereas, the cordial and effective professional relationship that Will Senning maintained with the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committee on Government Operations created a great partnership for the enactment and oversight of elections related laws, and

Whereas, Will Senning is a national leader in ensuring the integrity and sanctity of a state's elections and has been proactive in monitoring against cyber interference attempts, and

Whereas, this effort attracted the attention of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which hired him as the new New England regional security advisor focused on election security in the Department's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, leaving, at the Elections Division, a legacy of accomplishment and excellence, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Director of Elections and Campaign Finance Will Senning for his superb public service and wishes him all the best in his new position, and be it further

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