

No. R-193. House concurrent resolution honoring Henry Broughton of Vergennes for his half century of outstanding leadership of the Vergennes Memorial Day Parade.

(H.C.R.155)

Offered by: Representatives Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh and Lanpher of Vergennes

Whereas, Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) originated in the aftermath of the Civil War to pay tribute to and remember the soldiers who had fallen in that military conflict, and over the ensuing decades, Memorial Day evolved into a holiday to commemorate the bravery of all U.S. military veterans who sacrificed their lives in defense of our nation, and

Whereas, American Legion Post 14 in Vergennes (the Post) conducts the largest Memorial Day commemorative parade in Vermont, and

Whereas, the parade is both a somber reminder of the nation's fallen war heroes and a festive community celebration, and

Whereas, one of the Post's most distinguished members is Vergennes resident Henry Broughton, a U.S. Army Korean War veteran and 59-year member, who has served as the Post's Adjutant, Service Officer, Finance Officer, 1st Vice Commander, and Commander, and

Whereas, Henry Broughton's most enduring role at the Post is his volunteering to organize the annual Vergennes Memorial Day Parade, an important community responsibility he dutifully exercises with great pride, and

Whereas, parade management requires collaborating with many participating organizations and Vergennes municipal officials to ensure that the event is conducted safely, on time, and with minimal difficulty, and

Whereas, Henry Broughton has been a civic leader of many stripes, having served as a Vergennes Alderman and Auditor and as the Vergennes Rotary Club President, and

Whereas, Saint Peter's Catholic Church counts Henry Broughton as a parishioner and one of its lectors, and

Whereas, he is married to Lucille Broughton, and

Whereas, 2017 marks 50 years that Henry Broughton's superb organizational skills have caused the Vergennes Memorial Day Parade to be an eagerly anticipated annual event, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Henry Broughton of Vergennes for his half century of outstanding leadership of the Vergennes Memorial Day Parade, and be it further

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