

No. R-231. House concurrent resolution congratulating Goodridge Lumber Inc. of Albany on its 50th anniversary.

(H.C.R.172)

Offered by: Representative Sims of Craftsbury

Whereas, Colleen Goodridge and her three sons, Doug, Mark, and Brian, are the proud owners of Goodridge Lumber, an anchor business in Albany, and their careful family management has made the company an important part of Vermont's forest product industry and economy, and

Whereas, the history of Goodridge Lumber coincides with the Goodridge family's history, starting in 1973, when the family's desire to build a log home led to the purchase of an old sawmill for \$500.00, and

Whereas, borrowing a neighboring farmer's tractor to pull trees from the woods, the Goodridges sold logs to pay for repairs to the saw, and they recognized a business opportunity, which continues to evolve, expand, and thrive, and

Whereas, Colleen Goodridge and her sons have deservedly earned a reputation for honesty, hard work, and a strong commitment to the success of the Vermont forest-based economy, and

Whereas, Goodridge Lumber epitomizes family teamwork, and there is a clear family succession plan in place: Colleen is the matriarch of not only the company but also of the Vermont forest industry; Doug, with his degree in civil engineering, oversees the sawing; Mark is responsible for planing and maintenance; Brian directs the lumber yard operation; and the grandchildren are responsible for cleaning and stacking the wood, and

Whereas, Goodridge Lumber utilizes naturally rot-and-disease resistant white cedar trees, a renewable natural resource harvested from within a 75-mile radius of the mill; and the company produces over one million board feet per year, primarily for home construction and fencing; but with each log's most profitable potential always the objective, and

Whereas, as a former teacher, Colleen Goodridge places importance on educating future industry participants and the public, and she meets with students at the North Country Career Center, the company offers tours, and it has even helped publish a children's book on logging and sawmills, and

Whereas, Colleen Goodridge serves as the Vermont Forest Products Association Vice President, sits on the Natural Resource Program Advisory Board of the North Country Career Center, and is a past president of the Northeastern Loggers' Association, and her sons are also community leaders, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Goodridge Lumber Inc. of Albany on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Goodridge Lumber Inc.