

**No. R-261. House concurrent resolution honoring David Palmer for his public service in Central Vermont.**

(H.C.R.192)

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph, Ryerson of Randolph, Buxton of Tunbridge, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Haas of Rochester, Hoyt of Norwich, Masland of Thetford, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators MacDonald, Kitchel, and McCormack

Whereas, in 1975, as a VISTA volunteer, David Palmer focused on developing a rural public transit service for Central Vermont, and in 1976, he founded the nonprofit Stagecoach Transportation Services, and

Whereas, in 2014, Stagecoach has grown into a regional transportation service of 25 wheelchair-accessible vehicles serving 29 towns and 70,000 riders annually, with scheduled and on-demand transportation for medical appointments, senior citizens, and human service needs, and

Whereas, as Stagecoach's executive director, David Palmer has managed this nonprofit skillfully and adroitly, addressed changing federal policies and economic challenges, has expanded this always-courteous public transit service, and has never missed a payroll, and

Whereas, after the devastating downtown Randolph fires in the early 1990s, David Palmer served, from 1993 to 2001, as the first President of the Randolph Community Development Corporation, and his excellent stewardship resulted in the Randolph Area Chamber of Commerce's naming him its 1996 Business Executive of the Year, and

Whereas, due in part to David Palmer's dedicated public service, downtown Randolph today is robust, and the community remains a significant regional service center, and

Whereas, for nearly four decades, David Palmer has been a pillar of the Bethany Church, UCC, in Randolph, serving as a trustee, and a Christian educator for children and youth, and he was a prominent leader in the church's successful \$1 million capital campaign in 2008, and

Whereas, on November 11, 2013, David Palmer retired from Stagecoach Transportation Services, and among his many continuing activities is serving as a Vermont Ski Ambassador on the slopes at Killington, and

Whereas, despite David Palmer's quiet and unassuming manner, the breadth of his accomplishments in Central Vermont is impressive, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors David Palmer for his public service in Central Vermont, and be it further

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