

No. R-316. House concurrent resolution congratulating Ray Kimball on his being named a 2009 recipient of the Vermont Association of Broadcasters' Alan Noyes Community Service Award.

(H.C.R.228)

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Condon of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Emmons of Springfield, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham and Pellett of Chester

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, 1480 AM has been the broadcast home of a Springfield radio station since 1954, and

Whereas, the station, currently broadcasting as WCFR and with a signal enhanced with a repeater frequency at 106.5 FM, has aired a variety of program formats and been assigned several different sets of call letters, and

Whereas, in recent years, the station's current owner, Bob Vinikoor, has made great strides in revitalizing this local broadcasting resource and increasing its listenership, and

Whereas, one of the primary reasons for the station's renaissance is on-air personality Ray Kimball whose daily broadcasts have become popular with local listeners, and

Whereas, although Ray Kimball's broadcasts are primarily filled with musical selections, he has also used his air time to support community causes, and

Whereas, in 2009, Ray Kimball solicited his listeners to support the “Share the Warmth” campaign of the Southeastern Vermont Community Action organization, and

Whereas, his effective and moving appeals to the listening audience resulted in \$48,000.00 being donated to this urgent and worthy cause, and

Whereas, in recognition of this special project, and to honor his special role in revitalizing local radio in Springfield, the Vermont Association of Broadcasters presented Ray Kimball its 2009 Alan Noyes Community Service Award, and

Whereas, the staff and management of WCFR radio were thrilled with a statewide broadcasting organization honoring their wonderful colleague’s professional achievements, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ray Kimball on his being named a 2009 recipient of the Vermont Association of Broadcasters’ Alan Noyes Community Service Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to Ray Kimball and Bob Vinikoor at WCFR Radio in Springfield.