

No. R-317. House concurrent resolution congratulating Tim Johnson on his receipt of the Vermont Association of Broadcasters' Distinguished Service Award.

(H.C.R.229)

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Burke of Brattleboro, Condon of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Edwards of Brattleboro, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Milkey of Brattleboro, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Olsen of Jamaica and Partridge of Windham

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, Tim Johnson has broadcast news, public affairs, and other community events for the past 36 years, and

Whereas, Windham County residents first heard Tim Johnson's voice on the air in 1973 when Brattleboro radio station WKVT hired the then 17-year-old as a part-time announcer, and

Whereas, his natural broadcasting talents were apparent to listeners and station management and, within two years, he had been promoted to the position of full-time news anchor, and

Whereas, the allure of Tim Johnson's broadcasts attracted the attention of Springfield radio station WCFR-FM, and after eight highly successful years signing on from Brattleboro, he relocated the origination of his broadcasts to the Windsor County station, and

Whereas, eventually, WKVT so missed his program being on its schedule that it convinced him to return, and

Whereas, in 1997, when the then WTSA-FM news director Larry Smith was preparing to leave his post, he persuaded Tim Johnson to succeed him as the station's news director, and

Whereas, at his new radio perch, Tim Johnson has reported on local, state, and international events and kept his many loyal listeners well-informed, and

Whereas, he has ventured beyond the newsroom to call the play-by-play at local high school athletic competitions, and

Whereas, Tim Johnson's community role extends beyond the WTSA-FM airways as he has served on the United Way of Windham County and as a board member at Project Feed The Thousands and Warm Hands, Warm Hearts, and

Whereas, for many years, he has listened to the public deliberating town budgets and other matters while serving as the Vernon town moderator, and

Whereas, in 2009, the Vermont Association of Broadcasters (VAB) honored Tim Johnson for his many years of excellence in the broadcasting profession with the organization's Distinguished Service Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Tim Johnson on his receipt of the 2009 Vermont Association of Broadcasters' Distinguished Service Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tim Johnson at WTSA-FM radio in Brattleboro.