

No. R-343. House concurrent resolution honoring Bridport's Collector of Delinquent Taxes Harry "Boo" Duffany.

(H.C.R.248)

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, collectors of delinquent taxes are not the electorate's most popular town official, and

Whereas, despite the unpleasantness associated with this role, a collector of delinquent taxes enables a municipality to secure revenue owed that might otherwise remain unpaid for an indefinite period of time, and

Whereas, the person serving as a town's collector of delinquent taxes must not be easily deterred when official notices are ignored or taxpayers are initially nonresponsive or otherwise uncooperative, and

Whereas, for two decades, Boo Duffany has served in this challenging position in the town of Bridport, performing his duties effectively and professionally, and

Whereas, he has not shown favoritism towards any taxpayer and has always enforced the law as written, and

Whereas, his reports are always meticulous and well-documented, and

Whereas, Boo Duffany appreciates the importance of his responsibilities and seeks to collect all funds that belong in Bridport's municipal coffers, and

Whereas, his efforts on the town's behalf represent a standard of public service worthy of praise, and

Whereas, after serving as Bridport's collector of delinquent taxes for 20 years, Boo Duffany is concluding his tenure on Town Meeting Day 2014, and

Whereas, when not pursuing errant municipal taxpayers, Boo Duffany enjoys engaging in more enjoyable activities, and

Whereas, Boo Duffany is a charter member of the Bridport Horseshoe Club, and

Whereas, he enjoys hunting and viewing hunting programs and NASCAR races on television, and

Whereas, Boo Duffany and his wife Muriel "Pinky" have resided in Bridport for many years, and

Whereas, in honor of his extended and exemplary public service in an essential job that can attract citizen scorn and little praise, the 2013 Bridport Town Report is dedicated in his honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Bridport's Collector of Delinquent Taxes Harry "Boo" Duffany, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Harry Duffany in Bridport.