

No. R-334. House concurrent resolution honoring Marvin Locke for his exemplary civic service in Lamoille County.

(H.C.R.251)

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Wolcott, Higley of Lowell, and Woodward of Johnson

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, Marvin Locke graduated from the former Lamoille Central Academy and is a U.S. Army veteran, and

Whereas, as a young man, he served on the Eden selectboard, and

Whereas, in 1970, he purchased a dairy farm in North Hyde Park that he owned until 1998, but farming never deterred his civic involvement, and

Whereas, in 1971, Marvin Locke joined the North Hyde Park Volunteer Fire Department, remaining on the force for 36 years, and

Whereas, his willingness to respond to departmental calls, mastery of firefighting skills, and demonstrated leadership potential were all factors in his 1976 election as the North Hyde Park Fire Chief, and

Whereas, during his tenure as chief, Marvin Locke excelled at fundraising for constructing the department's current headquarters; purchasing equipment, including vehicles; and securing training services for his colleagues, and

Whereas, Marvin Locke convinced the Eden Fire Department that merging would improve area firefighting efficiencies, and he also established a junior firefighting program, and

Whereas, recognizing the need for improved regional interdepartmental coordination, he became a founder of the Lamoille County Mutual Aid Association, and

Whereas, Marvin Locke raised the North Hyde Park–Eden Fire Department to modern operational standards, and

Whereas, since 1999, Marvin Locke has served as a water commissioner for Hyde Park Fire District #1 and was active in the recent water system upgrade to introduce fire hydrants for rural fire protection, and

Whereas, for 30 years, until retiring at the end of 2015, Marvin Locke was the Town of Hyde Park Delinquent Tax Collector, and

Whereas, the Town of Eden dedicated its town report in his honor in 2006, and the Town of Hyde Park bestowed a similar recognition in 2008, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Marvin Locke for his exemplary civic service in Lamoille County, and be it further

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