

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 253

House concurrent resolution congratulating Edward Koren of Brookfield on his being named Vermont's newest Cartoonist Laureate

Offered by: Representatives Ryerson of Randolph and French of Randolph

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, Ed Koren was born in New York, graduated from Columbia University, and earned a master's degree in fine arts from Pratt Institute, and

Whereas, his primary publishing home is the *New Yorker* where over 1,000 of his imaginative illustrations, many featuring shaggy creatures of unknown origin and the unique Koren dry wit, have been published in the magazine's pages and as covers, and

Whereas, the illustrative creativity of Ed Koren has appeared in many other periodicals, including *GQ*, *Fortune*, the *Nation*, the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Time*, *Vanity Fair*, and *Vogue*, and

Whereas, authors Delia Ephron, Peter Mayle, and George Plimpton have written books that are decorated gloriously with Ed Koren's graphic depictions, and

Whereas, several museums boast Ed Koren's drawings in their collections, and

Whereas, academia has recognized Ed Koren's genius as a John Simon Guggenheim Fellow and a Distinguished Visitor at the American Academy in Berlin, and Union College conferred an honorary doctorate, and

Whereas, despite his New York roots and publication ties, Ed Koren is a proud Vermonter, having chosen to call the Green Mountain State home, and

Whereas, a resident of Brookfield, he is a member of the volunteer fire department and a former captain, and

Whereas, his art work has depicted Vermonters maneuvering through waves while whitewater canoeing or falling on the ski slopes, and

Whereas, Ed Koren has stated "what captures my attention is all the human theater around me," and

Whereas, his adoptive State honored Ed Koren as the 2007 recipient of the Vermont Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, and

Whereas, in 2014, the State of Vermont is extending a new honor to Ed Koren naming him the State's second cartoonist laureate, and

Whereas, today, February 27, 2014, Ed Koren's appointment is being recognized at the State House and The Center for Cartoon Studies, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Edward Koren of Brookfield on his being named Vermont's newest Cartoonist Laureate, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ed Koren and The Center for Cartoon Studies.