

# State of Vermont

## Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

### Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

By Representative Ancel,

**S.C.R. 38.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring the six fire chiefs past and present who have given over 280 years of combined service to the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department.

*Whereas*, for over a century the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department has doused the flames and ended the fires in the town of Marshfield, and

*Whereas*, the members of this honorable fire-fighting brigade perform their duties as a community service and may be called at any hour of the day or night regardless of the weather, and

*Whereas*, any successful fire-fighting team is dependent on the quality of its leadership, and with respect to the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department, the team leaders are the fire chiefs who have epitomized excellence in the line of duty, and

*Whereas*, Harold "Hap" Hayward ably led this special organization from 1969 to 1973 as part of his outstanding half century of fire-fighting service in Marshfield from 1947 to 1997, and

*Whereas*, from 1974 to 1983, Ronald Pitkin proudly wore the chief's helmet, his career having started as a high school student assistant at the fire house; he later became a fire instructor in Vermont and Central America, held many local offices including selectboard member, and has proudly tallied over 60 years of service in the department, and

*Whereas*, in 1984, John "Johnny" Schmitt took command, serving ably in this capacity until 1988, and he has been on the force for over 40 years, and

*Whereas*, starting in 1989 and continuing through 1996, the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department was under the careful leadership of Dwight Baker, who has now been a skilled firefighter for 40 years, and

*Whereas*, when 1997 dawned, the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department chief's job was assumed by Tom Maclay, who comes from a multigenerational family of firefighters; he remained in command until 2005, has now served on the force for 50 years; and for many years was Marshfield's effective town moderator, and

*Whereas*, in 2006, the family tradition continued when Thomas "Tim" I. Maclay II became the new fire chief, and he has remained in this post into 2012, having served in the department for 40 years, and

*Whereas*, each of these exemplary fire chiefs will be rightfully honored at the 2012 Marshfield town meeting, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors the six fire chiefs past and present who have given over 280 years of combined service to the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department.