

No. R-344. House concurrent resolution honoring Manchester Fire Chief Philip Bourn for his laudable public service.

(H.C.R.272)

Offered by: Representatives Keefe of Manchester, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fagan of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Pajala of Londonderry, Shaw of Pittsford, Sullivan of Dorset, and Turner of Milton

Offered by: Senators Campion, Sears, Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, a municipal fire chief must react quickly and wisely in the midst of tension-filled emergency situations and also oversee the department's daily administrative matters, and

Whereas, Manchester Fire Chief Philip (Grub) Bourn has served in this pivotal role twice, initially for a five-year term from 1994 to 1999 and then for a longer period, commencing in 2003 and continuing for 15 years into 2018, and

Whereas, the responsibilities of the Manchester Fire Chief entail devoting approximately 20 hours each week to overseeing the personnel and financial details of the department's operations, and

Whereas, Grub Bourn has performed both the routine and extraordinary supervisory duties of his post while owning Bourn's Tire and Auto Center and personally managing in excess of 100 plowing accounts for his customers in winter, and

Whereas, his fellow firefighters have great confidence in Grub Bourn's leadership, having repeatedly reelected him as their chief, and

Whereas, under Chief Bourn's leadership, the Manchester Fire Department has moved forward with major infrastructure projects, including the installation of an upgraded radio system, the purchase of a fire truck featuring a 95-foot tower, and the construction of a new public safety facility that greatly improved the department's home base, and

Whereas, in directing the firefighting and protection services in Manchester, Grub Bourn continued a family tradition, as his father was chief until 1970, and

Whereas, after a combined 20 years in command as the outstanding Manchester Fire Chief, Grub Bourn is handing over his portfolio of duties to another chief, and

Whereas, although his successful tenure as chief is ending, Grub Bourn is not departing and intends to remain an active member of the Manchester Fire Department, responding to the calls to douse a blaze, and to continue his teaching role as a Vermont State Fire Instructor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Manchester Fire Chief Philip Bourn for his laudable public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Manchester Fire Chief Grub Bourn.