

NO. R-47. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
THE PROCTORSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ON ITS
175TH ANNIVERSARY.

(H.C.R.24)

Offered by: Representative Shand of Weathersfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, fire protection has been of concern to the citizens of Proctorsville since the community's earliest days, and this Windsor County village established a volunteer fire department in 1833 under the leadership of its first chief, J.K. Hodge, and

Whereas, Proctorville's firefighters' first vehicle, a horse-drawn carriage, conveyed a minimal quantity of water and buckets for dousing a blaze, and

Whereas, the department entered the motorized era when it acquired its first truck in the early 1900s, and

Whereas, pumper service first arrived on the scene in 1957 with a maxim pumper of that year's manufacture, and

Whereas, for over a century, the coverage area of the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department included the entire town of Cavendish, but in the 1950s, the increasingly large workload placed on its hard-working volunteers prompted the department to limit its regular service to the village's boundaries, and today it is formally known as Cavendish Fire District #1, and

Whereas, the 1950s was also the decade when the department departed from its historic, original Main Street fire station which remains standing, and opted for a more modern building, and

Whereas, the department's second home was expanded in 1989 to accommodate the larger trucks that were being built for firefighting and to provide much needed additional space for equipment and personnel, and

Whereas, the department now boasts three trucks, a 1986 kme pumper, a 1989 firefighting utility vehicle, and, its most recent addition, a 2006 smeal pumper that stores both class a and b foam and includes a five-person cab with four air pack seats, and

Whereas, the 18 adult members and five junior firefighters now attached to the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department provide the village with reliable and high quality emergency support when their services are called upon, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department on its 175th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chief Robert Glidden at the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department.