

NO. R-69. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING THE
EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE OF RETIRED DEPARTMENT OF FISH
AND WILDLIFE DIRECTOR OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ROBERT J.
ROOKS.

(H.C.R.46)

Offered by: Committee on Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources

Whereas, achieving the position of the department of fish and wildlife's director of law enforcement is an accomplishment of high distinction, requiring technical expertise and proven record of performance as a fish and game warden over many years, and

Whereas, Robert Rooks was born far away from the Green Mountain state in Anchorage, Alaska and was raised in South Hero and graduated from South Burlington High School, and

Whereas, he served with distinction as a member of the U.S. Navy and was stationed aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Thomas Hart, and

Whereas, Robert Rooks studies at both Old Dominion University in Virginia and the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1979, Robert Rooks entered the state game warden force as a trainee, and, in 1980, he was assigned to the force's Hartford district, and

Whereas, during his career, he earned many advance law enforcement certifications complementing his outstanding work performance and placing him as a top contender for the promotions that were awarded him over the years, and

Whereas, in 1989, he was promoted to district chief warden for the northwest supervisory district, with the rank of lieutenant, and

Whereas, in 2001, the department of fish and wildlife, recognizing Warden Rooks' extensive law enforcement talent and achievements, promoted him to the rank of director of law enforcement in the fish and wildlife department, and

Whereas, his colleagues beyond Vermont appreciated and recognized his professional expertise and leadership skills, and he served as president of the Northeast Conservation Chiefs Association during the years 2004–2005, and

Whereas, he retired in November 2008 after nearly three decades of law enforcement service, and

Whereas, Robert Rooks served as a great role model for every warden in the force, was a tremendous asset to the fish and wildlife department, and played an instrumental role in bringing 21st century technology to fish and game law enforcement in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the exemplary public service of retired Department of Fish and Wildlife Director of Law Enforcement Robert J. Rooks, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Robert Rooks.