

NO. R-81. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING
RETIRED CALEDONIA STATE'S ATTORNEY ROBERT BUTTERFIELD
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE.

(S.C.R.11)

By Senators Kitchel, Choate and Illuzzi,

By Representatives Conquest of Newbury, Crawford of Burke, Larocque of
Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Leriche of Hardwick, Morley of Barton, Reis of
St. Johnsbury, Rodgers of Glover, South of St. Johnsbury and Toll of Danville,

Whereas, Robert “Bob” Butterfield grew up in Vergennes, and he graduated
from Middlebury Union High School, and

Whereas, after earning undergraduate and law degrees at the University of
Vermont and the University of Maine Law School, respectively, he served as a
law clerk for Vermont Supreme Court Chief Justice Albert Barney, and

Whereas, after concluding his court clerkship, Bob Butterfield accepted a
job as an Addison County deputy state’s attorney, beginning a professional
association with the Vermont state’s attorney system that would predominate
his legal career, and

Whereas, following a year’s experience on the prosecutorial frontline, Bob
Butterfield became a resource attorney at the Department of State’s Attorneys
and was subsequently employed as a private practitioner, and

Whereas, the lure of the tropics attracted him to travel across the Pacific to
work as a prosecutor in the office of the territorial attorney general in Guam,
and

Whereas, after his island sojourn, Bob Butterfield resumed his true calling as a Vermont state prosecutor, initially as a deputy state's attorney in Orleans County, and

Whereas, beginning in 1983, he served as an outstanding deputy state's attorney in Caledonia County before standing for election in 2002 as a candidate to serve as the office's senior litigator, and

Whereas, Bob Butterfield was elected Caledonia County State's Attorney, and the voters continued to express their confidence in his performance until his retirement on January 31, 2009, and

Whereas, his fellow attorneys in Caledonia County admire him greatly, and Bob Butterfield is well respected in St. Johnsbury where he is often spotted on his daily fast-paced walks, often simultaneously reading a book, and

Whereas, outside the courtroom, Bob Butterfield is an enthusiastic kayaker, bicycler and snowboarder and serves on the parish council of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, and

Whereas, after working many 16–18 hour days, Bob Butterfield is looking forward to new life adventures, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors retired Caledonia County State's Attorney Robert Butterfield for his outstanding public service and wishes him all the best in the years ahead, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Robert Butterfield in St. Johnsbury.