

NO. R-119. House concurrent resolution congratulating William “Bill” Collins on answering his 10,000th call for the Bennington Rescue Squad.

(H.C.R.77)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, rescue squad volunteers are individuals dedicated to helping others in their community, often at moments of extreme personal emergency and regardless of the time of day or night, and

Whereas, William Collins’s commitment to rescue squad service has lasted far longer than that of many of his colleagues on the Bennington Rescue Squad, and

Whereas, with both CPR and first aid training, he was an ideal candidate for squad membership when he joined in September of 1977, and

Whereas, he quickly acclimated to the unusual hours and varied situations that emergency responders must continuously confront, and he became known as a squad member who could be relied upon around the clock, and

Whereas, he demonstrated his interest in the quality of his work through his earning certification as an EMT-basic, and

Whereas, since 1977, William Collins’s association with the Bennington Rescue Squad has not been limited to emergency calls, as he has assumed several administrative roles in the organization including service as the assistant executive director and interim executive director, membership on the

executive and finance committees, and terms as both squad vice president and president, and

Whereas, in 2005, the Bennington Rescue Squad honored him with a special award for his many years of meritorious service, and

Whereas, William Collins, whose B-12 call signal is among the most commonly heard on airwaves of the Bennington Rescue Squad, responded to his 10,000th call for help on January 20, 2009, a remarkable milestone in an amazing tenure of public service on behalf of his community, and

Whereas, his 10,000th call was hardly his last, as William Collins intends to continue his service with the Bennington Rescue Squad well beyond the date of this historic call, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates William Collins on answering his 10,000th call for the Bennington Rescue Squad, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to William Collins in Bennington.