

**No. R-128. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Panton General Store on its receipt of a 2009 Vermont Centennial Business Award.**

(H.C.R.79)

Offered by: Representatives Clark of Vergennes and Lanpher of Vergennes

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, the office of the secretary of state, in cooperation with Vermont Business Magazine and the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, annually recognizes businesses in the state that have endured as economic enterprises for a century or more, and

Whereas, this entrepreneurial longevity represents a commitment to continuing and nurturing a business through both the good and bad economic times that inevitably occur over the course of a century, and

Whereas, in 2009, 11 businesses were recognized at a state house ceremony on March 5 where each honoree was presented a Vermont Centennial Business Award, and

Whereas, beginning in 1848, the Panton General Store has offered household goods and other useful wares to its loyal customers, and

Whereas, the store's home since 1908 is an historic 18th-century building on Panton's crossroads and was originally a local surgeon's residence, and

Whereas, despite the changes in purchasing habits through the decades, the Panton General Store has kept pace with the times and consumers' preferences in merchandise, and

Whereas, the Panton General Store's current owner, Andy Megroz, has focused his attention, in part, on serving the area's many summer tourists who are delighted to visit and patronize a mercantile establishment that is unique and offers them needed supplies in a convivial and interesting setting, and

Whereas, at 161 years of age, the Panton General Store remains a thriving and successful locally owned business that is meeting the challenges of the 21st century marketplace, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Panton General Store on its receipt of a 2009 Vermont Centennial Business Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Andy Megroz at the Panton General Store.