

No. R-129. House concurrent resolution congratulating the J.W. & D.E. Ryan plumbing and heating contractors on the receipt of a 2009 Vermont Centennial Business Award.

(H.C.R.80)

Offered by: Representatives Clark of Vergennes and Lanpher of Vergennes

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, in 1885, Robert Hudson established a business in Vergennes that specialized in stoves and tinware, and

Whereas, this enterprise continued to operate as R. Hudson until 1909 when his nephews, John W. Ryan and David E. Ryan, formed a partnership and assumed control of their uncle's business, and

Whereas, under the direction of the Ryan brothers, the business name was changed to J.W. & D.E. Ryan, and its operations were transformed into a full-service plumbing and heating contracting firm, and

Whereas, in 1946, Ralph, the son of John, and Robert, the son of David, joined the partnership, continuing the family business into a third generation, and

Whereas, in 1974, the family's next generation joined the business when Robert's son, Timothy, entered the business, and he purchased it in 1979, and

Whereas, Tim Ryan has continued J.W. & D.E. Ryan's reputation for excellence, employing highly trained staff, and

Whereas, in recent years, J.W. & D.E. Ryan has expanded its field of expertise to include work on solar and geothermal utility units, positioning the firm for the emerging business opportunities of the 21st century, and

Whereas, the office of the secretary of state, in cooperation with *Vermont Business Magazine* and the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, annually presents Vermont Centennial Business Awards to Vermont enterprises that have operated for at least a century, and

Whereas, in 2009, J.W. & D.E. Ryan celebrate the centennial anniversary of its trade name, and it has operated in the same location for over 120 years, and

Whereas, this venerable, but future-oriented, Vergennes business was honored on March 5, at a state house ceremony, as one of the 11 Vermont Centennial Business Award winners of 2009, and

Whereas, the century-long entrepreneurial dedication of the Ryan family to maintaining and growing J.W. & D.E. Ryan as a thriving local business has now been recognized with this award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates J.W. & D.E. Ryan 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 Tim Ryan in Vergennes.