

No. R-222. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating A. Richard Boera on being named Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce's 2009 Citizen of the Year.

(S.C.R.29)

By Senators Kitchel and Choate,

By Representatives Crawford of Burke, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Morley of Barton, Peaslee of Guildhall, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Rodgers of Glover, South of St. Johnsbury and Toll of Danville,

Whereas, A. Richard Boera grew up on Staten Island, New York, was a commissioned United States naval officer, graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology and then earned a graduate degree at California Institute of Technology, and

Whereas, in 1970, Richard Boera assumed the position of comptroller/business manager at Lyndon State College, and

Whereas, when he retired in 1989 as Lyndon State College's Dean of Business Affairs, Richard Boera was proud that after his first year at the college there were no annual deficits and that the college had doubled its enrollment from 600 to 1,200, undergone a major building program, and added new technology to oversee the larger physical plant, and

Whereas, in honor of his exemplary tenure at Lyndon State College, he was honored with the 1989 Lyndon Citizen of the Year Award, and

Whereas, after his retirement from Lyndon State College, Richard Boera applied his financial expertise as a consultant with the Caledonia North Supervisory Union and as interim business manager of Umbrella and of St. Johnsbury's school district, and

Whereas, Richard Boera has served in volunteer municipal roles, including Lyndon town and village auditor, Lyndon justice of the peace and planning commission chair, and interim Lyndon selectboard member, and

Whereas, he assumed numerous leadership positions with many non-profit and economic development organizations, including the Boy Scouts, Caledonia Fair Association, Lyndon Historical Society, Lyndon Institute, Sanborn School, St. Johnsbury Development Fund and the St. Johnsbury-Lyndon Industrial Park, and

Whereas, the restoration of the 1857–1900 district #6 one-room schoolhouse in Lyndon Center was a project he personally supervised, and the building has now been placed on the Vermont and National Registers of Historic Places, and

Whereas, in 2005, Richard Boera was presented the Caledonia Public Service Award, and

Whereas, in recognition of Richard Boera's nearly four decades of exceptional service as an educational administrator, public servant and community volunteer extraordinaire, the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce has selected him as the organization's 2009 Citizen of the Year, and the award will be presented at a dinner to be held on May 9 at Lyndon State College, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates A. Richard Boera on being named Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce's 2009 Citizen of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richard Boera in Lyndon.