

No. R-238. House concurrent resolution congratulating Vincent's Drug & Variety Store on its receipt of the 2009 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year Award.

(H.C.R.158)

Offered by: Representatives Minter of Waterbury, Stevens of Waterbury, Adams of Hartland, Ancel of Calais, Aswad of Burlington, Audette of South Burlington, Baker of West Rutland, Botzow of Pownal, Clark of Vergennes, Crawford of Burke, Deen of Westminster, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Fisher of Lincoln, Flory of Pittsford, French of Randolph, Grad of Moretown, Head of South Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Hube of Londonderry, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Krawczyk of Bennington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Marek of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, Milky of Brattleboro, Miller of Shaftsbury, Moran of Wardsboro, Nease of Johnson, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Pugh of South Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Sweaney of Windsor, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown and Zuckerman of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott

Whereas, since 1963, the President of the United States has designated National Small Business Week to recognize the contributions of small business to the American economy, and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), 97 percent of the businesses in Vermont are small businesses, and

Whereas, National Small Business Week will be observed in 2009 during the week of May 17, and

Whereas, as a central part of National Small Business Week, SBA presents a number of awards on the state, regional, and national levels, and

Whereas, one of these awards is the Jeffery Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year Award, honoring a family-owned business that has

passed from one generation to another and in which the family-owner being honored is the business's majority owner and operator and has a minimum 15-year track record with the business, and

Whereas, in 2009, the Vermont state and New England regional winner of the Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year Award is Vincent's Drug & Variety Store (Vincent's), which is located in downtown Waterbury, and

Whereas, the uncle of John Vincent, the business's current owner, opened a drug store in 1911 at the crest of Main Street in downtown Waterbury, and

Whereas, John Vincent's father purchased the business in 1940, and John Vincent subsequently bought it in 1972 after graduating from the Hampden College of Pharmacy, and

Whereas, under the ownership of John Vincent and his wife, Val, the business has grown considerably and been relocated to a modern space at the Waterbury Shopping Center, and two years ago, the store's pharmacy was expanded and the shopping area redesigned to be larger and more energy-efficient, and

Whereas, the Revitalizing Waterbury organization nominated Vincent's Drug & Variety Store for the Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year Award in recognition of this business's outstanding contribution to the economy of downtown Waterbury, the employment it provides to local residents, and its incomparable quality of customer service, and

Whereas, on June 9, *Vermont Business Magazine* will host a ceremony on the Burlington waterfront at which the award will be formally presented to John and Val Vincent, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vincent's Drug & Variety Store and John and Val Vincent on the receipt of the 2009 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John and Val Vincent in Waterbury.