

No. R-283. House concurrent resolution congratulating former Brandon volunteer fire department chief Charles Rivers on the 50th anniversary of his firefighting service.

(H.C.R.194)

Offered by: Representative Acinapura of Brandon

Whereas, the town of Brandon, as do most Vermont municipalities, relies on the commitment and generosity of volunteer firefighters, and

Whereas, volunteer firefighters are extremely special individuals who are also often trained to perform other public safety roles in their respective communities, and

Whereas, the unusual hours and demanding duties that are fundamental to volunteer firefighting can deter individuals from remaining in this position for an extended duration, and

Whereas, a volunteer firefighter who has remained on the job for a half-century is an extraordinary individual who merits special praise and recognition, and

Whereas, Charles Rivers joined the Brandon volunteer fire department in June 1960, and

Whereas, his leadership skills became apparent to all, and he served the department as both a lieutenant and, for several years, as its much-admired chief, and

Whereas, Charles Rivers' work ethic and dedication to the firefighting fraternity have been major contributors to the success of the Brandon volunteer fire department, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Charles Rivers on the 50th anniversary of his service as a Brandon volunteer firefighter, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Charles Rivers at the Brandon volunteer fire department.