

**No. R-287. House concurrent resolution congratulating John Barnes on the 50th anniversary of his service as a Brandon volunteer firefighter.**

(H.C.R.201)

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, John Barnes joined the Brandon volunteer fire department in June 1960, and

Whereas, he would faithfully respond to the department's call to duty on a moment's notice, and

Whereas, in 2009, health reasons prevented John Barnes from continuing to report to a fire scene, but he continues to attend the department's meetings as often as possible, and his colleagues continue to consult him on firefighting matters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates John Barnes 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 John Barnes at the Brandon volunteer fire department.