

No. R-50. House concurrent resolution honoring Brattleboro American Legion Band manager Don Strange.

(H.C.R.24)

Offered by: Representatives Hebert of Vernon, Burke of Brattleboro, Edwards of Brattleboro and Stuart of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senator White

Whereas, in 1990, a group of brass music enthusiasts gathered at the Brattleboro American Legion Post #5 to enjoy a performance of The Chester Brass, and

Whereas, in conversation following the concert, a number of the Post #5 members decided to form a band under the sponsorship of the post whose board of trustees concurred with financial support, and

Whereas, Don Strange, a one-time U.S. Naval trumpeter, assumed the position of band manager, and

Whereas, the choice of Don Strange as manager of the Brattleboro American Legion Band demonstrated great foresight as the ensemble has flourished as a highly respected community musical institution, and

Whereas, during the past 20 years, the Brattleboro American Legion Band has delighted listeners and spectators at its concert and parade performances in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, North Carolina, and Utah, and

Whereas, the band has played a summer concert on the State House lawn, appears annually on Vermont Day at the Eastern States (Big E) Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts, and performs approximately 20 concerts annually,

including appearances as part of the Twin State American Legion Band which also includes the Keene, New Hampshire American Legion Band, and

Whereas, the award-winning Brattleboro American Legion Band has distinguished itself nationally, having earned fourth-place honors at the 2002 American Legion National Convention band competition held in Charlotte, North Carolina and the second-place prize at a similar 2006 event in Salt Lake City, and

Whereas, after two decades of enabling the band to engage in grand music-making, Don Strange was honored on December 15 at the conclusion of his managerial tenure, and he anticipates spending more time with his four children, six grandchildren, and his wife of 46 years, Linda, but no doubt will still be seen at concerts, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Brattleboro American Legion Band manager Don Strange for his 20 years of creativity and ingenuity which have led to the band's great success, and congratulates him on a job well done, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Don Strange.