

No. R-53. House concurrent resolution congratulating Dr. Joe Klopfenstein on being named the American Association of Bovine Practitioners' 2010 Bovine Practitioner of the Year.

(H.C.R.29)

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes and Clark of Vergennes

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, the treatment of dairy cattle, be they Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein-Friesian, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, or Randall Lineback (the Vermont State Heritage Livestock Breed), requires medical expertise with a scope that exceeds the typical education provided in veterinary school, and

Whereas, veterinarian Dr. Joe Klopfenstein is the owner of Vergennes Large Animal Associates, where he first worked while a senior in veterinary school and to which he later returned to practice professionally because of Addison County's density of small dairy farms, and

Whereas, the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners has certified Dr. Joe Klopfenstein as a specialist in the treatment of large animals, an expertise he has applied with care, compassion, and skill on the dairy farms of Addison County, where he just might know every bovine within its boundaries, and

Whereas, proud of his role as a large-animal veterinarian, Dr. Joe Klopfenstein is dedicated to assisting veterinary students aspiring to follow in his footsteps, and he has offered many internships to help them facilitate this goal, and

Whereas, his community orientation has prompted him to volunteer veterinary services at the University of Vermont's CREAM (Cooperative for

Real Education in Agricultural Management), a student-operated dairy farm, and he has often testified before General Assembly committees on dairy-related issues, and

Whereas, the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) recently honored this distinguished large-animal veterinarian when, to his total astonishment while he was sitting in the audience at the most recent AABP annual conference, he was named the 2010 Bovine Practitioner of the Year, and

Whereas, this richly deserved award is historic because Dr. Joe Klopfenstein is the first New England veterinarian to be so honored, and

Whereas, despite all of his veterinary pursuits, Dr. Joe Klopfenstein's commitment to the civic well-being of the city of Vergennes is exemplified through his service as a member of its board of aldermen, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Dr. Joe Klopfenstein on being named the American Association of Bovine Practitioners' 2010 Bovine Practitioner of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Joe Klopfenstein in Vergennes.