

**No. R-69. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the
Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department on its centennial
anniversary.**

(SC.R.7)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

By Representative Greshin of Warren,

Whereas, the town of Waitsfield was incorporated in 1782 and encompasses both lowlands in the Mad River Valley and adjacent mountainous terrain, and

Whereas, although fires periodically erupted in Waitsfield during the town's first 128 years, the responses to these flames were ad hoc as the community lacked a formally organized fire brigade, and

Whereas, as the 20th century began, many rural Vermont municipalities recognized that organizing a volunteer fire department to quell flames threatening village centers and agricultural buildings was a civic priority, and

Whereas, the citizenry in Waitsfield proved no exception to this evolving local commitment to fire protection, and

Whereas, in 1910, a group of concerned Waitsfield freemen met to establish the community's first volunteer firefighting company, and

Whereas, from this original company emerged a commitment to dousing flames and minimizing the impact of fire damage to life and property, and

Whereas, over the past century, this local firefighting service, located in the heart of the Mad River Valley and staffed with a well-trained supply of always-available volunteers, has evolved into the modern-day

Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department that provides reliable and

timely fire protection to each of these towns, and, on a more limited basis, to other nearby communities through the mutual aid system, and

Whereas, on July 31, 2010, the Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department commemorated its centennial anniversary with celebratory activities held in the town of its birth, and

Whereas, the Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department, under the expert leadership of Chief Delbert Palmer, is a community resource that has enormously benefited the Mad River Valley and provided the public with the highest quality fire protection coverage, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department on its centennial anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department Chief Delbert Palmer.