

**No. R-72. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Capitol Stationers of Montpelier on its 60th anniversary.**

(S.C.R.10)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

By Representatives Kitzmiller and Hooper of Montpelier,

*Whereas*, historically, Vermont's downtowns frequently featured a locally owned stationers, but in recent years, they have been permanently closing their doors, and

*Whereas*, given this commercial climate, it is wonderful to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Montpelier's Capitol Stationers, and

*Whereas*, Capitol Stationers' tale is that of the Bigglestone family's six decades of maintaining a highly respected and appreciated stationery store in the heart of downtown Montpelier, and

*Whereas*, Bill Bigglestone, known to one and all as Mr. B, had labored long hours as a traveling salesman who serviced stationery stores throughout New England, and

*Whereas*, in 1950, deciding to end his grueling travel schedule, Mr. B purchased the Richmond Office Equipment Company in Montpelier, which he initially renamed Capitol City Stationers and soon thereafter changed to Capitol Stationers as it has been known for nearly 60 years, and

*Whereas*, Mr. B and his wife, Nora, operated this highly respected retail establishment until their retirement in 1982, and

*Whereas*, originally headquartered on State Street, in 1962, the same year Mr. B's son, Don, became a full-time employee, Capitol Stationers moved to Main Street into a building next to the fire station, and later that same year, Mr. B expanded his business, opening a second location back on State Street that sold office furniture and equipment, and

*Whereas*, he subsequently opened a gift shop on State Street in 1964, and, in 1967, consolidated the three locations into a new home on Main Street next to City Hall, where the store remained until 1996 when the family moved it across Main Street to its current location, and

*Whereas*, responsibility for managing this still family-operated enterprise passed from Mr. B to his son, Don, in 1982, and more recently, the leadership of the store has been transferred to Mr. B's grandsons, Eric, who came on board in 1991, and Kent, whose tenure started in 1993, and

*Whereas*, through the years, the family owned stationery stores in Barre, Berlin, Burlington, St. Johnsbury, and in Ponte Verde, Florida, but after the 1992 Montpelier flood destroyed much of the inventory, the Bigglestones decided to consolidate their business into the downtown Montpelier store and a satellite location, "Mr. B's," at the Berlin Mall, and

*Whereas*, Capitol Stationers' 60th anniversary in June 2010 was celebrated in the Montpelier Historical Society's newsletter, and the store is now thriving as the place in town to purchase office supplies, maps, novelty gifts, and greeting cards, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates Capitol Stationers of Montpelier on its 60th anniversary, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Eric and Kent Bigglestone at Capitol Stationers in Montpelier.