

No. R-120. House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont National Guard Command Sergeant Major Michael Dattilio for his 42 years of exemplary military service.

(H.C.R.82)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, Michael “Mickey” Dattilio enlisted in the United States Army in 1969 and was deployed to Vietnam where his commander praised the young soldier’s problem-solving skills, and

Whereas, on returning home, he joined the United States Army Reserve, and he advanced to the rank of Specialist E-5 in only two years, and

Whereas, in 1972, Mickey Dattilio joined the Vermont National Guard, achieving the rank of Platoon Sergeant (E-7) in less than nine years of service, and

Whereas, Mickey Dattilio was appointed First Sergeant of Company A 150th Aviation Battalion in 1982, creating a successful noncommissioned officer development program, and

Whereas, his sustained exceptional leadership resulted in his 1992 selection as Command Sergeant Major for the 1st Battalion 103rd Aviation Regiment, as the battalion’s senior noncommissioned officer, and

Whereas, Mickey Dattilio’s continued superb leadership and demonstrated success in positions of increasing responsibility led in 1994 to his appointment as Command Sergeant Major for the 86th Troop Command, and his professional leadership and safety concerns resulted in no deaths or serious injuries under his command, and his training programs ensured the next

generation of first sergeants and command sergeant majors was better prepared as future leaders, and

Whereas, in 1997, the Vermont Army National Guard appointed Mickey Dattilio as its Command Sergeant Major, the state's most highly visible noncommissioned officer, and he was a leader in successful partnerships with Macedonia and Senegal, and

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Mickey Dattilio repeatedly delayed his retirement at the request of Adjutant and Inspector General Michael Dubie, and

Whereas, after 42 years, Command Sergeant Major Mickey Dattilio is retiring from military service, and his record of accomplishment is truly superb, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont National Guard Command Sergeant Major Michael Dattilio for his 42 years of exemplary military service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont National Guard Command Sergeant Major Michael Dattilio.