

No. R-143. House concurrent resolution congratulating the *Addison County Independent* and its staff on winning nine New England Newspaper and Press Association awards.

(H.C.R.91)

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes, Clark of Vergennes, Fisher of Lincoln, Jewett of Ripton, Nuovo of Middlebury, Ralston of Middlebury, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Shoreham, and Font-Russell of Rutland City

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, the *Addison County Independent* recently won nine awards in the 2010 New England Newspaper and Press Association's annual journalism competition, and

Whereas, awards that a 700-member professional journalism organization bestows on newspapers and their staff are especially coveted as they represent the judgment of individuals who are well acquainted with all aspects of newspaper publishing, and

Whereas, at the top of the *Addison County Independent's* awards list was a first place for general excellence (best in its class) in the 6,000–10,000 circulation category, and

Whereas, first-place citations were also presented in the transportation category to senior reporter John Flowers for his stories on the closing of the Champlain Bridge; in the humor column category to news editor John McCright for a column on washing dishes; and in the editorial supplement category for a "Salute to Local Firefighters," and

Whereas, second-place honors were garnered in the editorial supplement category for the “Addison County Guide to Local Farms and Food”; in the feature photo category by photographer Trent Campbell for his image of Mike Sweeney crossing Lake Champlain in a rowboat as taken from the bottom of the boat; in the serious columnist category by reporter Andy Kirkaldy for his two columns on immigration hypocrisy and truth in the media; and in the history reporting category by John Flowers for his story on a sheriff’s deputy who died in the line of duty during the 1930s, and

Whereas, the *Addison County Independent* was given a third-place award in the advertising campaign category for a “reader-submitted comments” campaign, and

Whereas, these multiple awards demonstrate the unusually high journalistic standards that are regularly practiced at this small but energetic Vermont newspaper, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the *Addison County Independent* and its staff on winning nine New England Newspaper and Press Association awards, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to *Addison County Independent* Publisher Angelo Lynn and to each of the reporters and editors honored in this resolution.