

**No. R-150. House concurrent resolution congratulating Jeremy Haskins on being named a 2011 winner of the North American Retail Hardware Association's Young Retailer of the Year Award.**

(H.C.R.101)

Offered by: Representatives Trieber of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, the North American Retail Hardware Association (NRHA) annually recognizes a highly selective group of under-35-year-old owners and managers of independently owned hardware and building supply stores, and

Whereas, nominees for this honor are judged based on several different categories, including how they have contributed to the overall success of their retail operation and knowledge of its product inventory, documented evidence of initiatives to improve their familiarity with hardware retailing through continuing education activities, and community involvement through support of charitable activities and events, and

Whereas, in the 15-year history of this award, the selection process has identified over 100 young entrepreneurs who are the rising stars of the hardware and building supply retail industry, and

Whereas, in 2011, one of the selected honorees is Jeremy Haskins, who along with his sister, Heather, is the proud proprietor of the 12,000-square-foot-plus J & H Hardware in Bellows Falls whose colorful front sign identifies the store to those persons walking or driving by the premises, and

Whereas, Jeremy Haskins has been a prominent young leader in the Bellows Falls business community, and his sister and he also operate a recently added J & H Sporting Goods department, and

Whereas, he graduated from Hinsdale High School and studied at Lyndon State College, and

Whereas, Jeremy and his wife, Susan, recently became first-time parents, and

Whereas, J & H Hardware is a generous donor to the annual Falls Area Community Television Auction and to many other worthy causes, and

Whereas, the NRHA will present this much-deserved award to Jeremy Haskins at its 2011 annual convention, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jeremy Haskins on being named a 2011 winner of the North American Retail Hardware Association's Young Retailer of the Year Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jeremy Haskins in Bellows Falls.