

No. R-201. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Freeaire Refrigeration of Waitsfield and its president, Richard Travers, on winning the Green Mountain Environmental Leadership Awards' 2011 What a Great Idea! Award.

(S.C.R.22)

By Senators Lyons, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Sears, Snelling, Starr, Westman and White,

By Representatives Andrews of Rutland City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Degree of St. Albans City, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, French of Shrewsbury, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Jerman of Essex, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Larson of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Munger of South Burlington, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Shand of Weathersfield, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington, Woodward of Johnson, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Albany,

Whereas, long before 1968, when Act 333 severely restricted the presence of outdoor advertising, Vermonters sought to maximize the beauty of this special state, and Act 333 was an impetus for the adoption in 1970 of Act 250, Vermont's comprehensive land use law, and

Whereas, these laws spurred a great wave of environmental activism in Vermont that continues unabated into the second decade of the 21st century, and

Whereas, many individuals and statewide and local organizations are dedicated to creating a more environmentally hospitable Vermont for this and future generations, and

Whereas, the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain and FreePressMedia have jointly established the Green Mountain Environmental Leadership Awards to honor environmental innovators and leaders, and

Whereas, nominations were solicited during January, and the judges announced a winner in each of three categories at an April 14 presentation at ECHO, a date selected for its proximity to Earth Day, and

Whereas, the What a Great Idea! Award was established to honor “an individual or organization responding in a creative way to an environmental challenge in the community” through an action that “may be small or big,” and

Whereas, the winner in this category was Freeaire Refrigeration of Waitsfield and its president, Richard Travers, as reported in an April 16 *Burlington Free Press* article, “for pioneering work in cold-air ‘polar energy’ savings in cooling systems,” and

Whereas, this well-deserved honor recognizes a Vermont corporation that has worked diligently to improve the energy efficiency of its products helping to reduce its customers' carbon footprint, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate Freeaire Refrigeration of Waitsfield and its president, Richard Travers, on winning the Green Mountain Environmental Leadership Awards' 2011 What a Great Idea! Award, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Freeaire Refrigeration in Waitsfield, to its president, Richard Travers, to the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, and to FreePressMedia.