

**No. R-216. House concurrent resolution congratulating McNeil & Reedy of Rutland City on the haberdashery's 55th anniversary.**

(H.C.R.166)

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Acinapura of Brandon, Andrews of Rutland City, Batchelor of Derby, Bouchard of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Donahue of Northfield, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Komline of Dorset, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lewis of Berlin, Lewis of Derby, Martin of Springfield, McAllister of Highgate, McNeil of Rutland Town, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Perley of Enosburgh, Potter of Clarendon, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Turner of Milton and Winters of Williamstown

Offered by: Senators Flory, Carris and Mullin

Whereas, McNeil & Reedy opened its doors on April 16, 1956 at 81–83 Merchants Row, and Rutland City Mayor Dan Healy presided at the grand opening, where a pair of pants was cut instead of a ribbon, and

Whereas, the entrepreneurs who established McNeil & Reedy were James (Jimmy) McNeil and George Reedy, and

Whereas, Jimmy McNeil opened his new store after gaining 17 years of retailing experience at the Varsity Shop and in the men's and boys' department at the Economy Store, where he had been manager since 1953, and

Whereas, McNeil & Reedy first operated as the local franchise for Bond Clothing, and Jimmy McNeil described his establishment as the working man's store, and

Whereas, over the decades, McNeil & Reedy has developed the finest and most complete collection of tuxedos in Rutland County, which since 1969 have been offered for rent as well as sale, and

Whereas, starting in 2004, the Rutland Herald readers voted McNeil & Reedy as the best clothing store for three consecutive years, and

Whereas, McNeil & Reedy also sells public safety and fraternal organizations' uniforms, and since 1980, an expert tailoring department has been serving customers, and

Whereas, the McNeil family is civically minded as Jimmy McNeil served as a member and chair of the Rutland City Board of Aldermen, acting mayor, and belonged to many fraternal organizations; his son, James, currently serves in the House of Representatives; and McNeil & Reedy has actively participated in and financially supported many worthy civic and charitable institutions, and

Whereas, McNeil & Reedy has remained a family enterprise with Jimmy's twin sons John and James, now serving as president and treasurer respectively, grandson, Casey as secretary, and other family members, including his wife, Jane, daughter and son-in-law, Lynnette and Lawrence Gorman, and granddaughters, Alicia, Chelsea, and Whitney, have worked in varying roles at the store, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates McNeil & Reedy of Rutland City on the haberdashery's 55th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to McNeil & Reedy in Rutland City.