

**No. R-311. House concurrent resolution thanking Neale Lunderville for his leadership of Vermont's post-Irene recovery effort.**

(H.C.R.236)

Offered by: Representatives Hubert of Milton, Acinapura of Brandon, Andrews of Rutland City, Atkins of Winooski, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Campion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Consejo of Sheldon, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of Canaan, Kilmartin of Newport City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Berlin, Lewis of Derby, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Munger of South Burlington, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, Olsen of Jamaica, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburgh, Pugh of South Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, South of St. Johnsbury, Strong of Albany, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, in August 2011, the torrential rains of Tropical Storm Irene struck the state of Vermont, causing severe flooding comparable to the historic November 1927 flood, and

Whereas, in the aftermath of this devastating natural disaster, Governor Peter Shumlin decided that Vermont's recovery and quick rebound required the knowledgeable and professional leadership of one individual, and

Whereas, Democratic Governor Peter Shumlin discarded any partisan or political consideration and requested that Neale Lunderville, the first campaign manager, secretary of transportation, and secretary of administration for former Republican Governor Jim Douglas, assume this urgent task, and

Whereas, although Neale Lunderville was gainfully employed as an executive at Green Mountain Power Company, he agreed to take a four-month leave of absence to return to state government, and

Whereas, this insightful and unexpected appointment proved to be a wise choice, as few Vermonters possess Neale Lunderville's broad yet intimate familiarity with state government and its relationships with Washington, D.C. and local communities, and

Whereas, under Neale Lunderville's steady leadership, hundreds of miles of state highways were rapidly reconstructed, financial assistance was expeditiously directed to individuals, businesses, and towns on an expedited basis, and displaced state employees were relocated to temporary offices as the state of Vermont stayed opened for business despite challenging and unprecedented logistical impediments, and

Whereas, he made certain that the state's financial, human, and technical resources were deployed with amazing creativity, effectiveness, and efficiency, and

Whereas, Neale Lunderville placed the state of Vermont on a solid recovery trajectory, and he returned to the private sector with the appreciation of Vermonters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly thanks Neale Lunderville for his most commendable leadership of Vermont's post-Irene recovery effort, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Neale Lunderville.