

No. R-415. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Richard Strong for his more than half-century of municipal public service in the village of Ludlow.

(S.C.R.41)

By Senators Nitka, Campbell and McCormack,

By Representative Devereux of Mount Holly,

Whereas, extended longevity of service on town boards is not unusual in Vermont, as well qualified and dedicated individuals are asked to continue serving their communities for many years, and

Whereas, even with this tradition, the 58-year tenure of Richard Strong on the village of Ludlow water commission is extraordinary and worthy of legislative commendation, and

Whereas, Richard Strong has been a respected member of the commission throughout his service, and at an age when many persons have stepped back from active community roles, his work in recent years has been especially effective and important to the long-term integrity and capacity of the village's 100-year-old water system, and

Whereas, beginning in 2007, the village commenced a comprehensive water study, and by June of 2009, the \$3.5 million rehabilitation project was under construction, and it was completed in 2011, and

Whereas, the project's components included building new transmission and distribution pipes and a new 400,000-gallon water storage tank, and

Whereas, in recognition of his integral role in overseeing this pivotal project from conception to completion, in 2009 the village of Ludlow proudly named

the new water storage unit as the Richard F. Strong water tank, an especially fitting tribute, and

Whereas, on March 6, 2012, after serving his community with vigor and foresight for over half a century, Richard Strong retired from serving on the commission, and

Whereas, Richard Strong and his wife, Gladys Strong, are longtime Ludlow residents who have many ties to the community, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Richard Strong for his more than half-century of municipal public service in the village of Ludlow, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richard Strong in Ludlow.