

No. R-44. House concurrent resolution congratulating *The Wake-up Crew with Bruce & Hobbes* radio show on receipt of the Alan P. Noyes Community Service Award from the Vermont Association of Broadcasters.

(H.C.R.20)

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes, Jewett of Ripton, Fisher of Lincoln, Nuovo of Middlebury, Ralston of Middlebury, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of New Haven, and Stevens of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, after signing off the air on November 26, 2009, as host of Middlebury's WVTK-FM's daily weekday *The Wake-up Crew* program, Bruce Zeman, with 25 years of experience working with animals, received a call from Addison County Humane Society, asking him to look at an especially abused dachshund, a breed with which he had familiarity, and

Whereas, Bruce Zeman was soon introduced to a dachshund named Spot whose mistreatment was immediately apparent, and a smitten Bruce Zeman, his wife, Tami, and their dog, Nikki, quickly gave Spot, renamed Hobbes, a new home and loving family, and

Whereas, although Bruce Zeman spoke of Hobbes on the air, he was extremely protective of his newly acquired best friend and reluctant to bring him into the station and make Hobbes a regular member of his radio family, and

Whereas, as Hobbes healed and recognized the warmth and love he was receiving in his new home, Bruce Zeman changed his mind, and the renamed show premiered on March 1, 2010, and

Whereas, Hobbes's presence is frequently heard on air, and the show has become extremely popular with guests who know to bring Hobbes treats when they come to the station, and

Whereas, *Bruce & Hobbes* has raised over \$30,000.00 for the Homeward Bound Animal Welfare Center (formerly the Addison County Humane Society) and has matched over 350 animals with new loving owners, and

Whereas, Hobbes has been made an honorary K-9 police officer in Middlebury, Vergennes, and Bristol and was named the official fire dog of the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department, and

Whereas, in recognition of *Bruce & Hobbes*'s extraordinary work to improve the lives of animals and teach tolerance in general, the Vermont Association of Broadcasters has awarded the program its Alan P. Noyes Community Service Award, a deserved honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates *The Wake-up Crew with Bruce & Hobbes* on receipt of the Alan P. Noyes Community Service Award from the Vermont Association of Broadcasters, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bruce Zeman at WVTM-FM radio in Middlebury.