

**No. R-57. House concurrent resolution congratulating Jack Healey on winning his 20th Vermont Sportscaster of the Year award.**

(H.C.R.27)

Offered by: Representatives Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Condon of Colchester, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Huntley of Cavendish, Koline of Dorset, Malcolm of Pawlet, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Stevens of Shoreham, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Whereas, sportscasters must remain alert during a broadcast to call each play of an athletic contest and to be ready to supplement their play-by-play coverage with pertinent statistical information, and

Whereas, annually, the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association (NSSA) sponsors a state sportscaster and sportswriter of the year award for each state as well as a national award, and

Whereas, Jack Healey has been elected as the 2013 Vermont Sportscaster of the Year, and

Whereas, this is the 20th year that Jack Healey and his extraordinary sportscasting talents have been honored with this award, and

Whereas, before this year, no Vermont sportscaster had ever won the award on 20 different occasions, and

Whereas, with his receipt of the 2013 Vermont Sportscaster of the Year award, Jack Healey has been similarly honored in five different decades, having first won this accolade in 1979, and

Whereas, Jack Healey has worked as a sportscaster at WHWB in Rutland, WDOT, WVMT, and “The Zone” (WEAV and WXZO) in the Burlington area, and for many years at WSYB in Rutland, where he currently reports on events in the sports world each weekday morning, and

Whereas, his broadcasting skills have also been showcased on the Northeast Sports Network and WCAXTRA, and

Whereas, the University of Vermont men’s and women’s basketball and hockey games are aired on occasion with Jack Healey calling the plays, and

Whereas, Jack Healey is familiar with the baseball diamond, having broadcast games for the Vermont Reds, Mariners, and Lake Monsters, and

Whereas, all of the 2013 NSSA awards will be presented in the association’s hometown of Salisbury, North Carolina, and

Whereas, Jack Healey is truly one of his profession’s best practitioners and a dedicated sports fan who can paint a vivid picture of the action on the basketball court, baseball diamond, or hockey ice for the listening or viewing audience, and his receipt of his 20th Vermont Sportscaster of the Year award is well deserved, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jack Healey on winning his 20th Vermont Sportscaster of the Year award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jack Healey at radio station WSYB in Rutland.