

No. R-71. House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont state employees for their exemplary public service during, and in the aftermath of, Tropical Storm Irene.

(H.C.R.41)

Offered by: Representatives Davis of Washington, Cole of Burlington, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Lenos of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Moran of Wardsboro, Pearson of Burlington, South of St. Johnsbury, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, and Weed of Enosburgh

Offered by: Senators Doyle and McCormack

Whereas, during Tropical Storm Irene, there were many examples of Vermont state employees who made an extra effort to serve their fellow Vermonters, and

Whereas, for example, at the Vermont State Hospital, the state employees ferried 51 patients to safety, without incident, and often through waist-high water, and

Whereas, Department of Information and Innovation state employees took whatever measure was required to protect essential state data and digital resources, and

Whereas, both during and after the storm's onslaught, the state employees at the Agency of Transportation worked tirelessly to keep Vermont's damaged state highway system open to the maximum extent possible, and then strove diligently to expedite repairs and reconstruction, and

Whereas, at the Agency of Natural Resources, state employees assessed the environmental impact of the storm, paying special attention to water quality issues and how the storm affected a wide variety of ecological systems, and

Whereas, the Vermont State Police, emergency management personnel, and other state employees at the Department of Public Safety maintained law and order, assisted with search and rescue operations, and engaged in support activities that at times put the employees' lives at risk, and

Whereas, the state employees throughout the Agency of Human Services paid close attention to the health and social services needs of Vermonters and especially those of the children entrusted to their care, and

Whereas, many state employees worked remotely from home for weeks or months after the storm, performing their duties, despite the challenges of their dislocation, as efficiently and effectively as possible, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont state employees for their exemplary public service during and in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Employees Association.