

No. R-80. House concurrent resolution honoring Art Bradley, Kelly James, and Bob Warner as founding members of the Weybridge Volunteer Fire Department

(H.C.R.50)

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, in most Vermont towns, the fire department is a volunteer organization in which individuals respond to calls from work and home and at all hours of the day and night, and

Whereas, the Weybridge Volunteer Fire Department (the Department) was established in March 1961 when a group of interested citizens, recognizing the need for the Town to create its own firefighting capacity, met at the Town Hall to formalize this objective, and

Whereas, three of the attendees at that historic meeting and founding members of the Department were Art Bradley, Kelly James, and Bob Warner, and

Whereas, once the Department was formed, volunteers purchased an old truck and then devoted many hours to converting it to a suitable firefighting vehicle, and

Whereas, in December 1961, the Department purchased a small plot of land on Quaker Village Road in Weybridge and, relying largely on donations and salvaged materials, built a single-bay fire station, and

Whereas, in 1964, as the Department had grown, the fire station was expanded to a 42-by 40-foot building featuring vehicle bays for both a tanker truck and a pumper, and

Whereas, by 1982, the two-bay fire station was inadequate to meet the Department's needs, and a three-bay fire station, located in the new Weybridge Town Garage building, was inaugurated, and

Whereas, the founding and continued success of the Department is a tribute to its volunteers, including its pioneering founders Art Bradley, Kelly James, and Bob Warner, and

Whereas, in tribute to these three outstanding firefighting veterans, the town of Weybridge is proudly dedicating its 2012 Town Report in their honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Art Bradley, Kelly James, and Bob Warner as founding members of the Weybridge Volunteer Fire Department, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the Weybridge firefighters honored in this resolution.