

**No. R-219. House concurrent resolution honoring Robert Stannard on his retirement as a legislative lobbyist.**

(H.C.R.167)

House concurrent resolution honoring Robert Stannard on his retirement as a legislative lobbyist

Offered by: Representatives Jewett of Ripton and Taylor of Barre City

Whereas, Bob Stannard is known as a citizen's lobbyist who has been present on the State House scene for many years, and

Whereas, he began his working life as a lawn maintenance specialist, and

Whereas, finding politics and legislative deliberations more appealing than horticulture, he switched his career focus and assumed the task of securing clients to represent at the State House, and

Whereas, Bob Stannard launched his political and lobbying career as a Republican, then switched his allegiance to the Democrats and served as a member in House Speaker Ralph Wright's kitchen cabinet of informal advisors, and

Whereas, during his storied political career, Bob Stannard's gleaming bald head has been a shining presence in the State House's crowded hallways, and

Whereas, he has represented ordinary people and businesses in their opposition to large farms and nuclear power and in favor of home weatherization funding, and

Whereas, Bob Stannard has brought a deft touch and a sharp sense of humor to his work as a State House lobbyist and has never allowed a legislative fight to become personal, and

Whereas, when not walking the halls of the State House, Bob Stannard has written and published a book entitled *How to Survive the Recession*, which is his personal formula for living a happy life, and

Whereas, Bob Stannard is an accomplished blues harmonica player who will travel hundreds of miles to play a gig, and

Whereas, Bob Stannard has announced to his broad circle of friends that he will retire from lobbying at the final fall of the gavel of the 2013 legislative session, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends best wishes to Bob Stannard for an enjoyable and musically active retirement, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bob Stannard.