

No. R-221. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Pittsford Fire Department on its 65th anniversary.

(H.C.R.169)

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, in December 1948, 28 residents of Pittsford, recognizing the need for a local fire protection service, established the Pittsford Fire Department as a municipal operation reliant on volunteer firefighters, and

Whereas, an early goal of the department was the building of a fire station, and the membership began a fundraising drive to accomplish this important task, and

Whereas, in 1951, with funds the members raised, and having used exclusively volunteer labor, the two-bay Pittsford Fire Station was dedicated, and

Whereas, further additions to the original structure have included a meeting room in 1964, two new truck bays in 1971, and most recently three more truck bays in 1985, and

Whereas, the financing for each of these projects was derived exclusively from donated funds, and volunteers were responsible for all of the construction work, and

Whereas, in 1966, the Nickwackett Hose Company was formed to serve as the charitable and social service organization associated with the Pittsford Fire Department, and

Whereas, for 33 years, the Nickwackett Hose Company has conducted two haunted house weekends annually as fundraising events for the department to purchase equipment, to support a scholarship program that was started in 1990 for Otter Valley Union High School graduates, and to make donations to needy individuals or organizations, and

Whereas, looking to the next generation of firefighters, in 1987, the Pittsford Fire Department formed a cadet program for interested students at Otter Valley Union High School, and

Whereas, the Pittsford Fire Department protects approximately 3,000 residents in the towns of Pittsford and Florence, now operates from two fire stations, owns eight pieces of firefighting apparatus, and is a member of the Rutland County Fire Mutual Aid Association, and

Whereas, on August 17, 2013, the 44-member Pittsford Department will celebrate its 65th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Pittsford Fire Department on its 65th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Pittsford Fire Department.