

No. R-287. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the *Montpelier Bridge* on its 20th anniversary.

(S.C.R.32)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Hooper of Montpelier and Kitzmiller of Montpelier,

Whereas, for two decades, the *Montpelier Bridge* has informed and enlightened the reading public of the greater Montpelier area, and

Whereas, since its first issue appeared in 1993, the *Montpelier Bridge* has sought to serve as a community-focused newspaper reporting on the many facets of life in Vermont's capital city, and

Whereas, the inaugural issue was produced under the volunteer leadership and direction of Editor Bernie Folta, Assistant Editor Phil Dodd, Copyeditor Kate Mueller, Business Manager Steve Larose, who also was responsible for production and design, while Nancy Schulz sold advertisements, and

Whereas, the first front page featured Patricia Blouin, Jake Brown, Nat Frothingham, and Doug Wilhelm bylines, a Patricia Mitofsky photo, and a Tim Newcomb illustration, and

Whereas, Nat Frothingham is now in charge as Editor and Publisher, and his staff includes General Manager Bob Nuner, Strategic Planner Amy Brooks Thornton, Production and Calendar Editor Kate Mueller, Sales Representatives Carolyn Grodinsky, Rick McMahan, and Ivan Shadis, Graphic Design and Layout person Cynthia Ryan, who also serves as Website Manager, Bookkeeper Kathryn Leith, and Distribution staffers Kevin Fair, Diana Koliander-Hart, Daniel Renfro, and Anna Sarquiz, and

Whereas, specialized reports have included a survey of local architects, planners, and others who wrote of their visions for Montpelier's future, and the *Montpelier Bridge's* presentation featured a detailed color map of their proposals, and

Whereas, in a letter to readers, coinciding with the *Bridge's* 20th anniversary, Editor and Publisher Nat Frothingham set forth his future goals regarding coverage, digitalization, distribution, and staffing, and

Whereas, the *Bridge* is a leader in the field of community journalism and has become an important news and cultural resource in Montpelier, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the *Montpelier Bridge* on its 20th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the staff at the *Montpelier Bridge*.