

No. R-323. Senate concurrent resolution honoring S. John Osha.

(S.C.R.50)

By Senator MacDonald,

By Representatives French of Randolph and Ryerson of Randolph,

Whereas, John Osha was born on April 7, 1941 on his parents' East Brookfield dairy farm, and

Whereas, as a youth, John Osha rode calves in local Brookfield parades and later worked as a horse riding instructor at the Green Trails Inn, and

Whereas, he graduated from Spaulding High School and Rutgers University before serving in the U.S. Army, and

Whereas, John Osha began his business career as an underwriter at the Glens Falls Insurance Company in New York, before becoming a special agent at the Mutual Insurance Company of Burlington, and

Whereas, in 1968, he married Gail Aprilliano, and they are the parents of Adam and Amy, and

Whereas, from 1969 to 1993, John Osha worked at his family's Holden Insurance Agency in Randolph, and

Whereas, because of his unique business and community knowledge, in 1973 John Osha became a director and stockholder of the Randolph National Bank and from 1986 to 2013 served as its chair, and

Whereas, during his service at the bank, its assets increased ninefold, and

Whereas, missing dairying, in 1978 John Osha purchased a 240-acre, 130-cow dairy farm in Randolph, and

Whereas, in 1992, John Osha was named Vermont Dairy Farmer of the Year, and

Whereas, he was a director of Montpelier's Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company from 1996 until 2014, serving as board chair for the last nine years, and

Whereas, during his 18-year tenure at Union Mutual, direct written premiums increased threefold, and

Whereas, his business and agricultural achievements in the Green Mountain State merit special recognition, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors S. John Osha for his many business and agricultural accomplishments, *and be it further*

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