

No. R-331. House concurrent resolution honoring employees of municipal public works departments and designating May 18–24, 2014 as Public Works Week in Vermont.

(H.C.R.236)

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Ancel of Calais, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of Canaan, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Fairfax, Moran of Wardsboro, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Shoreham, Strong of Albany, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Winters of Williamstown, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Bray, Collins, Flory, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, Lyons, MacDonald, McAllister, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, and Zuckerman

Whereas, much of the highway and bridge network in Vermont is municipally owned, and the responsibility for its maintenance is assigned to local public works departments, and

Whereas, local public works departments perform outstanding work to maintain the infrastructure that enables Vermonters to drive their cars without concern that the surface roadway is not properly maintained, and

Whereas, when extremely inclement weather strikes, such as a severe snowstorm or a thunderstorm with high-velocity winds, municipal public works departments' crews are called upon to perform often difficult tasks under the worst possible climatic conditions and not infrequently in the middle of the night, and

Whereas, these special but essential jobs can range from removing snow from the highway while blowing drifts are inhibiting steady progress to supporting utility crews removing trees entangled in dangerously electrified cables, and

Whereas, on May 14, the Vermont Municipal Highway Association will hold its annual Equipment Show and Field Day at the Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, local public works departments' crews from across Vermont will attend this showcase of modern maintenance and proudly demonstrate their ability to use their equipment most effectively, and

Whereas, the Vermont Municipal Highway Association event also serves as an opportunity for vendors to display new products that public works departments' staff can examine and consider purchasing, and

Whereas, May is also an important month for these dedicated municipal employees as the week of May 18–24, 2014 is being observed as Public Works Week in order to recognize these all-too-often unsung heroes who maintain highways, bridges, and other essential municipal infrastructure 365 days a year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont's outstanding employees of municipal public works departments and designates May 18–24, 2014 as Public Works Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Barre Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen.