

No. R-365. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Air Pollution Control Division Director Richard Valentinetti.

(S.C.R.53)

By Senators Lyons, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Collins, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, Kitchel, MacDonald, Mazza, McAllister, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, and Zuckerman,

By Representatives McCormack of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Deen of Westminster, Emmons of Springfield, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Helm of Fair Haven, Hoyt of Norwich, Johnson of Canaan, and Masland of Thetford,

Whereas, the mission of the Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Air Pollution Control (Division) is to maintain and improve the quality of the air Vermonters breathe, and

Whereas, for four decades, Richard Valentinetti has directed the Division in the implementation of its vital environmental protection responsibilities, and

Whereas, in this role, Richard Valentinetti has demonstrated an unwavering and enduring commitment to promoting increasingly cleaner air in Vermont, and

Whereas, Richard Valentinetti's leadership of the Division has resulted in the development of air quality improvement policies and projects benefiting Vermonters' health and quality of life, and

Whereas, he was a key contributor in building the technical foundation justifying the establishment of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) acid rain initiative, and

Whereas, under his direction, the Division conducted a monitoring program documenting that mercury is transported for long distances, and

Whereas, Richard Valentinetti played a major role in the creation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, "the first market-based regulatory program in the United States to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," and

Whereas, he has continued to invest Division resources in the development of reliable and respected air quality research leading to Vermont's reputation as a national leader in this complex scientific area, and

Whereas, Richard Valentinetti's leadership in air quality regulation, including the nation's first emission limits for outdoor wood-fired boilers and coordinating the regional adoption of California's vehicle emission standards, is a truly impressive model for other states, and

Whereas, as a leader in regional clean air regulatory organizations, Richard Valentinetti has brought his regulatory expertise to other jurisdictions, and

Whereas, this outstanding environmental pioneer, whose tenure as Vermont's senior air pollution control official is the longest of any state, is being honored this spring with the prestigious EPA Clean Air Excellence Award, a special recognition he richly deserves, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Air Pollution Control Division Director Richard Valentinetti, *and be it further*

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