

No. R-402. House concurrent resolution honoring Richard Andrews as a conservationist and hiking recreational leader.

(H.C.R.292)

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Springfield, Bartholomew of Hartland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Clarkson of Woodstock, Connor of Fairfield, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Donahue of Northfield, Emmons of Springfield, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Jewett of Ripton, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Krowinski of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Michelsen of Hardwick, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Strong of Albany, Toleno of Brattleboro, Trieber of Rockingham, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, Dick Andrews' background as a mechanical engineer, writer, and editor has contributed to his roles as a conservation advocate and hiking recreational leader, and

Whereas, the holder of a master's degree in mechanical engineer from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, he drew on his engineering training to develop the moldering privy in collaboration with the Green Mountain Club, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, the National Park Service, and the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and

Whereas, privies are an essential waste management tool on long distance hiking trails, and

Whereas, according to a manual that Dick Andrews coauthored, a moldering privy has the dual advantages of the environmental benefits of composting combined with "less maintenance expense and risk" than earlier privy systems, and

Whereas, the first moldering privy on the Long Trail-Appalachian Trail was established at Little Rock Pond in 1997, and its use has spread beyond Vermont, and

Whereas, Dick Andrews has applied his sharp research and editorial skills to his advocacy and drafting roles for the 1984 Vermont Wilderness Act, as Forest Watch's Southern Vermont Outreach Coordinator, and as the Green Mountain Club's *Long Trail News*' copy editor, and

Whereas, as a 35-year member of the Green Mountain Club, Dick Andrews' field service roles as a trail maintainer on Peru Peak and site adopter for the Griffith Lake tenting area are a model for other volunteers to emulate, and

Whereas, Dick Andrews serves on numerous Green Mountain Club committees, including its executive committee, and as the club's treasurer, helping to ensure the club's financial soundness, and has worked in important editorial roles on guidebooks, and

Whereas, in recognition of his superb work, in 2013 Dick Andrews was presented the Green Mountain Club's President's Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Richard Andrews as a conservationist and hiking recreational leader, and be it further

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