

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 84

House concurrent resolution honoring Darby Bradley for his many exemplary contributions to land conservation in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Ancel of Calais, Bartholomew of Hartland, Branagan of Georgia, Cheney of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Deen of Westminster, Gage of Rutland City, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of Canaan, Klein of East Montpelier, Lawrence of Lyndon, Malcolm of Pawlet, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Partridge of Windham, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Shoreham, Stuart of Brattleboro, Webb of Shelburne, Wilson of Manchester, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Hartwell, Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, there is little doubt the Vermont landscape would have a different and less rural appearance were it not for the more than three decades of meticulous work and leadership of Darby Bradley, and

Whereas, in 1981, Darby Bradley began his odyssey as a land conservator in Vermont when the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) hired him as the organization's legal counsel, and

Whereas, in 1985, Governor Madeleine Kunin selected this talented attorney to serve as the Vermont Environmental Board Chair, and in 1987, she appointed him to the Governor's Commission on the Future of Vermont, and

Whereas, Governor Howard Dean named him to serve on his Governor's Council of Environmental Advisors, and

Whereas, Darby Bradley was an original advocate for the successful creation of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, and

Whereas, based on his decade of Vermont environmental law experience and especially his expertise on land conservation matters, in 1990, the VLT appointed Darby Bradley as its president, and he served in this important leadership role until 2007, and

Whereas, in the mid-1990s, Darby Bradley chaired the Vermont Forest Resources Advisory Council on which he oversaw deliberations on clear-cutting, herbicide spraying, and property taxes, and

Whereas, his most significant land conservation endeavor was overseeing the VLT's decisive role in the joint public-private acquisition and conservation of the 133,000 acres of Champion International lands in the Northeast Kingdom, and

Whereas, he has remained an ardent advocate for private forestland-owners and for the Current Use Program, and

Whereas, nationally, Darby Bradley has served as a trustee of the Land Trust Alliance, and the organization honored him with its prestigious Kingsbury Browne Leadership Award, and

Whereas, in 2013, Darby Bradley is concluding his distinguished career at the Vermont Land Trust, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Darby Bradley for his many exemplary contributions to land conservation in Vermont, and be it further

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