

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 160

House concurrent resolution honoring John Hasen on his outstanding career as an attorney dedicated to serving the public

Offered by: Representatives Deen of Westminster, Cheney of Norwich, and Klein of East Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Lyons

Whereas John Hasen graduated cum laude from St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire and magna cum laude from Amherst College, and these academic achievements were indicative of his career path, and

Whereas, while a student at New York University School of Law, John Hasen was talented as a legal researcher and writer, which led to his appointment as managing editor of the *New York University Review of Law and Social Change*, and

Whereas, a prestigious summer 1975 internship with the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York introduced him to public service in the legal profession, and

Whereas, John Hasen began his legal career in 1976 as a VISTA attorney at the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project of Vermont Legal Aid, where he became a staff attorney in 1977 and was appointed director in 1983, and

Whereas, he returned to New York City, where from 1984 to 1986 he worked at the Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law, and

Whereas, 1986 marked the start of John Hasen's role as an attorney for the State of Vermont, initially at the Vermont State Hospital, then as a Vermont Assistant Attorney General in the Environmental Unit, where his successful prosecutorial work led to supervisory positions in the Office of the Attorney General first in 1994 as Chief of the Public Protection Division and then in 1997 as Director of the Environmental Unit, and

Whereas, a new position as General Counsel of the Environmental Board and the Water Resources Board, the predecessors to the Natural Resources Board, began in 1999, and for the past 14 years, John Hasen has led a legal team immersed in matters pertaining to Act 250, and

Whereas, John Hasen has served in civic leadership roles including membership on the Shelburne Board of Civil Authority and the Cathedral Square Corporation's Board of Directors, and

Whereas, John Hasen's thespian roles have included performing with the Lyric Theatre in Burlington and other amateur theatrical companies, and

Whereas, this highly respected public servant has recently concluded his career as a lawyer for the State of Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors John Hasen on his outstanding career as an attorney dedicated to serving the public, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Hasen and to the Natural Resources Board.