

**No. R-201. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Colonel Thomas L'Esperance on his exemplary career with the Vermont State Police.**

(S.C.R.24)

By Senators Mazza, Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Campion, Collamore, Cummings, Degree, Doyle, Flory, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, and Zuckerman,

By All Members of the House,

*Whereas*, in 1987, Thomas L'Esperance joined the Vermont State Police as a trooper at the Brattleboro barracks, and

*Whereas*, he developed specialized experience working at the Southern Vermont Drug Task Force, where he would later serve as a field supervisor, and

*Whereas*, Thomas L'Esperance's consistent professionalism served as a foundation for his promotion to sergeant and then lieutenant, and

*Whereas*, upon becoming a captain, Thomas L'Esperance began his direct association with the Vermont State Police's Bureau of Criminal Investigations, initially as its special investigations unit commander, and

*Whereas*, having again demonstrated his competence and skill in the law enforcement field, Thomas L'Esperance earned admission into the elite group of Vermont State Police officers honored to serve as a major, and

*Whereas*, the Vermont State Police appointed Major Thomas L'Esperance as Director of the Bureau of Criminal Investigations, a role for which he was eminently qualified, and

*Whereas*, over the years, Thomas L'Esperance exhibited the knowledge, judgment, and common sense that are the hallmarks of a law enforcement officer who merits his peers' respect, and

*Whereas*, in the spring of 2009, officials at the Department of Public Safety agreed that Major Thomas L'Esperance was the ideal choice to serve as Colonel and Director of the Vermont State Police, and

*Whereas*, for the past six years, Colonel Thomas L'Esperance has sought to work cooperatively with local and national law enforcement forces, in order to implement the best possible police protection for Vermonters, and

*Whereas*, Colonel Thomas L'Esperance has faced inevitable challenges and controversies as Director of the Vermont State Police, but has always striven to reach public policy decisions that he believes are in the State of Vermont's best interest, and

*Whereas*, in the summer of 2015, after 28 outstanding years as a proud Vermont State Police officer, Colonel Thomas L'Esperance is concluding his tenure on the force, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors Colonel Thomas L'Esperance on his exemplary career with the Vermont State Police, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont State Police Director Colonel Thomas L'Esperance.