

No. R-272. House concurrent resolution honoring former Commissioner of Finance and Management James B. Reardon on his exemplary public service on behalf of the State of Vermont.

(H.C.R.201)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, the Commissioner of Finance and Management, who is Vermont's chief budget officer, has to implement the policy perspectives of the sitting Governor, while acting as a financial steward for State government, and

Whereas, given the political realities associated with this position, it is challenging for any individual, notwithstanding the person's fiscal expertise, to serve in this role for governors of different political parties, and

Whereas, Jim Reardon, a Vermonter with extensive financial management experience, served with distinction as Commissioner of Finance and Management in both the Douglas and Shumlin administrations, and

Whereas, he graduated from Mount Saint Joseph High School in Rutland and Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts, earning a degree in accountancy, and

Whereas, Jim Reardon qualified as a certified public accountant, is a member of professional accountancy organizations, and served as an accounting instructor at the Community College of Vermont, and

Whereas, starting in 1986, Jim Reardon used his financial expertise as a public servant working for the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, as the Agency of Human Services' financial operations manager, he developed expertise in budgetary matters and earned the respect of his colleagues, and

Whereas, Jim Reardon's outstanding professional reputation resulted in his appointment as Deputy Commissioner of Finance and Management and ultimately as Commissioner, and

Whereas, Commissioner Reardon worked effectively with legislators of all political parties to assist in crafting a balanced budget, and he was known for working long hours to achieve this important objective, and

Whereas, his peers at the National Association of State Budget Officers honored him for the excellence of his work, and

Whereas, Jim Reardon concluded his outstanding tenure at the Department of Finance and Management in the fall of 2015, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Commissioner of Finance and Management James B. Reardon for his exemplary public service on behalf of the State of Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to James Reardon in Essex Junction.