

**No. R-337. House concurrent resolution honoring AJ Piper for his conscientious leadership and community-centered service on the Weybridge Selectboard.**

(H.C.R.255)

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, AJ Piper has developed a knowledge and familiarity with local government in the town of Weybridge that few persons could replicate, and

Whereas, for 23 years, he has diligently served on the municipality's selectboard, confronting a range of issues that were, at times, challenging and atypical, and

Whereas, AJ Piper has been an ardent supporter of proper maintenance of the town's road system and associated equipment, not infrequently a contentious topic, but a policy that possibly has reduced long-term municipal highway expenditures, and

Whereas, during his tenure on the Weybridge Selectboard, three major road construction projects were completed, including Field Days Road, James Road, and Gooseneck Bend, and

Whereas, AJ Piper's leadership finesse contributed to the calm and successful addressing of historic and unanticipated events in Weybridge that posed potentially devastating outcomes, and

Whereas, the contamination of wells along Quaker Village Road resulted in the building of a salt and recycling shed to alleviate this health-threatening situation, and

Whereas, a dangerous occurrence of a different kind, but equally important for the citizens of Weybridge, was the town's clerk-treasurer embezzling municipal funds, and

Whereas, AJ Piper's wise advice and calm response were critical to the town's seeing this financial problem through to a satisfactory conclusion, and

Whereas, the amiable relationships between the town's fire department, school board, and other municipal organizations and committees are due, in large measure, to AJ Piper's collaborative working style that focuses on the community's best interests, and

Whereas, Town Meeting Day 2016 will mark the conclusion of his long and productive service on the Weybridge Selectboard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors AJ Piper for his conscientious leadership and community-centered service on the Weybridge Selectboard, and be it further

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