

No. R-353. House concurrent resolution honoring Barnard Selectboard Chair Thomas R. Morse for his civic leadership.

(H.C.R.268)

Offered by: Representative Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senator McCormack

Whereas, Tom Morse attended a one-room schoolhouse in Cornwall, graduated from Middlebury College, and pursued graduate studies at the University of Toronto, and

Whereas, he served honorably in the U.S. Air Force from 1964–1968, and

Whereas, in 1977, Tom Morse arrived in Barnard, and upon acquiring land for a home, his first task was to locate a water source and construct a well, and

Whereas, in 1985, Tom Morse’s reputation for hard work and integrity resulted in the Town of Barnard appointing him to serve on the Board of Adjustment, and

Whereas, this initial role in town government provided a foundation for Tom Morse’s election to the Barnard Selectboard in 1988, and

Whereas, during Tom Morse’s 28 years as a selectboard member, including while he was serving in his present role as chair, the town of Barnard has implemented a number of important projects, and

Whereas, these included the construction of a new town garage, the renovation of the town hall, the formal closing of the landfill, and the associated establishment of a recycle center and transfer station, and

Whereas, the Barnard Selectboard identified the community’s ancient roads, bringing greater historical accuracy to the town’s highway mapping, and

Whereas, a major responsibility for Tom Morse, and the entire selectboard, was supervising the town’s cleanup in the wake of Tropical Storm Irene that left considerable damage, and

Whereas, Tom Morse has presided at numerous selectboard meetings and participated in numerous community social events, and

Whereas, for many years, Tom Morse has written the selectboard news column for the Barnard Bulletin, employing both his wit and, when needed, a mild scolding, and

Whereas, after almost three decades of representing the citizens of Barnard on the selectboard, Tom Morse will not stand for reelection in 2016, and he hopes to devote his attention to recreational pursuits, especially bass fishing, bow hunting, and growing the perfect tomato, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Barnard Selectboard Chair Thomas R. Morse for his civic leadership, and be it further

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