

No. R-428. House concurrent resolution honoring Albert J. Marro on his career accomplishments at the *Rutland Herald*.

(H.C.R.335)

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Potter of Clarendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, A.J. Marro is the smiling, and often singing, legendary *Rutland Herald* photojournalist, who is well known to many as Mr. Rutland, or even Santa Claus, and

Whereas, he is a Rutland native, and his family has long been associated with the *Rutland Herald*, as both his brothers were State House reporters, and his mother worked as a day editor, and

Whereas, A.J. Marro graduated from Mount St. Joseph Academy in 1966, and from the then Castleton State College in 1971, and

Whereas, he began his *Rutland Herald* career as a delivery boy, and A.J. Marro later worked as a sports intern and as a copy boy before becoming a full-time employee in 1969, and

Whereas, A.J. Marro is a photojournalist who never took a single photography class and transitioned from 35 millimeter black-and-white film, to color film, and finally to digital photography—which, despite his initial reluctance, became his preferred photographic medium, especially as it eliminated the need for smelly darkroom chemicals, and

Whereas, until he learned to drive at age 40, A.J. Marro's official work place was the darkroom, with periodic forays to photographic assignments when he could arrange for a ride, or walk or take his bike, and

Whereas, A.J. Marro has covered every imaginable type of news event from a disastrous fire to political rallies and sports, perhaps his favorite, and

Whereas, he brought happiness to the many families whose student athletes appeared in his photos, and

Whereas, dedicated to meeting a deadline, in the predigital age, A.J. Marro once developed sports photographs in an improvised car-based darkroom, while being driven home from a Burlington game, and

Whereas, after four and one-half decades as a full-time, and much loved, *Rutland Herald* employee, A.J. Marro retired on December 31, 2015, although he has agreed to accept occasional sports assignments, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Albert J. Marro on his career accomplishments at the *Rutland Herald*, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to A.J. Marro in Rutland and to the *Rutland Herald*.