

No. R-481. House concurrent resolution honoring Anthony Otis on his outstanding legal career and for his community leadership.

(H.C.R.401)

Offered by: Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Hooper of Montpelier

Whereas, as a University of Vermont student, Anthony Otis was one of the original John Dewey Fellows and, after his college graduation, he earned a law degree at Willamette University's College of Law in Salem, Oregon, and

Whereas, he returned home to Vermont, passed the bar exam, and was honored to serve as a Vermont Supreme Court clerk and then as the Court's chief clerk, and

Whereas, Anthony Otis remained on the judiciary's staff as deputy clerk of the Court and assistant trial court administrator, and

Whereas, after leaving the judiciary's staff, he engaged in the private practice of law, concentrating on legislative advocacy, most recently as a partner in the law firm Otis & Kennedy, LLC, and

Whereas, for more than three decades, Anthony Otis has represented 70 public and private sector organizations, both local and national, before the General Assembly, and

Whereas, Anthony Otis is known as a knowledgeable and effective advocate for his legislative clients, and

Whereas, his professional activities have included service for the State of Vermont as a special education due process hearing officer, as an assigned counsel for the Office of the Defender General, and as bar counsel for the Professional Conduct Board of the Vermont Supreme Court, and

Whereas, he has a special interest in preserving the capital city's and the State's heritage, serves as a director of the Montpelier Heritage Group, was an incorporator and founding director of the Montpelier Historical Society, chairs the Montpelier Historic Preservation Commission, and was a trustee of the Friends of the Vermont State House, and

Whereas, other community organizations that have benefited from Anthony Otis's leadership include the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the Green Mountain United Way, and the Vermont Rail Advocacy Network, and

Whereas, as a person interested in the arts, Anthony Otis chaired the Montpelier-based Lost Nation Theater's board, and

Whereas, the 2016 legislative session marks the conclusion of Anthony Otis's work as a legislative advocate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Anthony Otis on his outstanding legal career and for his community leadership, and be it further

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