

No. R-505. House concurrent resolution honoring Thomas Donahue for his dynamic leadership at the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce.

(H.C.R.351)

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Eastman of Orwell, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, Komline of Dorset, McCoy of Poultney, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, Tom Donahue has focused his intellect and energy on promoting the best interests of Rutland City and Rutland County, and

Whereas, he first served Rutlanders as a member and President of the Rutland City Board of Aldermen where his leadership was appreciated, and

Whereas, this experience proved ideal in Tom Donahue's subsequent position as Rutland City's director of community development, and

Whereas, in 1995, Tom Donahue's career assumed a new direction when he became chief executive officer of the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce (RRCC), and

Whereas, at the RRCC, he gained a comprehensive knowledge of the businesses that drive the region's economy and the vision to help lay the groundwork for a more prosperous Rutland County, and

Whereas, during his watch at the RRCC, upgrades were implemented at the Rutland-Southern Vermont Regional Airport, the Ethan Allen Express Amtrak train service began, the RRCC office was relocated to downtown Rutland, and the job fair and other economically important events were started or revitalized, and

Whereas, the combination of administrative and outreach skills that enabled Tom Donahue to be successful in his prior jobs will prove essential in his new role as chief executive officer at BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont, and

Whereas, Tom Donahue will be advocating for Vermonters with low income who reside in a larger two-county geographic area, and

Whereas, he eagerly anticipates this new opportunity and leaves a 21-year record of accomplishment at the RRCC of which he can be proud, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Thomas Donahue for his dynamic leadership at the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and wishes him well as he embarks on a new career opportunity, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tom Donahue and to the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce.