

**No. R-220. House concurrent resolution honoring L.D. Sutherland Jr. for his civic service on behalf of the State of Vermont and the town and village of Woodstock.**

(H.C.R.166)

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, L.D. (Butch) Sutherland Jr. distinguished himself at an early age, winning an alternate's spot on the 1960 U.S. Olympic ski team, a prelude to his future initiative and commitment to accomplishing important goals, and

Whereas, he has served as a regional manager for the Vermont Division of Fire Safety, and

Whereas, locally, his firefighting work has been exemplary, and

Whereas, Butch Sutherland Jr. began his Woodstock firefighting service 45 years ago, when he signed up as a firefighter, and

Whereas, his skill, temperament, and knowledge of the firefighting art all contributed to his appointment as Woodstock's fire chief, and his work in this post has now been appreciated in Woodstock for a quarter of a century, and

Whereas, during his tenure as chief, the Woodstock Fire Department improved its ability to serve in diverse emergency situations, and

Whereas, he oversaw the modernization of the department's fire trucks, other equipment, and its training program, and

Whereas, Butch Sutherland Jr. facilitated the conversion of a vacant town-owned building into a satellite fire station, improving the response time for fire trucks and ambulances, and

Whereas, he enhanced cooperation between the Woodstock and South Woodstock fire departments, and

Whereas, Butch Sutherland Jr. developed a rescue team to respond to nonfire-related emergencies, including motor vehicle accidents, and

Whereas, another important achievement on Butch Sutherland Jr.'s watch was his incorporation of the Woodstock Ambulance Service within the Woodstock Fire Department, and

Whereas, since the program's beginning, Butch Sutherland Jr. has served as Woodstock's E-911 address coordinator, and

Whereas, despite the innumerable hours he dedicates to firefighting, Butch Sutherland Jr. found the time to serve as both a village trustee and a selectboard member, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors L.D. Sutherland Jr. for his superb civic service on behalf of the State of Vermont and the town and village of Woodstock, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to L.D. Sutherland Jr.