

**No. R-237. House concurrent resolution honoring Ray Allen on his 42 years of dedicated leadership as South Hero Rescue's Chief.**

(H.C.R.183)

Offered by: Representatives Johnson of South Hero, Krebs of South Hero, and Turner of Milton

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, in 1973, through the enthusiastic leadership of Ray Allen, a private nonprofit organization known as South Hero Rescue (SHR) was established to provide rescue services to this Grand Isle community, and

Whereas, Ray Allen was not only a leading founder of South Hero Rescue, but his colleagues selected him to serve as rescue chief, a role he has maintained for the past 42 years, and

Whereas, since its formation, SHR has remained current with evolving rescue technologies relative to personnel training and equipment, and, on occasion, SHR has responded to rescue emergencies in other Grand Isle communities, and

Whereas, Ray Allen has served as an active and always attentive chief, whose personal response rate to rescue calls is approximately 99 percent, and

Whereas, over his long tenure, it is estimated that Ray Allen has responded to in excess of 4,000 emergency calls, and

Whereas, Ray Allen attends nearly all of SHR's training sessions and is always willing to train new recruits, and

Whereas, he is acquainted with almost all of the town's residents, and they are glad to see him arrive when they have initiated a rescue call, and

Whereas, South Hero residents care little for fancy jumpsuits and name tags, rather they appreciate Ray's knowledge and professionalism and know that he will endeavor to make every rescue as successful as possible, and

Whereas, Ray Allen does not hesitate to expedite a patient's travel to a local hospital, and these decisions have on occasion proved lifesaving, and

Whereas, he is known to follow up with seriously injured individuals, a personal gesture that is much appreciated, and

Whereas, this greatly admired rescue chief is concluding his leadership duties after 42 years of exemplary service in the town of South Hero, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ray Allen for his 42 years of dedicated leadership as South Hero's rescue chief, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ray Allen and to South Hero Rescue.