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No. R-333. House concurrent resolution honoring Chief George Lang on his outstanding 42 years of devoted service at the Champion 5 South Londonderry Fire Department.

(H.C.R.250)

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Londonderry

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, there are two fire departments in Londonderry, Phoenix, serving the central section of the town, and the Champion 5 South Londonderry Fire Department (Champion 5), and

Whereas, in 1974, George Lang began his volunteer career on the Champion 5 force, dedicating his time to mastering all aspects of serving on, and eventually managing, a volunteer fire department, and

Whereas, he proved a dedicated and skilled firefighter, who took great pride in serving his community in this important and essential role, and

Whereas, after George Lang had volunteered at Champion 5 for 16 years, his colleagues decided that his experience and temperament were ideal for him to serve as the fire company's sixth chief, and

Whereas, during the past 26 years, George Lang has been an active chief, always working to keep Champion 5 technologically current, and

Whereas, as chief, he served on four truck committees and secured over \$300,000.00 in funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the State of Vermont, and local nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, George Lang has decided that it is time to pass on the chief's portfolio to another firefighter, and

Whereas, although George Lang will assume the title of retired chief, he does not plan to conclude his firefighting career and has been quoted as saying that "as long as you guys let me in the door," he will continue to answer the fire alarm's call to service, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Champion 5 South Londonderry Fire Department Chief George Lang on his outstanding 42 years of devoted service, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to George Lang.