

No. R-349. House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont State employees for their exemplary public service.

(H.C.R.264)

Offered by: Representatives Donovan of Burlington and Davis of Washington

Whereas, according to the Vermont Department of Human Services Workforce Report for fiscal year 2014, in the Executive Branch's classified service, there are 7,503 full-time and 154 part-time employees, and the comparable numbers for the much smaller exempt category are 585 and 43, respectively, and

Whereas, these 8,284 Executive Branch State employees work in numerous occupations and professions across the State, and

Whereas, Vermont State employees are employed in fields as diverse as agriculture, computer science, corrections, health care, historic preservation, law enforcement, and transportation, and

Whereas, these outstanding individuals are called upon to report to work in emergency and difficult conditions, including blizzards, and

Whereas, Vermont State employees serve as the ambassadors of Vermont State government to the world-at-large, and

Whereas, despite instances when they must interact with angry and frustrated individuals, Vermont State employees always strive to perform their duties in the most professional manner possible, and

Whereas, it is not unusual to hear or read criticism of Vermont State employees, but praise is often in short supply, and

Whereas, today, February 25, 2016, is State Employees Legislative Day at the State House and offers a wonderful opportunity for the General Assembly to express its appreciation and gratitude for Vermont State employees' continuing dedication to serving the public, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont State employees for their exemplary public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Employees' Association.