

No. R-20. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating radio station WDEV in Waterbury on its 85th anniversary.

(S.C.R.3)

By Senators Cummings, Brooks, and Pollina,

By Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Wood of Waterbury, and Donahue of Northfield

Whereas, long before the arrival of FM radio and the introduction of digital technology or global HD streaming, listeners tuned in to AM radio, and

Whereas, on July 15, 1931, this still young medium found a home in central Vermont when radio station WDEV began broadcasting at 550 KHz from studios in Waterbury, and

Whereas, starting from its first minute on the airwaves, WDEV has offered a menu of locally focused informational and entertainment programs, and

Whereas, in 1935, Lloyd Squier, through his Radio Vermont Group, purchased the station, inaugurating long-term family ownership, which continued after his death in 1979 when his son, Ken Squier, an award winning broadcaster for the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, assumed this leadership role, and

Whereas, WDEV has always taken great pride in bringing its microphones to the people and places of Washington County, be they high school and college athletic contests, the Thunder Road racing oval, and the halls of the State House, including listener call-in programs featuring legislators and other State officials, and

Whereas, recognizing that central Vermont is a vibrant part of Red Sox Nation, WDEV broadcasts the team's season of baseball competition, and

Whereas, WDEV is noted for its unique and eclectic local programs, including Music to Go to the Dump By, a regular Saturday morning feature, and

Whereas, in order to extend the range of its original AM signal, in 1991, WDEV-FM was established in Warren, and more recently additional FM relays have been added in Barre, Island Pond, and Montpelier, and

Whereas, 2016 marked WDEV's 85th anniversary of venerable broadcasting accomplishments, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates radio station WDEV in Waterbury on its 85th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ken Squier at radio station WDEV in Waterbury.