

No. R-148. House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont Air National Guard Chief Master Sergeant John W. Felix III for his distinguished military service.

(H.C.R.114)

Offered by: Representative Bissonnette of Winooski

Whereas, John Felix's service in the Vermont Air National Guard-158th Fighter Wing (VANG) started in 1985 as a munitions systems specialist, and

Whereas, early in his career, John Felix made an award-winning recommendation to the Air Force Suggestion Program, and

Whereas, in 1989, John Felix began a five-year tenure as a production recruiter, attracting the most new recruits during three of those years, and

Whereas, that same year, the base for his leadership future was strengthened when he completed the Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course, winning the program's Desiree Loy Award, and

Whereas, his educational credentials were further enhanced through his attendance at several advanced noncommissioned officer courses, his earning of two associates degrees in human resource management and education and training, and his participation in numerous other academic programs, and

Whereas, from 1994–1998, John Felix served as a VANG personnel specialist before transitioning into the more senior role of personnel systems manager in 1998, and

Whereas, starting in 2000, as a recruiting supervisor, he increased the VANG's membership for five consecutive years, and

Whereas, seeking to broaden his work experience, in 2005, John Felix left the VANG to work as a health professions recruiter at Air National Guard Headquarters in Crystal City, Virginia, and

Whereas, since returning to the VANG in 2009, his roles have included base education and training manager, human resource systems manager, and since May 2012, force support superintendent, and he now also serves as a survivor advocate, and

Whereas, John Felix earned his current military rank in May 2014, has won many national and State military awards and honors and is a veteran of domestic and international assignments, including support efforts following hurricanes and several military campaigns in the Middle East, and

Whereas, Chief Master Sergeant John Felix is now concluding his service as a member of the Vermont Air National Guard and our nation's Armed Forces, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont Air National Guard Chief Master Sergeant John W. Felix III for his distinguished military service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chief Master Sergeant John W. Felix III.