

No. R-307. House concurrent resolution honoring Patrick C. Scheidel for his exemplary 27-year career as Essex Town Manager.

(H.C.R.247)

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dunn of Essex, Giambatista of Essex, and Houghton of Essex

Whereas, the role of a town manager is central to the smooth administration of town government, and

Whereas, after growing up in Connecticut, Pat Scheidel served our country as a naval corpsman, stationed aboard the USS *New Jersey* off the Vietnamese coast during the Vietnam War, and

Whereas, upon his honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy, Pat Scheidel pursued an academic path, earning an undergraduate degree in English and political science at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, and a master's in public administration from Syracuse University, and

Whereas, during his early municipal public service career in Connecticut, Pat Scheidel served as the administrative assistant to the Mansfield Town Manager and then as the Groton Assistant Town Manager, and

Whereas, departing his home state for neighboring Rhode Island, Pat Scheidel accepted the post of Narragansett Town Manager, subsequently traveling west to serve in similar roles in Washington and Illinois, and

Whereas, in 1990, Pat Scheidel became the Essex Town Manager, and

Whereas, for the next 27 years, he performed this role magnificently, and

Whereas, his original jurisdiction was limited to overseeing the Essex Town municipal government, but starting in 2013, he also assumed the managerial helm for the Village of Essex Junction, and

Whereas, Vermont municipalities beyond Essex benefited from Pat Scheidel's managerial expertise through his board membership at the Vermont Town and City Management Association as well as his nearly quarter-century involvement with the Vermont Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, including 20 years as the organization's president, and

Whereas, he was the 2015 recipient of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Municipal Service Award, and

Whereas, among his other community roles have been serving on the Governor's Rail Council, on the board of the former Fanny Allen Hospital, and as Essex Rotary President, and

Whereas, Pat Scheidel has now concluded his laudable tenure as Essex Town Manager, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Patrick C. Scheidel for his exemplary 27-year career as Essex Town Manager and more recently Essex Municipal Manager, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Patrick Scheidel and to the Essex Town Clerk.