No. R-333. House concurrent resolution honoring H. Kent Wright III for his civic engagement in the town of Bridport.

(H.C.R.268)

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, Kent Wright has a special affinity for the town of Bridport where he was a student at the Converse and Village schoolhouses and still resides on his family's farm, and

Whereas, his early school experiences instilled in Kent Wright a great appreciation for the role of public education, and

Whereas, during the five years in the early 1960s that he served as a Bridport School Director, Kent Wright advocated for providing the town's elementary schoolchildren with a solid scholastic foundation, and

Whereas, in the early 1970s, he followed Bridport's students to Middlebury Union High School, serving as the town's representative on this secondary educational institution's governance panel, and

<u>Whereas</u>, Kent Wright served on the Bridport Planning Commission for 17 years and represented the town on the Addison County Regional Planning Commission for an extended period of time, and

Whereas, his agricultural roots remain vibrant, and he still serves as the Bridport representative to the Vermont Farm Bureau, and

Whereas, local history is a matter of importance for Kent Wright, and he is a member of the Bridport Historical Society, and

Whereas, for 58 years, Kent Wright has prized his membership in the Bridport Morning Sun Masonic Lodge #3, and he achieved the position of Master of the Lodge and other leadership roles, and

Whereas, Kent Wright's contemporary community connections are maintained through his active membership in the Bridport Seniors, and

Whereas, one of his favorite hobbies is restoring old tractors and farm implements, especially John Deeres, and

Whereas, Kent Wright's musical inclinations have led him to play the fiddle and the harmonica, pastimes that bring him great pleasure, and

Whereas, his ongoing attention to the vitality of the town's civic affairs is reflective in his regular attendance at Bridport's selectboard and planning commission meetings, and

Whereas, in recognition of Kent Wright's special place in the community, the 2017 Bridport Town Report has been dedicated in his honor, now therefore be it

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors H. Kent Wright III for his civic engagement in the town of Bridport, and be it further

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