

No. R-376. House concurrent resolution congratulating Bennington Fire Department's Eagle Hose Company No.4 President Joseph A. Wassick for his 60-year tenure as a company member.

(H.C.R.302)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, and Morris of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Champion and Sears

Whereas, Joe Wassick's community involvement dates from his youth and represents a genuine dedication to his hometown of Bennington, and

Whereas, in 1956, Joe Wassick placed his name on the waiting list for membership in the Bennington Fire Department, enabling him to respond to the alarm for assistance but not to vote at any departmental or company meetings, and

Whereas, in 1958, Joe Wassick was elected to Eagle Hose Company No.4, affording him full departmental voting rights, and

Whereas, Joe Wassick availed himself of every training opportunity and moved up the company's ranks, serving as second assistant chief, first assistant chief, and ultimately for a two-year term as chief, and

Whereas, since 1974, he has proudly served as Eagle Hose Company No.4 President, and

Whereas, in the 1960s, he was a member of the Bennington Fire Department Committee that facilitated the Department's oversight of the Bennington Battle Day Parade, ensuring this major commemorative celebration's future, and

Whereas, in 2012, the committee members were honored to serve as the parade's grand marshals, and

Whereas, Joe Wassick has been a member of State and regional fire chief associations, and

Whereas, he was especially pleased when his son was elected to the Eagle Hose Company No.4 before his move to Maine, and

Whereas, his other community roles have included serving as a Little League baseball coach and umpire, meal on wheels driver, and as the Bennington Recreation Board Vice President, and

Whereas, as a 62-year member of the Bennington Elks Lodge, Joe Wassick has held leadership roles and received prestigious awards from the organization, and

Whereas, Joe Wassick and his wife, Jean, have been married for 62 years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Bennington Fire Department's Eagle Hose Company No.4 President Joseph A. Wassick for his 60-year tenure as a company member, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joe Wassick.