

No. R-453. House concurrent resolution congratulating William Collins on 40 years of outstanding service as a Bennington Rescue Squad Emergency Medical Technician.

(H.C.R.379)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Keefe of Manchester, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) is often the first source for medical treatment when an accident or sudden health care crisis arises, and

Whereas, few EMTs have exhibited the dedication of Bill Collins, who has completed 40 years on the Bennington Rescue Squad and, as of December 31, 2017, had responded to 13,465 calls, a record unequaled in the annals of the squad, and

Whereas, from the day he joined the squad in 1977 as an ideal recruit who was CPR certified, Bill Collins has exemplified the ideals of public service, and

Whereas, Bill Collins steadily upgraded his credentials from EMT-Basic to EMT-D to EMT-1, and

Whereas, his service to the squad is not only in response to calls, as he has performed many administrative and managerial roles, and

Whereas, Bill Collins has served on the department's budget and executive committees and was intimately involved in the preparations for the 25th and 50th anniversary commemorative banquets, and

Whereas, his departmental positions have included squad statistician, assistant executive director, executive director, vice president, and president, and

Whereas, beyond his departmental roles, Bill Collins has served on the Vermont Emergency Management Services District 12 Board of Directors and as that panel's vice chair, and

Whereas, among the honors Bill Collins has earned are Bennington Rescue Squad life membership, the National Star of Life Award, and being named EMT of the Year, and

Whereas, as he enters his fifth decade of rescue squad service, Bill Collins's B-12 call signal remains ever-present on the Bennington Rescue Squad's airwaves, and his dedication to the squad is as strong as it was 40 years ago, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates William Collins on 40 years of outstanding service as a Bennington Rescue Squad Emergency Medical Technician, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bill Collins in Bennington.