

No. R-469. House concurrent resolution honoring Robert Davis for his achievements as a television news photographer.

(H.C.R.395)

Offered by: Representatives Toll of Danville, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Brumsted of Shelburne, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Colchester, Donovan of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, Hooper of Montpelier, Joseph of North Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krowinski of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Ode of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Sullivan of Dorset, Trieber of Rockingham, Weed of Enosburgh, and Yacovone of Morristown

Whereas, Bob Davis's love of photography as an art form and as an enlightening journalistic vehicle attracted him to a career in television news photography, and

Whereas, in pursuit of this profession, in 1981, Bob Davis joined the photography department at WCAX television news, and

Whereas, the scope of his assignments ranged from local to international, and

Whereas, he regularly accompanied WCAX reporters to diverse venues, be they the State House, city and town halls, farms, fairs, or the State's lakes and mountains, and

Whereas, crime scenes and Vermont's courtrooms were frequently the subject of his photographic work, and

Whereas, Bob Davis became well acquainted with the exigencies and consequences of Vermont's meteorological events, capturing scenes of floods, blizzards, ice storms, and, most memorably, Tropical Storm Irene, and

Whereas, one of his assignments was accompanying Vermonters who traveled to Haiti to assist that island nation following its severe 2010 earthquake, and

Whereas, Bob Davis, both individually and as part of the WCAX photography department, won many photojournalism awards reflective of the innovative and compelling work his colleagues and he produced, and

Whereas, he mentored many of his junior colleagues, guiding them in their developing careers, and

Whereas, Bob Davis saw major technological advances in his profession as the digital era profoundly changed the recording, processing, and transmission of news video, and

Whereas, although photographic and video equipment is now far more compact and sophisticated, the fundamental principles of photojournalism in a democratic society have remained constant, and

Whereas, after 36 years as a respected photojournalist, Bob Davis has taken his last WCAX photographic image and looks forward to a new chapter in his life, where, no doubt, music, a special passion of his, will play a role, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Robert Davis for his achievements as a television news photographer, and be it further

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