

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 5

House concurrent resolution honoring Jonas Rosenthal for his outstanding municipal service as Poultney Town and Village Manager

Offered by: Representative McCoy of Poultney

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, Jonas Rosenthal's municipal government career can be encapsulated with the words amazing, dedicated, and effective, and

Whereas, a business and public administration graduate of the University of Maryland, he earned a master's degree in education at Pennsylvania State University with a special focus on recreation and parks, and

Whereas, following the advice attributed to the American journalist Horace Greeley to "Go West, young man," Jonas Rosenthal moved to Montana, where he worked at Big Brothers and Sisters, and

Whereas, his hockey coach with the Great Falls Hawks suggested a career in politics, resulting in Jonas Rosenthal's earning a second master's degree, in public administration at Montana State University, and working on the staff of the state's governor, Ted Schwinden, and

Whereas, deciding to return east, he still yearned for a rural setting and in October 1985 became the Poultney Town Manager, and

Whereas, Jonas Rosenthal's success as town manager prompted a 1996 request that he serve as Poultney Village's interim manager for a year, and he eventually assumed this complementary post on a permanent basis, and

Whereas, the different roles Jonas Rosenthal serves in Poultney, aside from the dual management positions, include zoning administrator, dog wrangler, recreation director (his passion), traffic director, and litter control officer, and

Whereas, his achievements include improved relations with Poultney-based Green Mountain College, restoration of the Stonebridge Building, a handsome Georgian edifice, and nurturing a phenomenal recreation committee, and

Whereas, the Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce was so impressed with Jonas Rosenthal's accomplishments that it honored him as the recipient of the organization's first Honorary Citizen of the Year Award, and

Whereas, other honors have been bestowed on Jonas Rosenthal, including the Frances B. Elwell Award for Municipal Management, the Preservation Trust of Vermont Award, and the Vermont Downtown Program Green Mountain Award, and

Whereas, this respected civic leader has now concluded his career of three decades of superb municipal government leadership, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Jonas Rosenthal for his municipal service as Poultney Town and Village Manager, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jonas Rosenthal and to the town and village of Poultney.