

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 69

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Craftsbury Assistant Fire Chief Randi Calderwood

Offered by: Representatives Strong of Albany and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Rodgers and Starr

Whereas, Randi Calderwood graduated from Craftsbury Academy and Vermont Technical College, earning a degree in dairy herd management, and

Whereas, in partnership with his family, he oversaw a successful dairy and maple sugaring operation in East Craftsbury, and

Whereas, starting early in his career, when the Vermont Farm Bureau named him as the State Young Farmer of the Year, Randi Calderwood won many awards from both dairy and sugar making organizations, and

Whereas, the National Trust for Historic Preservation praised his careful dairy barn renovation, and

Whereas, aside from his agricultural activities, Randi Calderwood's community roles included serving as an Elder of the East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church, President of the Craftsbury Community Care Center Board, and as a Craftsbury selectboard member, and

Whereas, perhaps above all of these laudatory roles and awards, Randi Calderwood devoted 29 years to helping his fellow residents, at all hours, as a member of the Craftsbury Volunteer Fire Department, most recently as assistant fire chief, plus several years volunteering with the Hardwick Rescue Squad, totaling 1,500 responses to emergency pager calls, and

Whereas, on August 13, 2016, after spending much of the day participating in the Craftsbury Fire Department's Old Home Day festivities, Randi Calderwood died in a tragic accident on his farm, and his departmental colleagues remained with him for many hours after his death until the coroner arrived, and

Whereas, in signs of affection and respect, 100 uniformed fire and rescue personnel served as an honor guard at his memorial service at the Craftsbury Academy, during which his final emergency pager message was heard "Assistant Fire Chief Randi Calderwood: Rest in Peace," and

Whereas, his survivors include his wife, Louise; his sons, Douglas and Andrew; his mother, Fielda; his brothers, Ricki and Donald; and his sister, Earlo, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family and many friends of Craftsbury Assistant Fire Chief Randi Calderwood, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Randi Calderwood's Family and to the Craftsbury Volunteer Fire Department.