

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 164

House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative Paul Harrington on his outstanding public policy career

Offered by: Representatives Ancel of Calais, Till of Jericho, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Donahue of Northfield, Jessup of Middlesex, Lippert of Hinesburg and Pugh of South Burlington

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Lyons, and Mullin

Whereas, Paul Harrington, a U.S. Marine and Vermont Army National Guard veteran, earned degrees from Vermont Technical College, Lyndon State College, and the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, upon completing his college education, he established Paul Harrington Land Surveying and Land Planning, a business that proved merely his life career's opening chapter, and

Whereas, his three terms in the House, as the member from Middlesex, included chairing the Committee on Commerce and presiding over the development of critical health care legislation, and

Whereas, Governor Howard Dean subsequently appointed Paul Harrington to the Vermont Health Care Authority Board, and

Whereas, Paul Harrington's next career step was serving as Deputy Commissioner of Labor and Industry, working on workers' compensation and occupational safety and health-related issues, as well as serving as Assistant State Fire Marshall, and

Whereas, in 1996, U.S. Senator Jim Jeffords, recognizing the depth of Paul Harrington's interest in both health care policy and effective government, hired him as a health policy director and then the senior health care policy advisor who for the next seven years devoted his attention to health care reform issues before the U.S. Senate, and

Whereas, desiring to return home to Vermont full-time, in 2002, Paul Harrington accepted the opportunity to serve as the Executive Vice President (the Chief Executive and Financial Officer) of the Vermont Medical Society, and for the past 15 years, he has been a respected voice on health care policy, representing the Society's membership before the Executive and Legislative Branches of State government, and

Whereas, the town of Middlesex greatly benefited from Paul Harrington's civic service in municipal government as has the Episcopal Church in which he has served in important lay leadership roles, and

Whereas, In December 2017, this health care policy guru, avid runner, and greatly admired community and religious leader will conclude his tenure at the Vermont Medical Society, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Representative Paul Harrington on his outstanding public policy career, and be it further

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