

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 218

House concurrent resolution honoring Detective Richard Werner for his 30 years of service in law enforcement

Offered by: Representatives Sibia of Dover, Gannon of Wilmington, Long of Newfane, Pajala of Londonderry, and Partridge of Windham

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, while a student at Leland and Gray Union High School, Richard Werner volunteered with the Newfane Fire Department, and

Whereas, upon graduating, he accepted a position with Rescue Inc. in Brattleboro before relocating to Old Town, Maine, to become a member of that municipality's firefighting force, and

Whereas, desirous of returning home to Vermont, he joined the Windham Sheriff's Department, and

Whereas, in 1987, the Dover Police Department appointed Richard Werner as a full-time officer, starting a three-decade career that included extended service as a detective, and

Whereas, his effectiveness investigating crimes was proven repeatedly, and

Whereas, Richard Werner played a decisive, investigative role in major embezzlement and theft cases at the Mount Snow ski area and the Grega homicide at Timber Creek townhouse community, and

Whereas, his career was not exclusively focused on investigations and included the most human of personal moments, and

Whereas, in the immediate aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene and the unavailability of a medical examiner, Richard Werner dealt with the more unpleasant results of the devastation, and

Whereas, he used his first aid training to assist individuals in serious medical situations, and

Whereas, although offered the chief of police job in Bellows Falls, he opted to remain a Dover detective, finding hands-on police work more personally satisfying, and

Whereas, after 30 years as a member of the Dover Police Department, Richard Werner has decided to conclude his law enforcement career, and

Whereas, as a 23-year veteran of the Dover School Board and as its chair, Richard Werner will remain active in the public sector, participating in the establishment of the new regional River Valleys School District, and

Whereas, his public service in Dover has been one of great accomplishment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Detective Richard Werner for his 30 years of service in law enforcement, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richard Werner and to the Dover Police Department.