

# State of Vermont

## Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

### Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senators Cummings, Brooks, and Pollina,

By Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Wood of Waterbury, and Donahue of Northfield

**S.C.R. 3.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating radio station WDEV in Waterbury on its 85th anniversary.

*Whereas*, long before the arrival of FM radio and the introduction of digital technology or global HD streaming, listeners tuned in to AM radio, and

*Whereas*, on July 15, 1931, this still young medium found a home in central Vermont when radio station WDEV began broadcasting at 550 KHz from studios in Waterbury, and

*Whereas*, starting from its first minute on the airwaves, WDEV has offered a menu of locally focused informational and entertainment programs, and

*Whereas*, in 1935, Lloyd Squier, through his Radio Vermont Group, purchased the station, inaugurating long-term family ownership, which continued after his death in 1979 when his son, Ken Squier, an award winning broadcaster for the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, assumed this leadership role, and

*Whereas*, WDEV has always taken great pride in bringing its microphones to the people and places of Washington County, be they high school and college athletic contests, the Thunder Road racing oval, and the halls of the State House, including listener callin programs featuring legislators and other State officials, and

*Whereas*, recognizing that central Vermont is a vibrant part of Red Sox Nation, WDEV broadcasts the team's season of baseball competition, and

*Whereas*, WDEV is noted for its unique and eclectic local programs, including Music to Go to the Dump By, a regular Saturday morning feature, and

*Whereas*, in order to extend the range of its original AM signal, in 1991, WDEV-FM was established in Warren, and more recently additional FM relays have been added in Barre, Island Pond, and Montpelier, and

*Whereas*, 2016 marked WDEV's 85th anniversary of venerable broadcasting accomplishments, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates radio station WDEV in Waterbury on its 85th anniversary, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ken Squier at radio station WDEV in Waterbury.