

**No. R-5. House concurrent resolution honoring Trevor Whipple on the completion of his extraordinary law enforcement career.**

(H.C.R.5)

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Killacky of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, and Townsend of South Burlington

Whereas, Trevor Whipple's introduction to the law enforcement profession was as a teenage civil cadet in Littleton, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, as a Barre City patrol officer in the 1980s, Trevor Whipple voluntarily worked with children in the city's schools, and

Whereas, Trevor Whipple was one of the first Vermont law enforcement officers to participate in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, was associated with the State's first child advocacy center, and became a skilled investigator of crimes perpetrated against children, and

Whereas, another significant role for Trevor Whipple was his involvement in the first Special Investigation Unit in Washington County, and

Whereas, in 1999, he was appointed Barre City Police Chief, and

Whereas, in 2006, the City of South Burlington selected Trevor Whipple to lead this Chittenden County community's police force and, once again, his departmental leadership was outstanding, and

Whereas, in South Burlington, he sought opportunities to better understand mental illness and its impact on individuals and families, raised awareness about suicide among law enforcement, and made mental health and wellness resources available to his officers, and

Whereas, he was a leader in convening representatives from six Chittenden County municipalities and Howard Center staff for a collaboration that resulted in an outreach program partnering mental health providers with first responders to provide better support services for individuals experiencing mental health crises, needing social services, or both, and

Whereas, Trevor Whipple's enduring passion for assisting crime victims was apparent to the citizens of his employing cities as well as to State law enforcement officials, and in recognition of this special societal contribution, on April 13, 2018, he was honored with the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services' Lifetime Achievement Award, and

Whereas, South Burlington Police Chief Trevor Whipple recently retired from the department, but has assumed a new post, bringing his criminal justice expertise to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives: That the General Assembly honors Trevor Whipple on the completion of his extraordinary law enforcement career, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Trevor Whipple and to the South Burlington Police Department.