

No. R-103. House concurrent resolution honoring Weybridge's creative volunteer Michael A. Newkirk.

(H.C.R.85)

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Bray and Hardy

Whereas, Mike Newkirk of Weybridge believes that volunteering for community projects is a civic duty of great importance, and

Whereas, he has devoted considerable time to volunteering at the town's recycling center, and

Whereas, rather than holding appointed or elected office or serving on committees, Mike Newkirk's civic roles have often involved applying his design and construction skills to the development of play structures and obstacle courses, and

Whereas, in 1994, in collaboration with parents, the staff of the Weybridge Elementary School, and other volunteers, Mike Newkirk acted as the chief designer of a nautically themed playground edifice known as The Boat, in which youngsters took great delight for many years, and

Whereas, even fantastic playground equipment is not intended to last indefinitely, as safety and stability are always the primary concerns, and

Whereas, recognizing that The Boat was ready for a well-earned drydocking, Mike Newkirk led a dedicated group of local volunteers who designed a new and exciting attraction for the Weybridge Elementary School, designated as The Castle, and

Whereas, children in Weybridge have found The Castle to be intriguing, and

Whereas, Mike Newkirk has contributed to the development of many of the obstacle courses at the Weybridge Whirl, and

Whereas, Mike Newkirk's design skills are currently dedicated to maintaining and repairing the canoe fleet at camps Keewaydin and Songadeewin at Lake Dunmore, and

Whereas, both he and his family were major participants in the Vermont Loon Conservation Project, and

Whereas, when not conceiving innovative design proposals in his home workshop, Mike Newkirk enjoys outdoor activities and family time, and

Whereas, the 2018 Weybridge Town Report has been dedicated to Mike Newkirk, in appreciation of his distinctive contributions to the community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Weybridge's creative volunteer Michael A. Newkirk, and be it further

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