

No. R-179. House concurrent resolution honoring Joseph L. Choquette III on his multiple career and avocational accomplishments.

(H.C.R.146)

Offered by: Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Christensen of Weathersfield, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Giambatista of Essex, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Myers of Essex, Norris of Shoreham, Page of Newport City, Quimby of Concord, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Smith of Derby, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senator McNeil

Whereas, Joe Choquette has experienced an unusual combination of professional and personal adventures, including working in his early twenties as a daily-delivery milkman in Rutland County, and

Whereas, few persons have experienced his particular mix of work and extracurricular activities, which included classical music, both Alpine skiing and hockey, print and electronic media coverage of sports and of federal and State legislative politics, the petroleum industry, and an internationally prominent service organization, and

Whereas, Joe Choquette skied in the Rockies with the University of Vermont Catamount ski team in his role as the team's public relations expert, and for three decades, he was the rink announcer and official scorer for the Catamount men's hockey team and fondly recalls the team's first ECAC Division I championship, and

Whereas, Vermont sports journalists held Joe Choquette in such high regard that they elected him Vermont Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association president, and

Whereas, his professional career included serving on the staff of the American Petroleum Institute, as the Vermont Petroleum Association's executive director and, for the past 19 years, as the external affairs manager for the law firm Downs Rachlin Martin, and

Whereas, while employed at the American Petroleum Institute, he dined at the New York Yacht Club; played on a golf course on Kiawah Island, South Carolina; toured the White House, the U.S. Capitol, and the many museums in our nation's capital city; and enjoyed many opportunities that would not otherwise have been available to him, and

Whereas, on December 13, 2018, he received the Matthew Lyon Award for his lifetime commitment to the First Amendment from the Vermont Press Association and the public's right to know the truth, and

Whereas, Joe Choquette served as president of the Vermont Society of Association Executives, the Montpelier Chamber Orchestra Society, and the Montpelier Rotary Club, and

Whereas, Joe Choquette's career associated with State legislative politics is now concluding, and he anticipates devoting more time to his hobbies of golfing, hunting, racquetball, and skiing, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Joseph L. Choquette III on his multiple career and avocational accomplishments, and be it further

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