

**No. R-246. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Joel Theodore Cope for his exemplary leadership of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District.**

(S.C.R.15)

By Senators Rodgers and Starr,

*Whereas*, Joel Cope is a U.S. Air Force veteran and graduate of Washington College in Maryland, and in 1975, he purchased property in the town of Brighton, where he now resides, and

*Whereas*, for over 30 years, Joel Cope and his family have exemplified sustainability, living off the electric grid by using solar power, and

*Whereas*, his journalism career included news reporting, column writing, and photographic assignments for several publications, and

*Whereas*, in the late 1980s, Joel Cope joined the Brighton Planning Commission, subsequently transitioned to serving as a selectboard employee, and today serves as the municipality's zoning administrator, and

*Whereas*, in 1991, Joel Cope, representing Brighton, became an original member of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, and he recently concluded his 20-year tenure chairing the organization, and under his leadership, its membership increased from 29 to 49 towns, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors Joel Theodore Cope for his exemplary leadership of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joel Cope.