

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 55

House concurrent resolution honoring Garry Montague on the conclusion of 53 years as a barber and 47 years as the owner of Garry's Barbershop in Essex Junction

Offered by: Representatives Giambatista of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Gregoire of Fairfield, Houghton of Essex, Myers of Essex, and Redmond of Essex

Whereas, one of Vermont's most esteemed barbers is Garry Montague of Bakersfield, who officially entered the profession on March 22, 1966 and has stated that his own barber convinced him it was the right career decision, and

Whereas, at the time he first stood behind a barber's chair, a haircut typically cost the customer one dollar, and

Whereas, initially, Garry Montague worked in a Burlington barbershop and was employed subsequently in Hardwick, and during this time he mastered the finer points of providing his clients with the best possible barbering services, and

Whereas, in 1972, Garry Montague decided to test his entrepreneurial skills and purchased the Vogue Barbershop on Pearl Street in Essex Junction, immediately renaming the establishment Garry's Barbershop, and

Whereas, despite the challenges of surviving the 1970s, a period Garry Montague refers to as "the hippie stage" when many potential customers wore longer hair, he persevered, and the shop attracted a pleased clientele of faithful customers, and

Whereas, Garry's Barbershop has a distinctive ambiance with displays of: combs that recall the hairstyling of the 1950s; framed photos of fighter jets, reflecting Garry Montague's admiration for the Vermont Air National Guard; signed photos of National Hockey League players, including fellow Franklin County native John LeClair; and an old-fashioned, but reliable, cash register that long predates the digital era, and

Whereas, on sale in the shop are a broad assortment of grooming products, and

Whereas, the conversation in Garry's Barbershop is often lively, and

Whereas, on February 23, 2019, after 47 years in Essex Junction and 53 years in the barbering profession, Garry's Barbershop will close and Garry Montague will conclude his barbering career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Garry Montague on the conclusion of 53 years as a barber and 47 years as the owner of Garry's Barbershop in Essex Junction, and be it further

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