

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 166

House concurrent resolution honoring five devoted and long-serving Pawlet municipal staff members

Offered by: Representative Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs

Whereas, the Town of Pawlet is experiencing a major transition, with the retirement of five important and respected municipal employees, and

Whereas, for 38 years, Judy Coolidge has been as a mainstay in the Pawlet town office, serving primarily as the municipality's treasurer and tax collector and for a brief stint as town clerk, and

Whereas, her mastery of State-mandated accounting requirements and other technical challenges reflected an ability and willingness to broaden her skill set, and

Whereas, town history is a personal passion for Judy Coolidge, and she is a great reference resource who spearheaded the community's 250th anniversary celebration, and

Whereas, Elaine Decker served for 14 years as town auditor and as a town lister, performing each role competently and always maintaining amicable working relationships with her town colleagues, and

Whereas, Eric Mach's 38 years of civic leadership included working as the Pawlet Zoning Administrator, a post he recently relinquished, and his service as a municipal and Rutland Regional Planning Commission member involved him in many aspects of land use policy, including assisting in the conduct of title searches, and

Whereas, as a justice of the peace, Eric Mach has derived great pleasure from officiating at weddings and has worked on many elections, helping to make sure they were conducted both fairly and efficiently, and

Whereas, for 58 years, Charles Mason was a key participant in Pawlet civic life, beginning as a school director in the 1960s, and from 1999 to 2018 he served as a lister, demonstrating knowledge of local properties that approached encyclopedic levels, and

Whereas, Clifford Tarbell joined the town highway crew in 2004, and in recent years he enjoyed chatting and laughing with town office staff before he headed to work, but his death truncated his eagerly anticipated retirement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors each of these Pawlet municipal staff members for their dedicated public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each living Pawlet municipal retiree honored in this resolution and to the family of Clifford Tarbell.