

State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont Senate Resolution

By All Members of the Senate,

S.R. 24. Senate resolution honoring Senator Patrick J. Leahy for his nearly half century of extraordinary public service in the U.S. Senate.

Whereas, the true origin of U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy's illustrious senatorial career can be traced back to the then four-year-old Montpelier boy's obtaining his first library card at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier, and

Whereas, after graduating from St. Michael's College and the Georgetown University Law Center, Pat Leahy turned his attention to public service, first as Chittenden County State's Attorney, and then, in 1974, at 34 years of age, as a U.S. Senator, beginning the longest tenure of any Vermonter in the nation's senior legislative chamber where he is currently the U.S. Senate's longest-serving member, and

Whereas, Senator Leahy has been honored to serve terms as Chair of the Senate Agriculture, Appropriations, and Judiciary Committees, and has twice been President *pro tempore*, the third in line to the presidency, and

Whereas, issues pertaining to the economic prosperity and environmental protection of Vermont have always been of paramount importance to him, and

Whereas, Senator Leahy's advocacy of open government earned him membership in the FOIA Hall of Fame and won him the John Peter Zenger Press Freedom Award, and his concern for personal privacy in the digital age influenced his co-founding of the Congressional Internet Caucus, and

Whereas, he was an early and ardent advocate for the banning of anti-personnel landmines and shepherded the legislation establishing the Leahy War Victims Fund, and

Whereas, unique among his colleagues, Senator Leahy's thousands of photographs of congressional life have been prominently published and exhibited, and they form an extraordinary congressional archive, and

Whereas, the fees and royalties Senator Leahy has earned for appearing in five *Batman* movies have all been donated to the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, whose children's wing is named in his honor, and

Whereas, Pat Leahy and the love of his life, Marcelle, are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this year, and, at the conclusion of his current term, he will end an amazing eight terms as Vermont's U.S. Senator, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate:

That this legislative body honors Senator Patrick J. Leahy for his nearly half century of extraordinary public service in the U.S. Senate, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send a copy of this resolution to U.S. Senator Patrick J. Leahy.