

No. R-11. Senate concurrent resolution honoring James Sullivan for his exemplary leadership at the Bennington County Regional Commission.

(S.C.R.3)

By Senators Campion and Sears,

By Representatives Bongartz of Manchester, Brownell of Pownal, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, James of Manchester, Morrissey of Bennington, Rice of Dorset, and Whitman of Bennington

Whereas, Jim Sullivan earned his undergraduate degree in biology and environmental studies at Colby College and pursued graduate studies in natural resource management at Cornell University and in public administration at Syracuse University, and

Whereas, after his academic studies, Jim Sullivan worked in the Manchester planning and zoning office while the municipality was experiencing major commercial and residential growth, and starting in 1989, he began his 33-year tenure on the staff of the Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC), and

Whereas, Jim Sullivan's first major project at the BCRC focused on the county's response to the recently enacted State planning law, Act 200, which necessitated creating and revising municipal plans and land-use regulations, and updating the regional plan, and

Whereas, another early endeavor was working with the BCRC's municipalities on the expansion of the boundaries of the Green Mountain National Forest, and other topics that would later draw his attention were community and economic development, energy use, public health, solid waste management, and transportation, and

Whereas, he especially enjoyed collaborating with the community volunteers who were essential to BCRC's operations, and

Whereas, Jim Sullivan's planning expertise and effective management style were readily apparent during the 12 years he served as the commission's executive director, and

Whereas, after 33 years of BCRC employment, Jim Sullivan is departing and eagerly anticipates increasing his participation in his favorite outdoor recreational activities, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors James Sullivan for his exemplary leadership at the Bennington County Regional Commission, *and be it further*

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