

No. R-39. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Barry Bernstein of Calais for his innovative leadership as president of the Washington Electric Cooperative Inc.

(S.C.R.4)

By Senators Perchlik, Cummings, and Watson,

Whereas, Barry Bernstein's undergraduate degree in government from the University of Southern California, in combination with his graduate business studies at Miami University of Ohio and Northwestern University, was an ideal foundation for his parallel leadership careers in the corporate and nonprofit sectors, and

Whereas, his corporate roles at Better World Energy LLC and at Messersmith Manufacturing focused on alternative energy sources, and

Whereas, in 1997, Barry Bernstein, a long-time Washington Electric Cooperative (WEC) member, joined the WEC Board, and in 1998 his fellow board members, having recognized his leadership potential, elected him as president of the board, commencing a twenty-two-and-one-half-year, future-oriented tenure, and

Whereas, Barry Bernstein's inspired guidance led the WEC to withdraw from its nuclear power contracts and to contract, instead, for energy from the Sheffield wind turbines and the Coventry landfill's gas-to-electricity projects, and

Whereas, he stepped down from the WEC presidency in June 2021 and from the organization's board in 2022, leaving an admirable legacy, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Barry Bernstein of Calais for his innovative leadership as president of the Washington Electric Cooperative Inc., *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Barry Bernstein and to the WEC.