No. R-273. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Allard Lumber Company of Brattleboro on its 50th anniversary.

(H.C.R.208)

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, the lumber industry has evolved to meet the demands of the 21st century, and the operations of the Allard Lumber Company of Brattleboro reflect these changes, and

Whereas, in 1974, Clifford Allard and his brother established the Allard Lumber Company on the farm of Robert Allard Sr., using a 100-year-old handset circle mill for sawing customized orders, and

Whereas, the sawmill and the company have since grown and diversified, with a far larger customer base, log yards in several states, and a staff of over 50 employees, and

Whereas, Allard Lumber Company now offers kiln drying, planing, and grading of lumber, as well as sawing services, and

Whereas, the Allard Lumber Company employs the most effective milling techniques, and the resulting waste products are used to dry lumber, heat buildings and kilns, and make mulch, as well as produce other wood products, and

Whereas, woodlot owners, school groups, and other organizations may arrange tours of the Allard Lumber facility in Brattleboro, and

Whereas, Trevor Allard, who serves on the board of the Vermont Forest Products Association, and his father are both respected regional leaders in the wood products industry, and

Whereas, a half century after its formation, the Allard Lumber Company remains a proud and thriving family-owned and -operated business, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Allard Lumber Company of Brattleboro on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Allard Lumber Company.