

No. R-302. House concurrent resolution congratulating Kevin J. Goodhue on his nearly half century of remarkable public service and future-oriented leadership at the Bennington Rural Fire Department.

(H.C.R.236)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, and Whitman of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, in 1976, Kevin Goodhue joined the ranks of the Bennington Rural Fire Department (the Department), and his dedication to all aspects of the organization's firefighting mission has been exemplary, and

Whereas, early on, Kevin Goodhue demonstrated the enthusiasm, maturity, and skill that identified him as a firefighter with strong leadership potential, and he rose through the ranks from entry-level firefighter to lieutenant to captain to second assistant chief and then to first assistant chief, and

Whereas, in 1986, his colleagues were pleased to elect Kevin Goodhue to the Department's highest rank of chief, and he is the only person who, on three separate occasions, the membership of the Department has elected to this exalted rank, and

Whereas, in 2003, Chief Goodhue established a junior firefighter program enabling aspiring male and female teenagers under 18 years of age to join the Department's ranks, and

Whereas, in 2004, Chief Goodhue introduced another landmark innovation with the construction and inauguration of a rural repeater extending the range of the Department's radio communications system, and

Whereas, firefighters across the State recognized his strong command of their profession when they selected him as President of the Vermont State Firefighters' Association, and

Whereas, 48 years after becoming a firefighter, Kevin Goodhue remains on active duty as a second lieutenant, and, on May 25, 2024, the Department will honor him at its annual banquet, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Kevin J. Goodhue on his nearly half century of remarkable public service and future-oriented leadership at the Bennington Rural Fire Department, and be it further

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