

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 24

House concurrent resolution honoring teenage Rockingham volunteer firefighter Alex Leonard for his heroism and decisive action

Offered by: Representatives Goldman of Rockingham and Bos-Lun of Westminster

Offered by: Senators Harrison and Hashim

Whereas, Alex Leonard is a humble scholar-athlete at Bellows Falls Union High School and a volunteer firefighter for the Town of Rockingham, and

Whereas, on the night of January 17, 2023, after having responded to an earlier emergency call, he returned home at approximately 11:00 p.m. to discover the smoke alarm blaring and a fire raging in a second-story room, and he immediately called in this emergency, and

Whereas, Alex Leonard, then 17 years of age, rushed to the source of the fire and attempted to extinguish it with a fire extinguisher, and, when this proved unsuccessful, he immediately closed the door to the room, a decision that prevented the fire from spreading, and

Whereas, he expertly assisted a responding police officer and a crew from the Golden Cross Ambulance in the evacuation of his father, who is confined to a wheelchair, and

Whereas, Alex Leonard's quick action, which Bellows Falls Fire Chief Shaun McGinnis praised, saved his family's home and prevented a far greater tragedy from occurring, and his family is extremely proud of this fourth-generation firefighter, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors teenage Rockingham volunteer firefighter Alex Leonard for his heroism and decisive action, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alex Leonard, to Rockingham Fire Chief Kevin Kingsbury, and to Bellows Falls Fire Chief Shaun McGinnis.