

No. R-159. House concurrent resolution honoring esteemed Bennington Rural Firefighter Timothy Burgess.

(H.C.R.135)

Offered by Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Greer of Bennington, and Nigro of Bennington

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

Whereas, Timothy Burgess has been a hard-working Bennington Rural Fire Department (BRFD) member since 1976 and an exemplary fire prevention advocate and educator both locally and statewide, and

Whereas, his keen interest in firefighting was apparent from the moment he joined the department, as he performed his duties diligently and enthusiastically, rising through the ranks from an entry-level firefighter to lieutenant, to captain, and, ultimately, assistant chief, and

Whereas, Tim Burgess's numerous departmental roles have included serving as the organization's president, and as a member of the truck committee, he repeatedly traveled out of state to review progress on the construction of new fire trucks, and

Whereas, his involvement in the world of fire prevention has extended beyond his own department, as president of the Bennington County Mutual Aid Association Inc. and through his active membership in the New England Association of Fire Chiefs and the Vermont State Firefighters' Association (VSFA), and

Whereas, as a lifetime member of VSFA, he served as a Bennington County representative, encouraged young firefighters to enroll in Vermont Fire Academy training classes, judged fire truck and firefighting competitions, arranged for annual meetings throughout the State, served as sergeant at arms for annual meetings, and served on the scholarship committee that financially assists young individuals starting first-responder careers, and one year, the VSFA yearbook was dedicated to him, in recognition of his outstanding service, and

Whereas, Tim Burgess's interest in educating future firefighters led to his involvement with the Southern Vermont Regional Fire School, and he traveled to area schools for fire safety presentations, and, in appreciation of these initiatives, Mt. Anthony Union Middle School recognized him as a Hometown Hero, and

Whereas, at the BRFD 2025 annual dinner, his colleagues will pay special tribute to Tim Burgess for his exemplary service to the department and the Vermont firefighting and prevention community, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors esteemed Bennington Rural Firefighter Timothy Burgess, *and be it further*

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