

No. R-180. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Bennington Fire Department.

(H.C.R.149)

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

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

Whereas, on March 18, 1850, the Bennington village trustees passed an ordinance establishing the Bennington Fire Department “to consist of such persons and officers, and such number of engine companies and hook and ladder companies as shall from time to time be ordered and directed by said village,” and

Whereas, land was acquired and the funding secured for the construction of two firehouses, which became the headquarters for Spartan Engine Company #1 on Pleasant Street near North Street and Protection Engine Company #2 on East Main Street opposite Morgan Street, and

Whereas, over the decades, with the upgrading and modernization of equipment and departmental expansion in a growing community, the two original companies were transformed into today’s four highly trained and prepared companies, and

Whereas, the W.H. Bradford Hook and Ladder Company #1 was established on October 28, 1866, and

Whereas, Stark Hose Company #1 is the direct descendant of Spartan Engine Company #1, which from 1871 until 1887 was known as the General Stark Steamer Company, and

Whereas, the H.W. Putnam Company #3 was organized on June 20, 1887, and

Whereas, the Eagle Hose Company #4 was formed on February 12, 1894, and all four companies are now located at the central fire station on River Street, and

Whereas, under the outstanding leadership of Chief Nathan Berres, the Bennington Fire Department is proud of the organization’s many accomplishments as it celebrates 175 years of volunteer firefighting excellence and looks to the future, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 175th anniversary of the Bennington Fire Department, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the four companies of the Bennington Fire Department.