

No. R-182. House concurrent resolution congratulating Casella Waste Systems, Inc. on the company's 50th anniversary.

(H.C.R.151)

Offered by Representatives Harvey of Castleton, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bailey of Hyde Park, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bartley of Fairfax, Bishop of Colchester, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Branagan of Georgia, Burditt of West Rutland, Burt of Cabot, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carris-Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Hubbardton, Chapin of East Montpelier, Charlton of Chester, Coffin of Cavendish, Cooper of Pownal, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Duke of Burlington, Feltus of Lyndon, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goodnow of Brattleboro, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Higley of Lowell, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of Rutland Town, Kascenska of Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Kleppner of Burlington, Labor of Morgan, LaLonde of South Burlington, Laroche of Franklin, Luneau of St. Albans City, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, Marcotte of Coventry, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Micklus of Milton, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Nelson of Derby, Nielsen of Brandon, North of Ferrisburgh, Oliver of Sheldon, Page of Newport City, Parsons of Newbury, Pinsonault of Dorset, Powers of Waterford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Rachelson of Burlington, Sibia of Dover, Southworth of Walden, Steady of Milton, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tagliavia of Corinth, Taylor of Milton, Toof of St. Albans Town, Walker of Swanton, Wells of Brownington, Winter of Ludlow, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, on a chilly day in April 1975, Doug Casella took a pickup truck, which he had purchased with money from jobs he held as a teenager, and began collecting garbage from a few customers in Rutland and the Killington region, and in 1976, his younger brother, John Casella, joined the company (Casella), and

Whereas, in 1977, Casella inaugurated Vermont's first recycling facility, and this bold decision triggered the development of a waste and resource management infrastructure throughout the northeastern states, and

Whereas, in 1997, on an inauspicious morning immediately following a major stock market downturn, Casella launched an extremely successful public stock offering, and today, the corporation is listed on the NASDAQ exchange under the symbol "CWST," and

Whereas, since 2000, resource management and sustainability have become increasingly important corporate objectives, and

Whereas, in 2025, Casella, now officially known as Casella Waste Systems, Inc., has over 5,000 employees, maintains operations in 10 states, and serves more than 1 million customers in 46 states, and

Whereas, Casella was a charter member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2005 Climate Leaders program, and today, it includes EV collection trucks in its fleet, and

Whereas, in partnership with the University of Vermont, Casella established the Casella Center for Circular Economy and Sustainability, an internationally recognized research program for the study of sustainable waste and materials management, and

Whereas, Casella was delighted to be listed as one of *Forbes Magazine's* 2025 America's Best Midsized Employers; the only honoree in the waste management-recycling industry and the only Vermont headquartered company, so recognized, and

Whereas, in 2020, the company established the Kenneth A. Heir Sr. CDL Training Center, named after Casella's first employee, which has trained over 300 employees as commercially licensed drivers, and

Whereas, the Casella Foundation supervises the company's giving initiatives and annually contributes over \$2 million to local communities, and the company's employees volunteer more than 14,000 hours each year towards worthy causes, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Casella Waste Systems, Inc. on the company's 50th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Casella Waste Systems, Inc.