

**No. R-183. House concurrent resolution honoring Silas R. Loomis for his more than half century of extraordinary municipal public service as the esteemed Castleton First Constable.**

(H.C.R.152)

Offered by Representatives Harvey of Castleton and Canfield of Fair Haven

Offered by Senators Collamore, Weeks, and Williams

*Whereas*, a lifelong Castleton resident, Si Loomis remembered his father's sage advice that "you owe more to your town than just paying taxes," and when approached to run for Castleton's first constable, he agreed, and

*Whereas*, when assuming this position in 1972, he probably never dreamed that his policing duties would extend until 2025, constituting one of the longest tenures ever for any elected Castleton law enforcement officer, and

*Whereas*, unique among Vermont constables, Si Loomis conducted his summer patrols on a police motorcycle, enabling him to work with the public on a more direct basis than if driving a police cruiser, and

*Whereas*, in an act of true bravery, Si Loomis once rescued a man from his car that had broken through the ice; on other occasions he assisted in roadside deliveries of babies; and he was especially proud to provide law enforcement support at the Castleton Elementary School for several years following the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Connecticut, and

*Whereas*, from 1990 to 1992, Si Loomis served as Castleton Chief of Police, and over the years he had also worked as a part-time law enforcement official with the Addison County Sheriff's Department and the Rutland County Sheriff's Office and the Brandon and Middlebury Police Departments, and his first public safety position was as a Castleton volunteer firefighter, and

*Whereas*, Si Loomis chaired the Vermont Constables' Association, served as a member of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, and is a life member of the National Constables and Marshals Association, and

*Whereas*, militarily, Si Loomis served as a U.S. Navy Seabee during the Vietnam War and later with the Army National Guard, including postings to Kuwait and Iraq, serving our country for a total of 40 years in uniform, and

*Whereas*, on March 4, 2025, after 53 years of patrolling the Castleton beat and earning a wonderful reputation for dedication and loyalty to his hometown, Si Loomis concluded his law enforcement career, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors Silas R. Loomis for his more than half century of extraordinary municipal public service as the esteemed Castleton First Constable, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Si Loomis and to the Castleton town clerk.