

No. R-184. House concurrent resolution congratulating Ronald Loomis on his receipt of the 2025 Shaftsbury Ordinary Hero Award.

(H.C.R.153)

Offered by Representative Durfee of Shaftsbury

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

Whereas, Ronald Loomis graduated from Mt. Anthony Union High School; earned an associate's degree from Southern Vermont College; and, for the past four decades, has been an extraordinary citizen in the Town of Shaftsbury, whose volunteer services and good deeds have not gone unnoticed, and

Whereas, for the past 38 years, he has owned Loomis Auto Exchange in Bennington and in that capacity has donated used cars to the Shaftsbury Fire Department for training in vehicle extraction and fire suppression techniques, and

Whereas, for the Bennington Police Department, Ron Loomis created a safe off-road trail to use for training youth in vehicle safety, and

Whereas, as a supporter of the Shaftsbury Elementary School, he has served as a fundraiser and chaperone, and he has loaned supplies and furniture for fundraisers and other events, and

Whereas, Ron and Lisa Loomis have mentored local youth, hosting children whose parents are militarily deployed and serving as foster parents, and

Whereas, the Loomis Sugar House on West Mountain is a cherished community gathering place, and the couple has hosted organizational events, such as for the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center and local U.S. Coast Guard Academy students, and

Whereas, Ron Loomis has successfully mentored area candidates pursuing the Boy Scouts' Eagle Scout rank, and

Whereas, many neighbors associate Ron and Lisa Loomis as the driving force behind the annual Haunted House fundraiser benefiting the Shaftsbury Fire Department, and

Whereas, in recognition of his community and individual good deeds, such as snow plowing during snowstorms, helping the elderly and critically ill, and extending a helping hand to youth starting out on their own, Ron Loomis is the most deserved recipient of the 2025 Shaftsbury Ordinary Hero Award, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ronald Loomis on his receipt of the 2025 Shaftsbury Ordinary Hero Award, *and be it further*

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