

No. R-264. House concurrent resolution congratulating McNeil & Reedy of Rutland City on 70 years as a superb men's clothing retailer.

(H.C.R.217)

Offered by Representatives Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Bosch of Clarendon, Brown of Richmond, Casey of Hubbardton, Harvey of Castleton, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of Rutland Town, Keyser of Rutland City, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, McCoy of Poultney, Nielsen of Brandon, Pinsonault of Dorset, Pritchard of Pawlet, Taylor of Mendon, and Winter of Ludlow

Offered by Senators Collamore, Weeks, and Williams

Whereas, on April 16, 1956, James F. McNeil and George Reedy opened a new store at 81 Merchants Row in Rutland City specializing in the sale of high-quality men's suits at a time when downtown Rutland was a thriving retail hub and men's suits were in steady demand, and

Whereas, James McNeil brought pertinent retailing experience from both the Varsity Shop and the men's and boys' department at the Economy Store, and

Whereas, McNeil & Reedy served as the local franchise for Bond Clothing Stores, Inc., a premier men's clothing manufacturer, and

Whereas, across the ensuing decades, McNeil & Reedy's inventory diversified, evolving into a full-service men's clothing store and the largest purveyor of suit and tuxedo rentals in Vermont, and

Whereas, the founder's twin sons, Jim and John McNeil, continued their father's legacy as the store's joint proprietors, succeeding in downtown Rutland despite the advent of suburban shopping malls, national clothing chains, and the increasing popularity of online shopping, and

Whereas, McNeil & Reedy weathered these developments, providing expert tailoring and personalized service and engendering customer loyalty, and

Whereas, the third generation of the store's McNeil family leadership, Casey McNeil, has recently assumed the helm, bringing his background in finance and a modern perspective on retail management, and

Whereas, since inheriting the family's merchandising legacy, Casey McNeil has redesigned the store, expanded the tailoring department, broadened the inventory, introduced new heritage and performance lines, and emphasized materials and craftsmanship, and

Whereas, 2026 plans at industry-admired McNeil & Reedy include further design enhancements, the introduction of new tailored clothing lines, and the expansion of cigar offerings, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates McNeil & Reedy of Rutland City on 70 years as a superb men's clothing retailer, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to McNeil & Reedy.