

No. R-342. House concurrent resolution honoring former Senate Majority Leader and Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs Executive Director John F. Campbell for his outstanding public service career.

(H.C.R.284)

Offered by Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs

Whereas, upon graduating from the University of Florida, John Campbell joined the Broward County Sheriff's Office as a patrol officer, and

Whereas, after experiencing the rough-and-tumble of hands-on law enforcement, he opted for a potentially more sedate work environment, graduating from what is today Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law, and

Whereas, upon heeding the call to "go north, young man," and relocating to Windsor County, he practiced as a private attorney, and

Whereas, in 2000, John Campbell successfully stood for a Windsor County Senate seat and served continuously until 2016, including several terms as the respected Senate Majority Leader, and

Whereas, in 2016, he became the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs Executive Director and in that role was a decisive and thoughtful leader, and

Whereas, under his guidance, the Department improved its administrative support in all 14 counties, and

Whereas, although charged with being the State's Attorneys' and sheriffs' advocate, John Campbell did not shy away from criticizing severe professional misconduct, and he enthusiastically supported an ultimately unsuccessful legislative effort to impose new accountability for these elected county officials in the belief that Vermonters deserve the best from their public servants, and

Whereas, reflecting on his quarter of a century in State government, John Campbell is most proud of his 2009 co-lead sponsorship of S.115, for which he successfully fought to override a gubernatorial veto, to establish marriage equality in Vermont, and his lead sponsorship in 2015 of S.31, a broad gun-control measure that, among other provisions, would have mandated a federal background check on all Vermont gun sales, and

Whereas, John Campbell has concluded his State government career to pursue his passion to paint works of art, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Senate Majority Leader and Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs Executive Director John F. Campbell for his outstanding public service career, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John F. Campbell.