

No. R-344. House concurrent resolution congratulating Wassick Tire Service of Bennington on its 80th anniversary.

(H.C.R.286)

Offered by Representatives Greer of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, and Nigro of Bennington

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

Whereas, during World War II, Steve Wassick Sr. served in the U.S. military, which assigned him to a vehicle repair unit, and, through this work experience, he developed an interest in the tire business, and

Whereas, upon his return to civilian life, Steve Wassick Sr. worked for Abel's Tire Corporation in Rutland, and

Whereas, his marriage to Ellen McArthur of Woodford prompted Steve Wassick Sr. to relocate to Bennington in 1946 and establish his own tire enterprise, Wassick Tire Service, which, since its opening day, has sold tires and wheels for a variety of motor vehicles and has provided associated support services to ensure these products remain road-ready, and

Whereas, in the early 1980s, Wassick Tire Service experienced a generational leadership change when Steve Wassick Sr.'s sons, Steve Jr. and Donnie, assumed the mantle of leadership, and, subsequently, Donnie purchased his brother's share of the business, and, in the summer months, Donnie's son, DJ, a teacher at the Stratton Mountain School, works with his father, and

Whereas, in 2014, the staff, residents, and volunteers of the Vermont Veterans' Home presented Wassick Tire Service with a commemorative plaque in tribute to the company's annual Christmas season display of a lighted Veterans' Home cross atop its building, and

Whereas, since their inception, the annual Bennington Banner's Readers' Choice Awards have honored Wassick Tire Service, attesting to the high esteem the company has earned from eight decades of superb service, and

Whereas, Wassick Tire Service epitomizes a well-run family business that is worthy of the company's advertising mottos, "Where the People Know Tires Best" and "The Best Tire Dealer in the Shires," *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Wassick Tire Service of Bennington on its 80th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Wassick Tire Service in Bennington.