

No. R-355. House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department Director of Fisheries Eric Palmer and extending future best wishes.

(H.C.R.297)

Offered by Representatives Pritchard of Pawlet, Austin of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Canfield of Fair Haven, Casey of Hubbardton, Chapin of East Montpelier, Charlton of Chester, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Goslant of Northfield, Harvey of Castleton, Hoyt of Hartford, Keyser of Rutland City, Kimbell of Woodstock, Labor of Morgan, Laroche of Franklin, Lipsky of Stowe, Maguire of Rutland City, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Oliver of Sheldon, Parsons of Newbury, Pinsonault of Dorset, Powers of Waterford, Satcowitz of Randolph, Sheldon of Middlebury, Southworth of Walden, Sweeney of Shelburne, and Tagliavia of Corinth

Offered by Senators Bongartz, Collamore, Ingalls, Norris, and Weeks

Whereas, University of Minnesota–educated biologist Eric Palmer has epitomized leadership excellence at the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department (DFW) through significant contributions to the improvement of fisheries management in Vermont and the Northeast and in his role as a superb supervisor who encourages staff innovation and personally fulfilling professional advancement, and

Whereas, Eric Palmer began his DFW career on January 10, 1994, as a fisheries biologist, and, in 2000, a superb job performance and demonstrated leadership ability led to his appointment as DFW’s Director of Fisheries, and

Whereas, as Director of Fisheries, Eric Palmer has centered his personnel focus on collaboration and empowering and supporting his staff to pursue individual strengths and interests to foster meaningful careers, while advancing DFW’s mission and objectives, and

Whereas, not only does the staff appreciate Eric Palmer’s leadership, but his cooperative and team-based managerial approach has resulted in successful conservation projects, including enabling the positive outcome of a lake trout restoration initiative in Lake Champlain, fostering the effectiveness of the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission, developing great results with a strategic wood addition habitat project, and creating a strong and mutually advantageous system of angler communication and outreach, and

Whereas, in 2026, Eric Palmer, among whose personal milestones as DFW’s Director of Fisheries was his election and outstanding service as president of the Atlantic International Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, is concluding his stellar tenure at DFW, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department Director of Fisheries Eric Palmer and extends future best wishes, *and be it further*

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