

No. R-372. House concurrent resolution honoring George Springston for his exemplary roles in environmental and natural resources management.

(H.C.R.306)

Offered by House Committee on Environment

Whereas, for over three decades, George Springston has drawn upon his environmental, geological, mapping, and modeling expertise, which he has continuously updated, as a basis for his diverse and interesting career in the field and in the digital sphere, and

Whereas, George Springston earned a bachelor's and a master's degree from Clemson University and the University of Massachusetts, respectively, and

Whereas, in 1991, he became an assistant wetlands coordinator at the Agency of Natural Resources, working in this key area of environmental policy for the next five years, and

Whereas, in 1996, shortly after the initiation of the U.S. Geological Survey's STATEMAP program, which provides funding to the states for surficial and bedrock geologic mapping, George Springston changed his professional focus to geologic mapping, initially as an independent contractor, and, since 2002, as a research associate on the staff of Norwich University, and

Whereas, George Springston has coauthored over 40 geologic maps, and he was integral to the creation of Vermont's surficial geologic map unit descriptions and surficial mapping standards, and

Whereas, around the year 2000, he began monitoring and advising on landslide threats, developing an expertise that the Vermont Geological Survey has found invaluable, and he compiled landslide inventories for four counties, performed dozens of individual landslide assessments, and is currently creating the State's first statistically based landslide-susceptibility model, and

Whereas, the breadth of George Springston's environmental expertise was evidenced when he advised the Town of Plainfield on its flood recovery plans and when he testified before the House Committee on Environment regarding proposed wetlands rules, and

Whereas, after 35 years, George Springston is concluding his innovative service on behalf of Vermont's environmental and natural resources, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors George Springston for his exemplary roles in environmental and natural resources management, *and be it further*

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