

**No. R-373. House concurrent resolution honoring Representative Kevin “Coach” Christie of Hartford for his inspirational civic leadership and extending future best wishes.**

(H.C.R.307)

Offered by Representatives Burrows of West Windsor, LaMont of Morristown, Stevens of Waterbury, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bailey of Hyde Park, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bartley of Fairfax, Berbeco of Winooski, Birong of Vergennes, Bishop of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Bosch of Clarendon, Boutin of Barre City, Boyden of Cambridge, Brady of Williston, Branagan of Georgia, Brigham of St. Albans Town, Brown of Richmond, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Burt of Cabot, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carris Duncan of Whitingham, Casey of Montpelier, Casey of Hubbardton, Chapin of East Montpelier, Charlton of Chester, Cina of Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Critchlow of Colchester, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolgin of St. Johnsbury, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Eastes of Guilford, Emmons of Springfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Galfetti of Barre Town, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Goodnow of Brattleboro, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Greer of Bennington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Harple of Glover, Harvey of Castleton, Headrick of Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of Rutland Town, Hoyt of Hartford, Hunter of Manchester, James of Manchester, Kascenska of Burke, Keyser of Rutland City, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kleppner of Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krasnow of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Labor of Morgan, Lalley of Shelburne, LaLonde of South Burlington, Laroche of Franklin, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Long of Newfane, Long of Milton, Lueders of Lincoln, Luneau of St. Albans City, Maguire of Rutland City, Malay of Pittsford, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McCoy of Poultney, McGill of Bridport, Micklus of Milton, Mihaly of Calais, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan, L. of Milton, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Morrow of Weston, Mrowicki of Putney, Nelson of Derby, Nielsen of Brandon, Nigro of Bennington, North of Ferrisburgh, Noyes of Wolcott, Nugent of South Burlington, O’Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Olson of Starksboro, Page of Newport City, Pezzo of Colchester, Pinsonault of Dorset, Pouech of Hinesburg, Powers of Waterford, Priestley of Bradford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Quimby of Lyndon, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Scheu of Middlebury, Scully of Burlington, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibilia of Dover, Soucy of Barre Town, Southworth of Walden, Squirrel of Underhill, Steady of Milton, Stone of Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tagliavia of Corinth, Taylor of Mendon, Tomlinson of Winooski, Torre of Moretown, Walker of Swanton, Waszazak of Barre City, Waters Evans of Charlotte, Wells of Brownington, White of Waitsfield, White of Bethel, Winter of Ludlow, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by Senators Clarkson, Major, and White

*Whereas*, the title “Coach” belongs to only one member of the General Assembly, Representative Kevin “Coach” Christie, and it is a moniker he wears with pride, and

*Whereas*, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point recognized the leadership potential of the young Kevin Christie and granted him admission, and

*Whereas*, alternatively, due to a late high school injury, Coach Christie enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State University, where he served as class president and earned a degree in music education, and, immediately thereafter, he commenced a year’s term with the Model Cities Program in Hartford, Connecticut, and

*Whereas*, moving to Vermont in 1973, he opened an automotive service facility in Hartford, proving his acumen as an entrepreneur, and

*Whereas*, Coach Christie’s four-plus decades as an esteemed public educator commenced in 1980 when he assumed track and field coaching duties at Hartford High School; in subsequent years, he coached football, taught at the Hartford Area Career and Technology Center, earned a master’s degree in educational administration and supervision from Plymouth State University in New Hampshire, was honored as Vermont’s Technical Education Teacher of the Year, became the director-principal at the Randolph Technical Career Center, and completed coursework for a doctoral degree in educational leadership at Nova Southeastern University in Florida, all attesting to his professional excellence, and

*Whereas*, in recognition of his instrumental advocacy on behalf of and dynamic leadership in the Black community of Vermont, the Rutland Area branch of the NAACP presented Coach Christie with the organization’s 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award, and

*Whereas*, public office beckoned, and, in 2007, Coach Christie was elected to the Hartford School Board, which he later chaired and on which he remains a member, and, after the 2010 general election, he started his legislative sojourn as one of the members from Hartford in the House of Representatives, becoming a passionate and effective voice on matters related to education, the Judiciary and law enforcement, and social equity, including as a leader of the Social Equity Caucus, and

*Whereas*, his legislative colleagues honored Coach Christie with election to the University of Vermont Board of Trustees, and Governor Philip B. Scott, recognizing Coach Christie’s expertise on matters under the purview of the Vermont Human Rights Commission, appointed him as the panel’s chair, and

*Whereas*, as an outstanding vocalist, Coach Christie is famous for his magnificent rendition of our national anthem, and he has sung with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra Chorus, and

*Whereas*, he has been associated with various nonprofit organizations, and

*Whereas*, much to his regret, Coach Christie has recently experienced health challenges, limiting his participation in legislative deliberations, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors Representative Kevin “Coach” Christie of Hartford for his inspirational civic leadership 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 Kevin “Coach” Christie.