

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 164

Offered by Representatives Dickinson of St. Albans Town and Toof of St. Albans Town

Offered by Senators Brock and Norris

House concurrent resolution congratulating the St. Albans Town Fire Department on 50 years of remarkable community service

Whereas, in 1975, St. Albans Town decided that the community's fire protection needs necessitated the creation of a separate volunteer fire department, and, as a parting gesture, St. Albans City gave the new organization \$60,000.00 to meet initial expenses, and

Whereas, the St. Albans Town Fire Department recognized the need to disburse large quantities of water in an expedited manner and, under the insightful leadership of its first fire chief, Roy C. Parah Sr. (for whom the firehouse is named), purchased a Maxim water pumper, capable of releasing 1,500 gallons of water per minute, and it also "repurposed a Chevy truck to [deliver water] to hard-to-reach houses and converted two [additional] trucks...into tankers," and

Whereas, initially, firefighting vehicles were painted "OSHA yellow" on the theory that red fire trucks were insufficiently visible, and

Whereas, although the St. Albans City Fire Department considered refraining from assisting colleagues in St. Albans Town, this rivalry ended as the city's firefighters soon appreciated their neighbors' support, and

Whereas, the cooperative relationship between the two departments has markedly improved as Matt Mulheron now proudly serves as fire chief for both municipalities, and

Whereas, the once ragtag, and now much-respected, St. Albans Town Fire Department proudly boasts a highly trained roster of firefighters and modern equipment, and

Whereas, in August 2025, current and former St. Albans firefighters gathered to celebrate this historic milestone in the department's history, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the St. Albans Town Fire Department on 50 years of remarkable community service, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the St. Albans Town Fire Department.