

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 225

Offered by Representative Kascenska of Burke

House concurrent resolution honoring East Haven Selectboard Chair Kirwin Flanders for his extraordinary municipal public service career

Whereas, the dedication of Kirwin Flanders to serving his fellow citizens in the Essex County municipality of East Haven is unique, not only in his own community, but across the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, as a young adult, Kirwin Flanders appreciated the importance of civic participation, and his neighbors, in turn, identified him as a promising future leader in East Haven, and

Whereas, his odyssey of municipal leadership commenced in 1974, when the members of the East Haven Selectboard chose Kirwin Flanders to fill a one-year vacancy on their critical town governance panel, and

Whereas, on Town Meeting Day in 1975, Kirwin Flanders stood for election as an East Haven Selectboard candidate for a full term, and the voters of East Haven concurred that he had performed his municipal legislative duties commendably during the one-year interim appointment, and they elected him every three years for a total of 51 years, and

Whereas, at the first convening of the East Haven Selectboard, following the 1975 Town Meeting Day election, it elected Kirwin Flanders to serve as chair, and his competence, dedication, and prudent judgment have sustained his leadership in this position for an amazing 51 years (1975–2026), a record tenure in this role in the Town of East Haven, and certainly among the longest in the history of Vermont municipal government, and

Whereas, the Town of East Haven benefits from his work in other ways as the East Haven representative to the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, and in an administrative capacity as the manager of the town's Aqua Haven community water system, and

Whereas, the incredible saga and enduring contributions of Kirwin Flanders on the East Haven Selectboard, as a 52-year member and its chair for 51 years, are now concluding, and to commemorate this significant moment in the town's history, and as a way to congratulate and thank Kirwin Flanders for a job well done, a potluck luncheon is being held in his honor, today, Sunday, March 15, 2026, at the East Haven Community Building, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors East Haven Selectboard Chair Kirwin Flanders for his extraordinary municipal public service career, *and be it further*

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