

No. R-10. House concurrent resolution congratulating Jon Binhammer on his 25 years of outstanding service at the Vermont chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

(H.C.R.3)

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Brookfield and Jickling of Brookfield

Whereas, the great outdoors has been an essential facet of Jon Binhammer's life since his youth in the Midwest when he constructed forts in the woods and, with his father's assistance, developed a passion for birding, and

Whereas, a visit to The Nature Conservancy's Buzzard Roost Rock Preserve in Ohio (now known as the Edge of Appalachia Preserve) so impressed the youngster that he decided to pursue a career in land conservation, and

Whereas, as academic preparation for fulfilling this objective, Jon Binhammer earned a B.A. in biology at Grinnell College in Iowa and a master's in education degree from Northern Illinois University in De Kalb, Illinois, and

Whereas, on completing his graduate degree, Jon Binhammer began working in the dual fields of environmental education and prairie restoration until 1991 when he joined the staff of The Nature Conservancy's Vermont chapter (TNC), and

Whereas, over the past quarter century, Jon Binhammer's TNC work in Vermont has contributed significantly to the preservation of the State's landscape, and

Whereas, his overall conservation record in the State consists of supporting and ensuring the permanent protection of over 26,000 acres, and

Whereas, more specifically, Jon Binhammer played a leading role in preserving the Green River Reservoir, Black Mountain, and Shaw Mountain, and expanding TNC acreage at both Shelburne Pond and the La Platte River Marsh, and

Whereas, beyond his position as the organization's Vermont Director of Land Protection, Jon Binhammer has served TNC as a respected environmental educator and field trip leader, and

Whereas, 2016 marked the 25th anniversary of Jon Binhammer's outstanding tenure at The Nature Conservancy's Vermont chapter, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jon Binhammer on his 25 years of outstanding service at the Vermont chapter of The Nature Conservancy, and be it further

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