

No. R-77. House concurrent resolution honoring former Bridport Selectboard member Thomas Carey Howlett for his outstanding community service.

(H.C.R.59)

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Bray and Hardy

Whereas, the close nexus between Tom Howlett and the Town of Bridport has existed for nearly a lifetime, and

Whereas, after completing his elementary and secondary school education, Tom Howlett embarked on his one extended absence from Bridport, earning a college degree at Cornell University in 1964, and

Whereas, his family's 1,600-acre Champlainside Farm has been a central focus of his life, as he managed it with his father until 1973, served as its sole proprietor until 1995, and then partnered with his son, Tim, before turning over full control to the next Howlett generation in 2007, and

Whereas, beyond the farm, civic engagement has been of core importance for Tom Howlett, and

Whereas, the central focus of this broader role has been "caring about the community and becoming involved in order to make a difference," and

Whereas, Tom Howlett has fulfilled this goal in many ways, serving on the boards of his church, the Vermont Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and the Tri-Town Water District, and

Whereas, most significantly, he served as a respected member of the Bridport Selectboard during a 21-year tenure lasting from 1980 to 2001, and

Whereas, as a selectboard member, Tom Howlett's budgeting skills proved a great asset as he "always kept the taxpayers' best interest in mind," and

Whereas, Tom Howlett strove to keep his colleagues honest and was always prepared to accept perspectives differing from his own, and

Whereas, he was always interested in the education offered at the town's school and matters pertaining to young people, and

Whereas, the proper closing and capping of the municipality's dump became a project that occupied much of Tom Howlett's selectboard service, and

Whereas, in recognition and appreciation of Tom Howlett's decades of service to the betterment of the Bridport community, the 2018 Bridport Town

Report has been dedicated in his honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Bridport Selectboard member Thomas Carey Howlett for his outstanding community service, and be it further

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