

No. R-196. House concurrent resolution congratulating Pat and Alan Fowler as recipients of the 2009 Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce Persons of the Year award.

(H.C.R.123)

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Partridge of Windham, Deen of Westminster and Mrowicki of Putney

Whereas, a decade ago, Pat and Alan Fowler decided to settle in Bellows Falls after living in New York, California, on Cape Cod, and spending seven years sailing the Caribbean, and

Whereas, after settling in, each became an active and vital member of the community, and

Whereas, Pat Fowler became the proprietor of Village Square Booksellers which is now a popular destination for purchasing literary wares from new bestsellers to classic novels, and

Whereas, Village Square Booksellers is a commercial success and important economic presence in Bellows Falls, and

Whereas, Pat Fowler is popular among her many customers, and she in turn cherishes the openness of the community and degree of civic involvement that she has found to be unique from any of the other places she has resided, and

Whereas, she in turn has donated time to serving the community of Bellows Falls in many roles such as volunteering to string outdoor Christmas lights when the temperatures were well below the freezing mark, and

Whereas, Pat Fowler has been a mover and shaker on another front through her hard work to establish and maintain the local Boys and Girls Club, and

Whereas, Alan Fowler has directed his attention to serving on the board of Falls Area Community Television (FACT) on which he has made a considerable contribution to its successful operation and programming, and

Whereas, he has also given of his time to other community organizations where his work has been of great benefit, and

Whereas, each year, the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce presents its person of the year award to a worthy recipient, and

Whereas, in 2009, Pat and Alan Fowler were among the many individual nominees, and each thought the other might be designated as the honored person, and

Whereas, when more than 100 citizens of Bellows Falls gathered at the Moose Family Lodge for the award presentation event, there was great appreciation and cheering when it was announced that both Pat and Alan Fowler were to be honored as people of the year, a special honor for a most deserving couple, and

Whereas, the attendees at the ceremony were pleased with the chamber's designation of both these wonderful persons as award winners, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Pat and Alan Fowler as recipients of the 2009 Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce Persons of the Year award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Pat and Alan Fowler in Bellows Falls.