

No. R-169. House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont National Guard Deputy Adjutant General Kenneth Gragg for his exemplary career accomplishments.

(H.C.R. 128)

Offered by: Representatives Hango of Berkshire, Birong of Vergennes, Sibia of Dover, Austin of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Cina of Burlington, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Goslant of Northfield, Gregoire of Fairfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lipsky of Stowe, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Rachelson of Burlington, Smith of Derby, Stevens of Waterbury, Stone of Burlington, Taylor of Colchester, Williams of Granby, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Hardy, Ram Hinsdale, Williams, and Wrenner

Whereas, Deputy Adjutant General Ken Gragg began his military service in 1978 with a four-year enlistment in the U.S. Air Force, and

Whereas, as a Vermont National Guard (VTNG) member from 1982–2008, he served as Supervisor and Superintendent of the Munitions Storage Area, Chief of Security Forces, and as Command Chief Master Sergeant, and

Whereas, from 2001–2014, Ken Gragg was employed at the Williston Law Enforcement Support Center of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, where he served as Director of Financial Operations, and

Whereas, for the past decade, Ken Gragg has served honorably at the Vermont Department of Military Affairs, first, from 2014–2018, as Financial Director, where, in 2015, he enabled the Department to earn its first clean financial audit, and since 2018, as the Vermont Deputy Adjutant General, and

Whereas, his skill and leadership were essential in the planning and financing of many significant departmental construction projects, and

Whereas, Ken Gragg's effective advocacy and professional partnership with the VTNG and Veterans' Affairs Legislative Caucus were important factors in the General Assembly's adoption of an improved VTNG Tuition Benefit Program, a revision of the State's VTNG laws, and a more reliable capital funding stream, and

Whereas, as Deputy Adjutant General, he coordinated the rapid construction of a temporary 400-bed Alternate Health Care Facility in response to COVID-19, and

Whereas, Ken Gragg is concluding his service as Deputy Adjutant General with great distinction, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont National Guard Deputy Adjutant General Kenneth Gragg for his exemplary career accomplishments, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Deputy Adjutant General Kenneth Gragg.