

**No. R-191. House concurrent resolution congratulating Richard Knapp on a half-century of outstanding firefighting service and leadership with the Bennington Fire Department.**

(H.C.R.153)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, and Morris of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Richard Knapp's association with the Bennington Fire Department has been enduring and much appreciated, and

Whereas, he first responded to a call for assistance in 1967 as a member of the Putnam Hose Company, and

Whereas, through the decades, Richard Knapp has moved up through the ranks with stops on the firefighting side of the company as second and first lieutenant and captain, and

Whereas, in 1986, he assumed a leadership role as the company's second assistant chief, moving on to serve as first assistant chief in 1988, and then chief in 1990 for a two-year term, and

Whereas, in 1992, Richard Knapp was honored as the first recipient of the Vermont State Fire Fighters Association's "Fire Chief of the Year," and

Whereas, in addition to his leadership in the field for the Putnam Hose Company, Richard Knapp has served in administrative posts, including as the company's secretary, vice president, president, and trustee, and

Whereas, in 2017, he is serving as the company's treasurer, and

Whereas, the Bennington Battle Day Committee has put Richard Knapp's volunteer services to good use in a variety of roles, and he currently serves as the annual parade's chairman, and

Whereas, in another capacity, Richard Knapp is now serving as vice president of the Bennington County Mutual Aid Association, and

Whereas, 2017 marks 50 years that Richard Knapp has donned a fire fighter's uniform, and he continues to douse blazes and work as a dispatcher, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Richard Knapp on a half-century of outstanding firefighting service and leadership with the Bennington Fire Department, and be it further

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