

No. R-250. House concurrent resolution congratulating The Grafton FAST Squad on being named the 2009 First Responder Service of the Year.

(H.C.R.170)

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, first responder services are often essential for the saving of a human life, and

Whereas, communities are continually upgrading their first responder services as technology advances and in order to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible, and

Whereas, annually, Vermont EMS (Emergency Medical Services) honors one first responder service for its accomplishments and record of community service, and

Whereas, after careful assessment, the Vermont EMS has named The Grafton FAST Squad as the 2009 First Responder Service of the Year, and

Whereas, the appropriately named FAST Squad was established in 1981 to provide quick emergency medical response service for the town of Grafton, and

Whereas, since its creation, the FAST Squad has striven to grow and improve in its capabilities and level of service, and

Whereas, a recent example of the squad's service improvement is the purchase of a new multi-purpose custom-built rescue truck which was

purchased with funds from both private foundations and the community, and local residents donated more than one-half of the \$130,000.00 total cost, and

Whereas, four FAST Squad members, Rachel Laliberte, Keith Hermiz, Anne Craven, and Lisa Kissel, completed an extensive EMT course under the auspices of Rescue Inc. of Brattleboro, and

Whereas, credit for the FAST Squad's record of service and the respect it has won in Grafton can be attributed to all its volunteers and the leadership of its recent past president, Margaret (Armstrong) Heale, and its current president, Anne Craven, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates The Grafton FAST Squad on being named the 2009 First Responder Service of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Anne Craven in Grafton.