

No. R-238. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Hartford Fire Department on being named Vermont's 2017 Ambulance Service of the Year.

(H.C.R.194)

Offered by: Representatives Lucke of Hartford, Buckholz of Hartford, and Christie of Hartford

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Department of Health (the Department) honors a Vermont-based and licensed Emergency Medical Service (EMS) organization in recognition of its excellent operations and community service, and

Whereas, among the criteria considered are involvement in local public education activities or injury prevention programs, and

Whereas, other factors the Department evaluates are the presence of positive relationships with the communities the rescue organization serves as well as with the local EMS District Board and receiving hospitals, and

Whereas, an honoree must require a high level of professional and patient care from its staff and volunteers, and

Whereas, a recipient EMS organization must also identify instances in which the quality of care can be improved and document efforts to implement these improvements, and

Whereas, in 2017, the recipient of this prestigious award is the Hartford Fire Department, and

Whereas, the Hartford Fire Department has served as the training service for hundreds of EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) and Advanced EMTs, and the Hartford station has hosted many training sessions and practical exams for both its own and other area EMS providers' personnel, and

Whereas, for the general public, the Hartford Fire Department regularly conducts popular car seat check programs and CPR classes, and

Whereas, the fire department participates in Hartford High School's Allied Medical Services program, introducing students to EMS and fire prevention career options through classroom instruction, internships, and individualized mentoring, and

Whereas, as a member of the Community Resilience Organization of Hartford, the fire department assists in disaster preparedness education, and

Whereas, Hartford Fire Department's motto "Excellence in Service" is demonstrated through its continuing work as an incomparable public safety community resource, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Hartford Fire Department on being named Vermont's 2017 Ambulance Service of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hartford Fire Chief Scott Cooney.