

No. R-263. House concurrent resolution honoring former Essex Police Chief Bradley LaRose for his exemplary public service.

(H.C.R.214)

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dunn of Essex, Giambatista of Essex, and Houghton of Essex

Whereas, a municipal police chief is entrusted with the serious responsibilities of protecting lives and property and the associated oversight of emergency management services, and

Whereas, since 2011, Bradley LaRose has expertly performed these roles for the town of Essex, earning the admiration and appreciation of his community and professional colleagues throughout the State, and

Whereas, serving as Essex Police Chief culminated a law enforcement career that started in 1978 in Burlington and continued in Essex when in 1980 he joined the town's police department as a patrol officer, beginning an impressive ascent through the town's law enforcement ranks, and

Whereas, while a sergeant, Bradley LaRose was assigned patrol division supervisory duties; as a lieutenant, he coordinated Champlain Valley Exposition policing, assumed a leading role in the Essex School shooting investigation, performed extensive drug enforcement work, and served as a substitute chief; and as a captain, he oversaw departmental operations, and

Whereas, during his successful tenure as Essex Police Chief, Bradley LaRose's portfolio of duties was broad and all encompassing, and

Whereas, he played a major role in the design and construction of the new, state-of-the-art Essex police station; chaired the school public safety and emergency management committees; and implemented significant budgetary, managerial, and personnel policies that improved departmental effectiveness, and

Whereas, the knowledge enabling Bradley LaRose to serve in these posts was derived both on the job and as a result of graduating from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, and from Champlain College, earning top honors from both educational institutions, and

Whereas, for 25 years, Bradley LaRose has taught at the Vermont Police Academy, and he is the recipient of many commendations for his outstanding professionalism, and

Whereas, Bradley LaRose is now concluding his service with the Essex Police Department, having mentored many of his colleagues, and he leaves a legacy of tangible accomplishments that will endure, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Essex Police Chief Bradley LaRose for his exemplary public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bradley LaRose and to the Essex Town Clerk.