

No. R-311. House concurrent resolution congratulating *Vermont Standard* publisher Phillip Camp on his induction into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame.

(H.C.R.227)

Offered by: Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Phil Camp was born in Woodstock and as a youth covered high school sports for his hometown newspaper, the *Vermont Standard*, and

Whereas, after college, Phil Camp, whose love of skiing equals his devotion to journalistic endeavors, joined the core group that established the Killington Mountain Resort, and

Whereas, he continued his skiing pursuits as the founder of the New England Ski Areas Council, and

Whereas, combining his reporter's instincts with his thorough knowledge of winter sports, Phil Camp served as director of press operations at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, and

Whereas, in 1981, Phil Camp returned home on a full-time basis and purchased the financially distressed *Vermont Standard*, Windsor County's largest and Vermont's oldest weekly newspaper, established in 1853, and

Whereas, he decided to acquire this historic publication as a way of giving back to his community, and

Whereas, his business savvy and prudent journalistic judgment soon alleviated the *Standard's* financial difficulties, and

Whereas, Phil Camp embarked on his new journalism mission with a reporting goal of presenting the news in an unbiased and accurate way that has garnered much praise, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, Phil Camp offered unparalleled coverage of high school sports, with consistently reliable weekly reports, extensive special reporting, and great photojournalism of championship events, and

Whereas, the *Vermont Standard* faced its greatest challenge in 2011, when Tropical Storm Irene forced the Ottauquechee River to rise to historic levels, and its surging waters inundated the *Standard's* headquarters, and

Whereas, despite the severe damage to the *Vermont Standard's* offices, Phil Camp was determined not to interrupt a 158-year history of never missing a week's issue, and with ingenuity and flexibility, the *Vermont Standard* published an on-time and in-depth Tropical Irene edition, and

Whereas, on Friday, February 7, 2014, the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame is inducting Phil Camp into its esteemed ranks, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates *Vermont Standard* publisher Phillip Camp on his induction into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Phil Camp at the *Vermont Standard*.