

No. R-308. House concurrent resolution expressing sympathy and good wishes to Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott on the fire that severely damaged DuBois Construction Inc.

(H.C.R.231)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, in the summer of 1976, Phil Scott, the future lieutenant governor of Vermont, began his employment as a laborer at DuBois Construction Inc., which specializes in road construction and utility installations, and

Whereas, he rose through the ranks, acquired the technical skills associated with construction work, and displayed a strong work ethic, and

Whereas, in the middle 1980s, he and Don DuBois became co-owners of the company, and Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott has continued to hold that position ever since, and

Whereas, on the evening of January 6, 2012, the headquarters of DuBois Construction, located on Three Mile Bridge Road in Middlesex, was severely damaged in a multiple-alarm fire to which 13 fire companies from Washington, Chittenden, and Orange Counties responded, and

Whereas, despite a heroic and valiant effort on the part of all the attending firefighters, the intensity of the fire was nearly unstoppable, and when the flames were finally extinguished, the DuBois Construction Inc. headquarters was left in horrendous condition, with much of the building destroyed, and

Whereas, on the horrible evening of January 6, 2012, Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott witnessed the headquarters of the business to which he has devoted his entire adult life being engulfed in flames, and

Whereas, Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott has been especially dedicated to helping Vermonters during times of natural disasters, be they snowstorms or spring floods, and he was so most especially in the weeks following Tropical Storm Irene, and

Whereas, when disaster and devastation struck the lieutenant governor directly, he placed his own misfortune in perspective, commenting that in contrast to some Vermonters whose property was consumed in the floodwaters of Tropical Storm Irene, it was not his home that had burned, and

Whereas, all Vermonters can empathize with the tragedy that has befallen the lieutenant governor, his business partner, and his employees, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sympathy to Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott on the fire that severely damaged DuBois Construction headquarters and wishes him every success in the rebuilding process, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott and Don DuBois.