

**No. R-342. House concurrent resolution honoring the retiring Weybridge Selectboard members Gale Hurd, Steven Smith, and Peter James.**

(H.C.R.247)

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, a town's selectboard serves as the municipal legislative body overseeing the finances and management of local governmental operations, and

Whereas, selectboard members bring individual expertise and perspectives that in combination offer the insight to supervise a town's administrative affairs, and

Whereas, recently, the Town of Weybridge faced an especially difficult situation that every municipality hopes will never occur, and

Whereas, the selectboard responded magnificently, exhibiting integrity, level-headedness, and thoughtfulness, and

Whereas, the end result of this demanding process was the Town of Weybridge's emerging as a stronger community, and

Whereas, on Town Meeting Day 2014, three of these extraordinary Weybridge Selectboard members, whose civic duty extended beyond the usual responsibilities of a municipal legislator, will conclude their service on the board, and

Whereas, their combined municipal public service equals 60 years, and they have dedicated countless hours to the Town of Weybridge, and

Whereas, Gale Hurd (14 years) was instrumental in the new maintenance shed's construction, managed most of the board's written communications, and was a regular supplier of Tootsie Rolls® at meetings, and

Whereas, Steven Smith (16 years) was a thoughtful and informed selectboard member, asked important questions, and examined carefully the long-term effects of the board's decisions, and

Whereas, Peter James (30 years) has served as a calm and attentive leader, earned broad admiration in the community, guided the board in a respectful and collaborative decision-making process, and oversaw major highway projects, and

Whereas, the decision of these selectboard members to not stand for reelection represents the conclusion of an extraordinary governing partnership, and the 2013 Weybridge Town Report is dedicated in their honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the retiring Weybridge Selectboard members Gale Hurd, Steven Smith, and Peter James, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the Weybridge selectboard members honored in this resolution.