

No. R-327. House concurrent resolution honoring Ludlow Municipal Manager Francis J. Heald.

(H.C.R.262)

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Forguites of Springfield, and Harrison of Chittenden

Offered by: Senators Nitka, Clarkson, McCormack, Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, a municipality's chief administrator usually reports to a single elected panel such as the village trustees or the selectboard, and

Whereas, occasionally, a town and village may share the administrative services of a jointly employed municipal manager, and

Whereas, in Ludlow, the municipal manager's daunting responsibilities are even broader as this officer serves the town, the village, and the village water commission, and

Whereas, Frank Heald has held this demanding, triple responsibility post for the past 15 years, and

Whereas, he has been extremely adept at securing federal and State financing for projects and programs, reducing the expenditure of local funds, and

Whereas, Frank Heald is community oriented and regularly volunteers his time for good causes, such as his participation in Rotary fundraisers, and

Whereas, he frequently attends local athletic contests and is undoubtedly one of Black River Union High School's most enthusiastic fans, and

Whereas, the chairs of the Ludlow Selectboard, Ludlow Village Board of Trustees, and the Ludlow Village Water Commission have all praised his work on behalf of their respective municipal units, and

Whereas, among Frank Heald's achievements are the greatly needed water system improvement project; the acquisition of the Vermont National Guard Armory and its current conversion into a community center, featuring a gymnasium, dining area, conference space, classrooms, a weight room, and offices; an award-winning municipal health and safety program, resulting in insurance premium reimbursements from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns; town hall renovations, including development of the successful \$750,000.00 bond that financed the project; the construction of a new public safety building that houses the police department and ambulance service; and the implementation of community beautification projects, and

Whereas, Frank Heald has decided that May 1, 2018 is the appropriate date for his departure, and his three supervisory boards have thanked him for his exemplary work and extended best wishes for the future, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ludlow Municipal Manager Francis J. Heald, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Frank Heald.