

No. R-443. House concurrent resolution honoring S. Michael Slater on the conclusion of his outstanding legislative council career.

(H.C.R.322)

Offered by: All Members of the House of Representatives

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, for over three decades, members of the general assembly have relied on Michael Slater, known to one and all as Mike, as their go-to guy on transportation issues, and

Whereas, from the paving of existing state highways and the creation of new ones to aeronautics and railways, Mike Slater has drafted legislation affecting every imaginable spoke on the transportation wheel, and

Whereas, the modes of transportation for which Mike Slater has written statutory provisions range from snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles to motorboats and neighborhood electric vehicles, and

Whereas, Mike Slater has focused much of his attention on large multi-axle interstate trucks, who is licensed to drive them, and where they can travel on Vermont's local, state, and interstate highways, and

Whereas, all aspects of motor vehicle law from driver licensing to liability insurance and prohibitions on driver activities behind the wheel have come under his computer keys' purview, and

Whereas, annually, Mike Slater has overseen the drafting of the transportation bill authorizing yearly and long-range transportation planning and amending every conceivable intricacy of transportation law, and

Whereas, in recounting his many legislative creations ultimately enacted into the Vermont statutes, Mike Slater was perhaps most proud of his work in drafting the New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Act, more commonly referred to as the “lemon law” and intended to protect unsuspecting consumers from new car gremlins who are mischievously lurking in improperly manufactured motor vehicles, and

Whereas, as a graduate of the University of Miami with a degree in engineering, along with a law degree from Suffolk University Law School, he has brought a specialized knowledge to many of the technical and legal details involved in transportation policy, and

Whereas, after over three decades as a great legislative council attorney, Mike Slater will be concluding his duties writing the law of the highways this spring and will head out onto the roadway in his super power van with his wife, Janet, as they travel the coastline from Maine to Florida, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors S. Michael Slater on the conclusion of his outstanding legislative council career and extends best wishes for a long and enjoyable retirement, and be it further

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