

No. R-414. House concurrent resolution honoring the St. Albans Town municipal public works department employees for their exemplary public service during the spring 2011 Lake Champlain flooding.

(H.C.R.323)

Offered by: Representatives Dickinson of St. Albans Town and Howrigan of Fairfield

Whereas, in late April through early May 2011, the rising waters of Lake Champlain precipitated major flooding in the communities along the shoreline, including St. Albans Town, and

Whereas, during the most severe periods of water inundation, the St. Albans Town public works department employees worked many more hours than normal to minimize damage and protect shoreline roads, and

Whereas, the department distributed 12,000 yards of stone to protect shoreline roads and set out 25,000 sandbags, and

Whereas, over three work sessions, members of the Vermont National Guard filled a total of approximately 12,000 sandbags, and local Boy Scouts and students from BFA-St. Albans building trades program also assisted in preparing sandbags, and

Whereas, from May 10 to May 12, 2011, the St. Albans public works department installed a temporary bridge on Hathaway Point when over two feet of water covered the road, and

Whereas, in total, the department of public works used 1,600 hours of labor to save the town's roads from being destroyed during the spring 2011 flooding, and

Whereas, throughout the flood response effort, the St. Albans Town fire department was of invaluable assistance, and

Whereas, the St. Albans Town department of public works employees whose dedication and special effort were invaluable included Alan Barratt, Corey Gratton, Frank Baker, Kris Remillard, and, of course, the department's exemplary director, Steve Beauregard, and

Whereas, the voluntary assistance of private citizen Robert (Nick) Hathaway deserves special recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the St. Albans Town municipal public works employees for their exemplary public service during the spring 2011 Lake Champlain flooding, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the St. Albans Town public works department, the St. Albans Town fire department, and to Robert Hathaway.