

No. R-451. House concurrent resolution honoring Wayne Hunter for his public service as a U.S. Postal Service employee in Northfield.

(H.C.R.338)

Offered by: Representatives Lewis of Berlin and Donahue of Northfield

Whereas, for 31 years, Wayne Hunter greeted customers at the Northfield Post Office as they sent or picked up mail and purchased stamps and other postal necessities, and

Whereas, transacting business with this cheerful postal employee was a regular part of many local residents' daily routine, and

Whereas, Wayne Hunter always performed his U.S. Postal Service duties courteously, professionally, and with a smile, and

Whereas, he was always ready to assist a patron who presented an unusual mailing inquiry, and

Whereas, Wayne Hunter's career at the Northfield Post Office started in 1983 on a part-time basis, working as a clerk and substitute carrier, and

Whereas, his conscientious work habits and excellent on-the-job performance resulted in Wayne Hunter's securing full-time employment as a postal clerk, and

Whereas, the Northfield Post Office has a special role each business day, gathering the large amount of mail addressed to recipients at Norwich University, and

Whereas, in recent years, automation has altered the process of sorting incoming mail, and

Whereas, the local cancellation stamp is gone, as all mail, even mail sent between two Northfield postal patrons, is sent first to the regional processing center in Essex, and

Whereas, the prevalence of First-Class Mail declined sharply as e-mail assumed a predominant role in personal correspondence, and

Whereas, the sale of Forever stamps has grown, as they can be used for their original purpose notwithstanding changing postal rates, and

Whereas, despite these changes in postal practices, Wayne Hunter remained a steady presence at the Northfield Post Office for over three decades, and

Whereas, on April 2, 2014, Wayne Hunter concluded his exemplary public service as a U.S. Postal Service employee and now looks forward to spending more time gardening at home in Riverton, on the golf course, and with his wife, Jeanette, their two daughters, and three grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Wayne Hunter for his public service as a U.S. Postal Service employee in Northfield, and be it further

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