

No. R-414. House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont's electric utility lineworkers for their special role in the creation, maintenance, and restoration of the State's electric power line system.

(H.C.R.340)

Offered by: Representative Young

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, the late 19th century's introduction of electrification into Vermont and its broader installation throughout the State during the 20th century marked a fundamental change in Vermonters' daily lives, and

Whereas, key to the rollout and continuity of electrification has been the electric utility lineworkers, whose patience and skill are fundamental to keeping the system operating fully and properly, and

Whereas, electric utility lineworkers strung the first lines that introduced electricity to Vermont bereft of the modern technology used today, with minimal, if any, mapping to guide them across new terrain, and ignorant of fundamental safety rules that are now universally observed, and

Whereas, the remarkable achievements of these first electric utility lineworkers subtracts nothing from the astounding accomplishments of their contemporary counterparts, and

Whereas, in 2018, electric utility lineworkers maintain a network of electric power lines that represents a degree of advanced technical sophistication, and

Whereas, these workers are reliable, highly trained, and dedicated to ensuring that the power remains on and, if disrupted, restored as quickly as possible, and

Whereas, most noteworthy is the beyond-the-call-of-duty performance of electric utility lineworkers in the wake of severe weather and natural- and human-caused disasters, when they work incredible hours under unbelievably difficult conditions to restore power; and

Whereas, on occasion, they are required to reconstruct the electric power transmission infrastructure from scratch, and

Whereas, electric utility lineworkers assist their colleagues when similar disasters strike other states and Canadian provinces, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont's electric utility lineworkers for their special role in the creation, maintenance, and restoration of the State's electric power line system, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Burlington Electric Department, Green Mountain Power, the Stowe Electric Department, the Vermont Electric Cooperative, the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority, and the Washington Electric Cooperative.