

No. R-499. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department on its 75th anniversary.

(H.C.R.345)

Offered by: Representatives Webb of Shelburne and Lenex of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Baruth, Lyons, Sirotkin, and Zuckerman

Whereas, one of the earliest recorded instances in Vermont of the extinguishing of a building fire occurred in Shelburne on March 12, 1778, during the American Revolutionary War, when attacking British forces set aflame the home of Moses and Rachel Pierson, and

Whereas, the fire was extinguished using Mrs. Pierson's homemade beer, and

Whereas, in the following decades, residents of Shelburne would form "bucket brigades" to combat building fires, and

Whereas, in 1924, the Town of Shelburne purchased a Ford Model T fire engine to assist in community firefighting efforts and stored it at a private business in the center of Shelburne Village, and

Whereas, by 1941, the need for a more formalized firefighting service was apparent, and the Town of Shelburne established the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department (the Department), and

Whereas, the Department built a fire station and purchased a new General Motors fire truck outfitted with a Buffalo Fire Equipment Company water pump, and

Whereas, 75 years later, although this truck was retired from service long ago, it still runs, pumps water, and is used for parades and ceremonies—a testament to the Department's attentive maintenance of its equipment, and

Whereas, since 1941, the role of the Department has grown to include responding to vehicle accidents, providing water and ice rescue, conducting fire-prevention education programs in the town's schools, and many other functions of public safety, and

Whereas, the Department holds its members to high standards of training, service, and professionalism and has served the community's families, businesses, and visitors for three-quarters of a century with honor and pride, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department on its 75th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department.