

No. R-475. House concurrent resolution honoring Tom Howard of East Montpelier for his career accomplishments in youth services.

(H.C.R.345)

Offered by: Representative Klein of East Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, the breadth and quality of youth support services available in Vermont are due in large measure to Tom Howard, and

Whereas, his United States Army service included teaching and counseling imprisoned soldiers, and

Whereas, after his honorable military discharge, Tom Howard graduated from Johnson State College and earned a graduate degree from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, and

Whereas, in 1975, the Washington County Youth Service Bureau hired Tom Howard as director of the Montpelier Youth Center, named him the bureau's clinical supervisor in 1977, and finally appointed him as the organization's executive director in 1979, and

Whereas, Tom Howard's dynamic leadership has positively and dramatically transformed the youth services landscape in Vermont, and

Whereas, he arranged the bureau's affiliation with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, which improved the bureau's program offerings and attractiveness for financial donations, and

Whereas, Tom Howard established the Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs, the Vermont Coalition of Teen Centers, the

Vermont Youth Tomorrow Program (A*VISTA), and the Vermont Youth Development Corps (AmeriCorps), and

Whereas, two bureau programs received simultaneous recognition from the United States Center for Substance Abuse Prevention as exemplary programs, making it the only organization in the country at the time to have two such programs honored, and

Whereas, Tom Howard served on one of the state's court diversion boards and represented Vermont's 21st Century Community Learning Center Programs at a White House conference, and

Whereas, this week he was presented with the "Outstanding Johnson State College Alumni" award, and

Whereas, in June, Tom Howard will end his illustrious 35-year association with the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Tom Howard of East Montpelier for his career accomplishments in youth services and extends to him best wishes on his retirement, and be it further

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