

No. R-440. House concurrent resolution honoring former South Burlington Fire Captain Gary Rounds for his exemplary municipal public service.

(H.C.R.366)

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, and Townsend of South Burlington

Whereas, at 17 years of age, Gary Rounds followed his father into the South Burlington Highway Department, extending his family's municipal service into a second generation, and

Whereas, when the South Burlington Fire Department was organized in the early 1970s, many Highway Department personnel served as volunteer firefighters, including Gary Rounds, who was appointed a captain of the on-call firefighters, and

Whereas, Gary Rounds found great satisfaction in performing his firefighting duties, and in 1985, his quest to become a full-time member of the city's firefighting service was realized, and

Whereas, Gary Rounds' firefighting skills and commitment to duty earned him the senior leadership assignment of Shift 2 Captain, and

Whereas, one of his enduring accomplishments was the establishment of the South Burlington Fire Department's junior firefighter program that enables high school students to provide assistance to professional firefighters, serve their community, and be introduced to a career option, and

Whereas, he originated the annual 9/11 Memorial Service, conducted in South Burlington's Overlook Park, as a tribute to the 412 brave first responders who sacrificed their lives on that fateful day at New York City's World Trade Center, and

Whereas, after 47 years and one day as a highly respected South Burlington city employee, including 32 years as a superb full-time firefighter, Captain Gary Rounds has responded to his department's fire alarm for the final time and looks forward to new life adventures, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former South Burlington Fire Captain Gary Rounds for his exemplary municipal public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Gary Rounds and the South Burlington Fire Department.