

No. R-493. House concurrent resolution honoring fish and game warden Sergeant Daniel Swainbank for his career accomplishments.

(H.C.R.383)

Offered by: Representatives Savage of Swanton, Branagan of Georgia, Consejo of Sheldon, Degree of St. Albans City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gilbert of Fairfax, Howrigan of Fairfield, Johnson of South Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krebs of South Hero, Lewis of Derby, McAllister of Highgate, Pearce of Richford and Perley of Enosburgh

Offered by: Senators Brock and Kittell

Whereas, Sgt. Daniel (Dan) Swainbank, a graduate of BFA-St. Albans, is ideally suited for his work as a fish and game warden, and

Whereas, he was sworn in as a part-time fish and game warden in 1976, two weeks after his 19th birthday, and was hired on a full-time basis in 1979, and

Whereas, during the course of his career, Sgt. Swainbank has been assigned to patrol areas in Arlington, Lyndonville, Enosburgh, and since 1986, Swanton, and

Whereas, although he has patrolled on land, swamps, and bodies of water, Sgt. Swainbank has especially enjoyed his work on Lake Champlain where he has logged thousands of hours of boat and snowmobile patrol duty, and

Whereas, during his Lyndonville assignment, he became a self-defense instructor for the department, and

Whereas, Warden Dan Swainbank received specialized federal training in covert operations, and for a quarter century, he has been deployed in Vermont, Maine, Ontario, and Saskatchewan, infiltrating poaching operations, and

Whereas, he helped pioneer the deploying of a taxidermy mounted deer near popular roadside hunting locations, now a standard procedure for curbing this illegal activity, and

Whereas, through his initiating discussions with the Franklin County state's attorney and a local legislator, a uniform point system for fish and game violations was enacted, and

Whereas, he has held offices in the VT Game Wardens' Association, and his fellow state employees elected him as vice president of the Franklin-Grand Isle chapter of the Vermont State Employees' Association, and

Whereas, in 2005, Warden Dan Swainbank was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and

Whereas, this exemplary law enforcement officer has received several awards, including Vermont Game Warden of the Year in 1985 and 1996, Vermont's Boating Safety Enforcement Officer of the Year in 2007, and in 2008, a lifesaving award for locating a lost hunter in a dark marshy bog in Swanton, and

Whereas, after over three decades as a respected fish and game warden, Sgt. Dan Swainbank will retire on April 30, 2012, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors fish and game warden Sergeant Daniel Swainbank for his career accomplishments, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sergeant Dan Swainbank.