

No. R-512. House concurrent resolution honoring John R. Stone Jr. on his 55th firefighting anniversary and for his outstanding community service in Bennington.

(H.C.R.396)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Champion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington and Mook of Bennington

Offered: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, John Stone has served the town and village of Bennington in several community service roles, but most notably as a member of the Putnam Hose Company # 3 of the Bennington fire department, and

Whereas, for 55 years, John Stone has been one of the volunteer firefighters in this essential organization that protects the citizenry, and

Whereas, his commitment and dedication to Putnam Hose Company # 3 of the Bennington fire department has extended beyond the many occasions when he has been called at all hours to help, and

Whereas, for 20 years, John Stone oversaw the department's administrative affairs during his tenure as its president, and

Whereas, firefighting has become a Stone family tradition as two of his grandsons are now members of Bennington Fire Department, and

Whereas, John Stone has represented the citizens of Bennington on the town's selectboard, and

Whereas, he has served on the Bennington board of civil authority during both his selectboard and justice of the peace terms of service, and

Whereas, in the formerly incorporated village of Bennington, John Stone was elected as a village trustee and is now the only person living who held this position, and

Whereas, John Stone, and his wife, Jean, have been married for 62 years and are the parents of seven children, Susan, Margaret, Judy, John, Liz, Kathy, and Mary, and the proud grandparents of 18 grandchildren, and

Whereas, for 25 years, he owned and operated an electronics business in Bennington, and

Whereas, despite a busy life devoted to his family, firefighting duties, community service, and managing his business, John Stone found the time to be a member of both the Knights of Columbus and the Fraternal Order of Elks, and

Whereas, John Stone has devoted himself to his family and serving his community with great distinction, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors John R. Stone Jr. on his 55th firefighting anniversary and for his outstanding community service in Bennington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Stone in Bennington.