

No. R-519. House concurrent resolution honoring Nathaniel Tripp as an outstanding protector of the Connecticut River and its watershed.

(H.C.R.403)

Offered by: Representative Deen of Westminster

Whereas, Nathaniel (Nat) Tripp has lived on a Vermont hill farm in the Northeast Kingdom for over 30 years where he raises sheep and vegetables, and

Whereas, he is a Vietnam veteran and his memoir *Father Soldier Son* was published by Steerforth Press in 1996, and

Whereas, at various times he has worked in film and television writing, and

Whereas, Nat Tripp has paddled the Connecticut River, New England's largest and longest river, and has been instrumental over the past 20 years in promoting its worthiness as a natural treasure and tourist attraction, and

Whereas, he is passionately concerned about the health and vitality of the Connecticut River and has devoted countless hours as a citizen activist and writer to protect and improve the river's water quality, and

Whereas, Nat Tripp's diverse background has broadened his appreciation of and concern for the unique character of the Connecticut River watershed, and

Whereas, over many years, Nat Tripp has worked with scientists, bureaucrats, politicians, lobbyists, property holders, and advocacy groups to balance federal, state, corporate, and individual interests pertaining to the Connecticut River, and

Whereas, Nat Tripp is a past chair of both the Connecticut River Joint Commissions and the Connecticut River Byway Council, and

Whereas, most recently, Nat Tripp articulated his thoughts on the Connecticut River in his book *Confluence: A River, The Environment, Politics, & the Fate of All Humanity*, and

Whereas, through these leadership roles and his writings, Nat Tripp has inspired others and cultivated a sense of stewardship and respect for the unique natural assets of the Connecticut River and its watershed, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Nathaniel Tripp as an outstanding protector of the Connecticut River and its watershed, and be it further

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