

No. R-489. House concurrent resolution congratulating Proctor Gas, Inc. on its 50th anniversary.

(H.C.R.410)

Offered by: Representatives Burditt of West Rutland, Potter of Clarendon, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Eastman of Orwell, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, Komline of Dorset, McCoy of Poultney, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, Proctor Gas's history is also the story of three generations of the Taranovich family, and

Whereas, in 1947, Match Taranovich accepted a job at the Proctor Coal Company, and

Whereas, in 1966, he purchased the gas and appliance showroom side of the business with financial help from family members, and

Whereas, Match Taranovich and his wife, Ella, ran the business as a team, with Ella—a full-time administrator elsewhere—maintaining the books as her second, weekend job, and

Whereas, even as a youth, their son, Jimmy Taranovich, assisted his father and knew he wanted to enter the family business, and

Whereas, Jimmy Taranovich earned a degree in accounting and retailing at Castleton State College, graduating in 1973 and, in the early 1980s, assumed full managerial responsibility at Proctor Gas, and

Whereas, his business mindset sparked major growth at the company, and

Whereas, one of his first moves was to acquire the company's first bulk delivery truck for propane sales, and

Whereas, a few years later, Jimmy Taranovich decided to end an affiliation with Suburban Propane, and he acquired Proctor Gas's own bulk facility for the newly independent distribution system, and

Whereas, he exited the appliance business and opted to sell gas hearths, and

Whereas, Jimmy Taranovich held leadership roles in regional and national propane gas organizations, and

Whereas, his wife, Judy, introduced a line of gift items at the showroom, and

Whereas, on September 27, 2010, Jimmy died from injuries suffered the prior day in a motorcycle crash and, despite her grief, Judy Taranovich rose to the necessity and assumed leadership of the company, and

Whereas, Judy has proven to be most capable of continuing the family tradition, and her son, Joshua Taranovich, is preparing to become the third generation to take the helm of Proctor Gas, and

Whereas, in April 2016, Proctor Gas proudly celebrated its 50th anniversary as a thriving family enterprise, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Proctor Gas, Inc. on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

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