

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senators Illuzzi, Campbell, Carris, Flanagan, Hartwell, McCormack, Sears and Shumlin,

S.C.R. 15. Senate concurrent resolution honoring the outstanding public service of Thomas Anderson, United States Attorney for the District of Vermont.

Whereas, Thomas Anderson's distinguished legal career began following his graduation from St. Michael's College and Seton Hall Law School, and

Whereas, for five years, Thomas Anderson practiced law at the Burlington law firm of Sheehey, Furlong, and Behm where he rose to the position of managing partner, and

Whereas, as a state prosecutor, he served for three years as a deputy state's attorney for Essex and Orleans Counties and also worked as a special assistant attorney general, and

Whereas, 17 years of Thomas Anderson's work as a lawyer have been dedicated to his role as a federal prosecutor, the first 14 of which he served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Vermont, and

Whereas, in May 2006, President George W. Bush, on the recommendation of Governor James Douglas and with the support of United States Senator Patrick Leahy, nominated him to the position of United States Attorney for the District of Vermont, and the United States Senate confirmed his nomination shortly thereafter, and

Whereas, during his almost three years as Vermont's United States Attorney, Thomas Anderson always emphasized the vital importance of collaboration between federal, state and local law enforcement authorities, and

Whereas, under his leadership, the Vermont United States Attorney's office experienced a 20-percent increase in filed criminal charges and a 31-percent increase in the prosecution of defendants, and

Whereas, he devoted special attention to several important areas of law enforcement, including child pornography and enticement, and he organized an Internet safety summit at the State House in Montpelier, and

Whereas, multi-district drug crimes were high on Thomas Anderson's prosecutorial agenda, and this special focus reflected 40 percent of his office's prosecutions, including the 24-defendant Operation Marble Valley, and

Whereas, he led the federal-state investigation into the tragic Brooke Bennett case and also focused on cases related to violent gun crimes, and

Whereas, on February 28, 2009, Thomas Anderson concluded his successful tenure as United States Attorney for the District of Vermont, and he has accepted a new challenging position at the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly thanks Thomas Anderson for his outstanding public service as United States Attorney for the District of Vermont, *and be it further*

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