

No. R-322. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Senator Richard McCormack for his dedicated legislative service in the Vermont Senate.

(S.C.R.16)

By Senators Clarkson, Brock, Baruth, Bray, Campion, Chittenden, Collamore, Cummings, Gulick, Hardy, Harrison, Hashim, Ingalls, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Norris, Perchlik, Ram Hinsdale, Sears, Starr, Vyhovsky, Watson, Weeks, Westman, White, Williams and Wrenner,

Whereas, Dick McCormack has represented the Windsor Senate District for much of the past 35 years, and he is proud of being a passionate environmentalist, strong defender of public education, adherent to constitutional norms, and a legislator always ready to fight a worthy battle even if he is the only warrior for the cause, and

Whereas, a graduate of Hofstra University, he also studied secondary education at Castleton State College, and, later, earned a master's degree in environmental policy from Vermont Law School, and

Whereas, Dick McCormack's personal pursuits extend from folk music to post-secondary education to public service, and he has engaged in these avocations with passion and good humor, and

Whereas, as a folk-singing performing and recording artist, Dick McCormack often invokes a Vermont theme in his songs, and, in the 1990s, he hosted *Dick McCormack's Veranda*, a series of programs on Vermont Public Radio, and

Whereas, in his role as a post-secondary instructor, Dick McCormack enjoyed the academic interchange with his students at Vermont Technical College, and

Whereas, Dick McCormack's strong interest in the Act 250 environmental law's success motivated him to serve on the Act 250 District 3 Environmental Commission, including as the panel's chair; and, simultaneously, he served as a justice of the peace in the Town of Bethel, and

Whereas, in 1989, then-Governor Madeleine Kunin recognized Dick McCormack's strong record of public service and appointed him to a Windsor District vacancy in the Vermont Senate, and

Whereas, he has approached this important representational role (from 1989 to 2003 and from 2007 to the present) with a profound seriousness of purpose, and his Democratic colleagues elected him as their caucus leader, and the Senate Committee on Committees named Richard McCormack Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy Chair, and

Whereas, many organizations have honored Richard McCormack's numerous legislative achievements and advocacy efforts, and 2024 will be his final year serving in the Vermont Senate, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Senator Richard McCormack for his dedicated legislative service in the Vermont Senate, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Senator Richard McCormack.