

**No. R-223. House concurrent resolution honoring Eric Thomas Buckley for his exemplary service as the Detachment of Vermont Commander of the Sons of the American Legion.**

(H.C.R.169)

Offered by: Representative Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) is an organization for boys and men whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military, and it is organized into 50 state detachments, and

Whereas, in 2001, Eric Buckley became a charter member of the newly organized SAL Squadron #5 in Windham County, which he continues to assist with special projects, and

Whereas, he moved through the ranks quickly, serving as Windham County Commander from 2002–2004, and then 5th District (encompassing both Windham and Windsor counties) Commander from 2004–2011, and

Whereas, beginning in 2011, Eric Buckley served a two-year term as both the Detachment of Vermont’s membership chair and senior vice commander, and

Whereas, with this extensive experience and preparation, Eric Buckley was the ideal candidate to become the SAL’s Detachment of Vermont Commander for the 2013–2015 term, and

Whereas, a special project, during his first year serving in this office, was conducting a joint fundraising project with Vermont American Legion Commander Rick Gray that raised over fifty thousand dollars for a new Giraffe Omni Bed at the Vermont Children’s Hospital at the University of Vermont Medical Center, and

Whereas, over the past year, Eric Buckley has focused his attention on improving the financial status of the Detachment of Vermont’s National Guard Emergency Assistance Fund, in order to improve its capacity to assist Vermont National Guard members who are facing a personal crisis, and

Whereas, Eric Buckley is a two-time recipient of the SAL’s Nancy Mossey Tetreault Award, recognizing the Vermont SAL member who has done the most for his American Legion Auxiliary unit, and

Whereas, Eric Buckley, who visits regularly both patients at the White River Junction VA Medical Center and residents at the Vermont Veterans’ Home in Bennington, will be honored at an SAL dinner on May 23, 2015, at the local American Legion hall, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Eric Thomas Buckley for his exemplary service as the Detachment of Vermont Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, and be it further

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