

**No. R-21. House concurrent resolution honoring former Brattleboro Police Chief Michael Fitzgerald.**

(H.C.R.13)

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, Michael (Gunny) Fitzgerald earned his nickname from serving as a U.S. Marine gunnery sergeant as the capstone of his two-decade-plus military career, and

Whereas, on concluding his military service, Gunny Fitzgerald embarked on a new professional path as a Brattleboro law enforcement officer, and

Whereas, municipal policing and Gunny Fitzgerald proved an eminently compatible pair, and he rose to the ranks of lieutenant and captain prior to his 2014 appointment as Brattleboro Police Chief, and

Whereas, Gunny Fitzgerald, who stepped down as chief at the end of 2020, viewed the police department as the community's guardian and not its warrior, and he was dedicated to working cooperatively with the Brattleboro Community Safety Review Committee, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Brattleboro Police Chief Michael Fitzgerald, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michael Fitzgerald and to the Brattleboro Police Department.