

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 208

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Speaker of the House and Vermont statesman Richard Walker Mallary of Brookfield

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Richard Mallary was born in Springfield, Massachusetts and moved to Fairlee where his parents operated a Holstein dairy farm for which he later served as a managing partner, and

Whereas, he graduated from Bradford Academy and Dartmouth College (summa cum laude), and at the age of 22 was elected to serve and chair the Fairlee Selectboard, and

Whereas, upon his 1960 election to the Vermont House of Representatives, Richard Mallary became known as one of the chamber's "Young Turks" who sought to enact more forward-looking public policies, and

Whereas, in 1963, Richard Mallary was appointed chair of the committee on appropriations and earned the respect of his fellow legislators, and

Whereas, in January 1966, following the emotionally difficult and tumultuous House reapportionment of 1965, and the special election that was held the following November, the newly elected representatives chose Representative Richard Mallary as their Speaker, and

Whereas, during his three-year tenure at the rostrum, Speaker Richard Mallary led the Vermont House of Representatives with boldness, foresight, and the utmost institutional respect, and

Whereas, in 1968, Richard Mallary was elected to represent Orange County in the Senate, and in 1971, Governor Deane Davis appointed him as Vermont's first Secretary of Administration, and

Whereas, he won a special congressional election in 1971 and served through 1974, displaying his political independence as a Republican, advocating that President Richard Nixon resign in light of the Watergate scandal, and

Whereas, Governor Richard Snelling followed his predecessor's wise judgment when, in 1977, he appointed Richard Mallary to his second term as the most senior member of the governor's cabinet, and

Whereas, in 1998, following a career in the utility industry, he was again sent to the Vermont House of Representatives where the independently minded Republican Richard Mallary supported the establishment of civil unions, a decision he believed to be correct but that cost him his legislative seat, and

Whereas, Governor James Douglas brought Richard Mallary back into state government in 2003 as commissioner of taxes, and

Whereas, aside from his legislative and executive branch offices, Richard Mallary served ably on the boards of numerous nonprofit institutions, as an esteemed community leader, and in recent years as a Vermont Public Radio commentator, and

Whereas, Richard Mallary, who was strongly committed to upholding the most cherished civic values of Vermont's citizen democracy, died at age 82 on September 27, 2011, leaving his wife, Jeannie, his children, Richard, Anne, Elizabeth, and Sarah, and stepchildren, Jonathan, Lydia, and Hayden, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly fondly remembers former Speaker of the House and Vermont statesman Richard Walker Mallary of Brookfield, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of his family.

