

NO. R-17. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
REPRESENTATIVE JAMES HUTCHINSON OF RANDOLPH.

(H.C.R.1)

Offered by: All members of the House

Offered by: All members of the Senate

Whereas, Jim Hutchinson of Randolph was a devoted son, husband, and father and a community leader whose interests ranged from public service as a citizen legislator to helping people with disabilities enjoy recreational activities, and

Whereas, a native Vermonter who still lived in and maintained the original homestead where seven generations of Hutchinsons had lived before him, Jim Hutchinson graduated from Braintree-Randolph Union High School and from Franklin Technological Institute in Massachusetts, and he also studied briefly at Vermont Technical College, and

Whereas, Jim Hutchinson's service as a U.S. Navy Seabee during the Vietnam War enabled him to develop the skills he used during his career in the construction industry, and

Whereas, Jim Hutchinson volunteered with, became a board member of, and subsequently became president of the board of Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports, an organization which provides adaptive recreational opportunities for people with different types of disabilities, and

Whereas, under this organization's auspices, Jim Hutchinson was the much-respected director of the Vermont 100 Mile ultra running race, and the

race's proceeds helped to support Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports' mission, and

Whereas, in the civic arena, he served his neighbors as a member of the Randolph selectboard, and his fellow selectboard members recognized his leadership skills when they elected him as the board's chair, and

Whereas, Jim Hutchinson's experience on the selectboard prepared him for the broader representational role of state legislator which he assumed in 2004, when he was elected as a member of the Vermont House of Representatives from the Orange-Addison-1 district, and

Whereas, as a member of the House Committee on Government Operations, Representative Hutchinson received a crash course in state government and became a frequent floor reporter of bills with a powerful voice which became familiar to all who heard him address the House, and

Whereas, after his reelection to the General Assembly in 2006, he was assigned to the Committee on Appropriations and was involved in the intricate development of budgetary proposals, and

Whereas, when he was not involved in the aforementioned activities, he could be found skiing atop one of Vermont's beautiful mountains, biking Vermont's byways, or working on the family land, and

Whereas, at the end of July 2008, Representative Jim Hutchinson died suddenly at the age of 60, and his survivors include his wife, Leslie, daughter, Julia, and son, Richard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Representative Jim Hutchinson, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Leslie Hutchinson in Randolph.