

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 23

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Senator Sanborn Partridge of Proctor

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Devereux of Mount Holly, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Jerman of Essex, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Lenex of Shelburne, Malcolm of Pawlet, McCormack of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Stevens of Shoreham, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Webb of Shelburne, and Winters of Williamstown

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, Sanborn Partridge was a man of broad interests and talents whose 97-year life was filled with diverse accomplishments, and

Whereas, he graduated from Amherst College and completed his law degree at Yale Law School, which included two semesters at Harvard Business School, and entered the private practice of law in Rutland, and

Whereas, while practicing law in Rutland, Sanborn Partridge served as a town grand juror and agent in Proctor and earned a private pilot license, and

Whereas, during World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps and Army Air Force, rising to the rank of first lieutenant specializing in intelligence, and

Whereas, after leaving the Army, Sanborn Partridge embarked on a new career as a geologist, earning a graduate degree at Yale University and then teaching at the University of Kansas and at his alma mater, Amherst College, and

Whereas, returning to Proctor, he became an expert in oriental rugs and old coins, especially those minted in Vermont, and

Whereas, a desire to serve his community resulted in his 1960 election as Proctor's member in the House of Representatives, where he was associated with the Young Turks, the bipartisan group of legislative reformers, and

Whereas, Sanborn Partridge proceeded to the Senate in 1969 where he represented Rutland County for six terms until 1980, and

Whereas, his numerous civic leadership roles included service on the boards of historical societies, including the Vermont Historical Society, libraries, the Rutland Hospital, the Red Cross, the University of Vermont including serving as Chair of the Board of Trustees, the Crown Point Road Association, and the

Boy Scouts, in which his active participation and leadership encompassed the troop, state, regional, and national levels, and

Whereas, his amazing life of numerous achievements concluded on January 13, 2013, and his survivors include his sister Ruth, brother David, sister-in-law Dee, and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and great-grandnieces and -grandnephews, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of former Representative and Senator Sanborn Partridge, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to his brother and sister.