

NO. R-83. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
FLETCHER BRUSH OF SALISBURY.

(H.C.R.37)

Offered by: Representative Jewett of Middlebury

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, Fletcher Brush was born in Middlebury, and his father gave him the nickname Buster upon learning that his hefty new son weighed nearly 11 pounds, and

Whereas, Buster Brush, as he was known to one and all, was a resident of Salisbury and played many diverse and prominent roles in the civic life of his town, county, and state, and

Whereas, a graduate of Middlebury Union High School (MUHS), he remained closely associated with his alma mater throughout his life and was a past president and cofounder of the school's alumni association, and

Whereas, for 28 years, Buster Brush was employed at the Co-operative Insurance Companies in Middlebury, beginning as a claims adjuster and rising to the senior position of vice president of education and community relations, and

Whereas, Buster Brush most recently was serving on the boards of the National Bank of Middlebury, the Youth Safety Council of Vermont, and the Middlebury Community House, and he had also been a leader in the Middlebury Junior Golf Association, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, especially in the development of the foundation's Vermont-New Hampshire All Star Hockey Game,

Whereas, he had served as president of both the Middlebury Rotary Club and the Addison County Chamber of Commerce, and each organization paid special tribute to his leadership, and

Whereas, Buster Brush had served in the public sector as a review board member of Addison County Court Diversion and chaired the Outreach and Function Group of the Vermont Strategic Highway Plan, and

Whereas, he had devoted time to preserving Salisbury's history as president of the Salisbury Historical Society and as chair of the Salisbury Village Cemetery Restoration Project, and

Whereas, Buster Brush was the recipient of many awards honoring his good deeds, perhaps the most significant being Middlebury College's 2007 Citizen's Medal for outstanding community contributions, and

Whereas, after family members were killed in auto accidents, he dedicated many hours to the safety of young drivers, and

Whereas, his special passion was ice hockey which he indulged as a member of the Middlebury Amateur Hockey Association, as assistant boys' varsity coach at MUHS, and as an enthusiastic player, and

Whereas, his last day of active life was spent playing hockey at the Howard E. Brush Arena, whose construction he spearheaded and which was named after Buster Brush's father, and

Whereas, his wife, Jeanette, and his many friends, including the numerous young persons who knew him as Uncle Buster, will miss him very much, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of one of the Middlebury area's most admired individuals, Fletcher Brush, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jeanette Brush in Salisbury.