

No. R-62. House concurrent resolution in memory of Londonderry Selectboard Chair Steve Prouty.

(H.C.R.39)

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Londonderry

Whereas, Steve Prouty was a long-serving municipal public servant in the town of Londonderry whose work in diverse municipal government offices earned him much respect and trust from the town's citizenry, and

Whereas, a life-long Londonderry resident, he graduated from Leland and Gray High School and Vermont Technical College, and

Whereas, as Londonderry's road commissioner, Steve Prouty not only directed the plowing and maintaining of Londonderry's roads but was always ready to join the road crew when duty called, and

Whereas, for many years, Londonderry's residents appreciated Steve Prouty's outstanding service as the town's alert and reliable health officer whose jurisdiction ranged from addressing the presence of rabid animals in Londonderry to attending to other local health related emergencies, and

Whereas, Steve Prouty, in his capacity as a justice of the peace, was a board of civil authority member involved in the adjudication of property tax appeals and the administration of elections, and other municipal roles included service as tree warden and member of the planning commission, and

Whereas, in 2011, Steve Prouty was elected to the Londonderry Selectboard and later served as vice chair, and

Whereas, although as vice chair he had filled in for the absent chair, his modesty and sense of fair play directed him to request a board vote prior to his assuming the chair in his own right, and

Whereas, he maintained a strong work ethic, had owned his family's excavation business, worked as a rural carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, and enjoyed gardening, collecting antiques, and being a grandfather, and

Whereas, Steve Prouty served as a hotdog and hamburger cook at the annual Pingree Park Fun Day and especially enjoyed each year's Londonderry Officer and Volunteer Dinner, and

Whereas, sadly, Steve Prouty, the outstanding Londonderry Selectboard Chair and admired community leader and friend, died at 66 years of age on February 6, 2017, and

Whereas, members of the community responded to his death with much sorrow, commenting that he was "the nicest, sweetest guy" and that his public service was critical to the town of Londonderry, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolence to the family of Londonderry Selectboard Chair Steve Prouty, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Steve Prouty's parents, Clyde and Clara; sons, Chad and Taylor (who are the parents of Steve Prouty's five grandchildren); and sister, Susan.