

NO. R-87. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
RETIRED VERMONT AIR NATIONAL GUARD LT. COL. DAVID L.
BOMBARD OF BURLINGTON.

(H.C.R.56)

Offered by: Representatives Donovan of Burlington and Wizowaty of
Burlington

Whereas, Vermont Air National Guard Lt. Col. David Bombard, known to
many of his close acquaintances as “Boomer,” was popular among his
colleagues and known as a man of great camaraderie who always had a smile,
and

Whereas, his love of aviation was reflected in his career choices, and he
proved himself more than capable of meeting the military challenges that
encompassed his daily duties, and

Whereas, David Bombard graduated from Rice Memorial High School and
the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, his love of aviation led him to embark on a 37-year distinguished
military career that began in the United States Air Force in 1966, and

Whereas, desirous of relocating back home to the Burlington area, David
Bombard transferred to the Vermont Air National Guard in 1972, and he
continued to excel at his duties, earning a broadly-based reputation for
achievement and integrity, and

Whereas, the quality of David Bombard’s work did not go unnoticed among
his superiors, and he earned many promotions during his military service,
eventually reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel, and

Whereas, among the important duty offices he held at the Vermont Air National Guard were wing financial management officer, wing logistic group coordinator, battle commander and finally wing vice commander during Operation Noble Eagle that was organized in response to the events of September 11, 2001, and

Whereas, in recognition of his outstanding record as a Vermont Air National Guard officer in the 158th Fighter Wing, Lt. Col. David Bombard was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal when he retired in 2003, and

Whereas, since his military retirement, Dave Bombard had continued working at the Burlington International Airport on the staff of JetBlue, and

Whereas, he was a technical wizard and continued to fly as a licensed pilot and found great pleasure working with his home flight simulator, and

Whereas, his death at the age of 62 has brought great sadness to his family, including his wife, Wendy, his daughters, Adrienne and Alex, his many other loving relatives, and his numerous close friends both at the Vermont National Guard and at the Burlington office of JetBlue, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends his sincere condolences to the family of Vt. Air National Guard Lt. Col. David Bombard, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Wendy Bombard.