

No. R-76. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Rutland Herald reporter and Renaissance man Bernard H. Crosier.

(H.C.R.58)

Offered by: Representatives Forguites of Springfield, Emmons of Springfield, and Bock of Chester

Offered by: Senators Nitka, Clarkson, and McCormack

Whereas, Bernard Crosier's insightful journalism as the *Rutland Herald's* greater Springfield area reporter and later as the Windsor County Bureau Chief appeared regularly in print from 1957–1987, and

Whereas, from 1987–2002, Bernard Crosier continued to write occasional feature stories and op-ed columns, and

Whereas, he created newspaper articles that were factually accurate and crafted with a fluency that respected the beauty of the English language, and

Whereas, the hallmarks of his reporting were a clipboard, an opening statement consisting of “Well, you know, tell me your story,” or “Tell me what I should know,” and a determination “to get the story first,” and

Whereas, Bernard Crosier's own story began in Wilmington, where he was born in 1922 and graduated from Wilmington High School, and

Whereas, after graduating from the Vermont State School of Agriculture in Randolph Center, he became employed as a herdsman, only taking a break for World War II U.S. Army service in Italy, and

Whereas, in 1945, he married Agnes Bryant, and the couple relocated to her hometown of North Springfield in 1951 when Bernard Crosier became a heating technician, and

Whereas, in 1987, upon conclusion of his daily *Rutland Herald* duties, Bernard Crosier and his wife toured the nation and part of Canada in their camper, pursuing his love of history and visiting 34 presidential homesteads, all the major Civil War battle sites, and the homes of many novelists and poets, and

Whereas, Bernard Crosier served on the Vermont Humanities Council and the governing board of 4-H Camp Downer and was proud to be a member of the 251 Club of Vermont, and

Whereas, his love of the outdoors included camping, hiking, mountain climbing, gardening, and snowshoeing, and

Whereas, Bernard Crosier died on January 4, 2019, at 96 years of age, and his survivors include children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Bernard H. Crosier, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the family of Bernard H. Crosier.