

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 144

House concurrent resolution honoring the military valor of the Shores brothers in defending the Union during the Civil War

Offered by: Representatives Quimby of Concord, Batchelor of Derby, Branagan of Georgia, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Johnson of Canaan, Kilmartin of Newport City, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Marcotte of Coventry, Michelsen of Hardwick, South of St. Johnsbury, Strong of Albany, Toll of Danville, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Benning, Kitchel, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, in remembering the Civil War, it is important to reflect on the lives of individual Vermonters as well as the battles in which they fought, and

Whereas, two young brothers from Granby, Paschal Shores, age 18, and Ethan Shores, age 20, enlisted together on December 9, 1861 into Company K, 8th Regiment Vermont Volunteers, and their older brother George, age 22, enlisted shortly thereafter on January 1, 1862 into the same company and regiment, and

Whereas, George Shores was discharged on July 4, 1862 after sustaining a hernia while serving in Ship Island, Mississippi and was buried in Granby Village cemetery in 1917, and

Whereas, Paschal Shores was taken prisoner on September 4, 1862, but was able to rejoin his regiment, and

Whereas, on June 14, 1863, he was wounded at the Battle of Port Hudson in Louisiana when a musket ball hit his shoulder, but he refused a discharge, and

Whereas, Paschal Shores' life ended at the Battle of Cedar Creek on October 19, 1864 when a musket ball passed through one of his lungs, and he died at midnight the following night, and his brother Ethan saw him on the battlefield and spoke to him one last time but, as he was carrying the Vermont colors, he could not stop, and

Whereas, Paschal Shores is now buried at Winchester National Cemetery in Virginia in lot No. 2, grave No. 1,674, and

Whereas, Ethan Shores was subjected to multiple wounds at the Battle of Bayou des Allemands in Bootee Station, Louisiana on September 4, 1862, was promoted to corporal on November 26, 1863, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant on July 1, 1864, and

Whereas, when the Vermont regimental color-bearer at the Battle of Cedar Creek was shot, Sgt. Ethan Shores seized the flag and shot one rebel and bayoneted another when challenged, and he retained the flag for the balance of the day after a corporal of the color guard was shot as Sgt. Ethan Shores passed him the flag, and

Whereas, Sgt. Ethan Shores survived the Civil War, returned to Granby, held various town offices, served in the General Assembly, and was buried at Shores Cemetery in Victory in 1901, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the military valor of the Shores brothers in defending the Union during the Civil War, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the descendants of these brave Vermonters.