

No. R-186. House concurrent resolution in memory of Edward E. Steele of Waterbury.

(H.C.R. 148)

Offered by: Representatives Wood of Waterbury, Stevens of Waterbury, and Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, Ed Steele's leadership and dedication to the Waterbury community can be traced to his roles as both student council and class president at Waterbury High School, and

Whereas, at Norwich University, from which Ed Steele graduated as a member of the class of 1959, he was an outstanding skier and basketball player, and he later served as a general officer in Norwich's Partridge Society, as a member of the alumni association, and was always an avid fan and supporter of Norwich athletics, and

Whereas, on completing his military obligation, Ed Steele joined the family business, Steele's, Inc., a provider of heating, propane, and plumbing services that grew under his watch before he sold the company to Green Mountain Power, and

Whereas, aside from his primary business, Ed Steele was a local developer who specialized in rehabilitating properties in Waterbury, including most significantly the former Anderson Industrial Area that became the home of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, and

Whereas, the citizens of Waterbury best remember Ed Steele as the chair of the town's selectboard, a role he filled conscientiously for 26 years, and

Whereas, highlights of his leadership tenure included the successful merger of the town's and village's highway and fire departments, the attraction of major new businesses, including Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, and securing from the State of Vermont a payment in lieu of taxes agreement regarding the State Hospital and a financial settlement for the Lincoln Street Park and Ride, and

Whereas, in recognition of his superb civic leadership, the town of Waterbury dedicated the municipal highway facility in his name and presented him the Keith Wallace Community Service Award, and

Whereas, the recipients of Ed Steele's generous philanthropy included Norwich University and the town of Waterbury, especially funding for the new municipal complex where the community room is named in his honor, and

Whereas, Ed Steele, a true leader in the town of Waterbury, died on April 1, 2017, and his survivors include his wife, former Representative Karen Steele; his daughter, Gretchen; his son, Shawn; and two granddaughters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Edward E. Steele of Waterbury, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Edward Steele's family.