

No. R-217. House concurrent resolution in memory of David S. Jareckie of Bennington.

(H.C.R.154)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, teaching was both a career and passion for David Jareckie, who overcame his own learning disability and devoted his career to educating youngsters both in the classroom and outdoors, and

Whereas, David Jareckie grew up in Madison, New Jersey, but the summers he spent in West Fairlee influenced his desire to live in Vermont, and

Whereas, soon after enrolling at Norwich University, on the eve of World War II, he volunteered for military duty and served as a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps' 8th Air Force in England, France, and Belgium, and

Whereas, upon his honorable military discharge at the war's conclusion, David Jareckie returned to Norwich University prior to transferring to the University of Vermont, from which he earned an undergraduate degree in social studies, and

Whereas, David Jareckie's life journey then proceeded back across the Atlantic, where he studied cooking and hotel management at the Ecole Hoteliere in Lausanne, Switzerland, and

Whereas, based on his working at a summer youth camp in Germany, he settled on a teaching career and returned home to earn a master's degree in education at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1952, David Jareckie embarked on an amazing teaching odyssey, beginning at Bradford Academy before heading south to Bennington High School in 1954 which, along with its successor Mt. Anthony Union High School (MAUHS), became his primary professional home, and

Whereas, in 1963, he won a John Hay Fellowship to enroll in a one-year humanities curriculum at the University of California at Berkeley, and, in 1966, David Jareckie was awarded a federal grant to study East African culture at Haile Selassie University in Ethiopia, and

Whereas, another grant enabled him to reside in Mexico with his family for a year, where he helped establish a program for American students to gain insight into the challenges of developing nations, and, for several summers, along with other MAUHS faculty, he took students from Bennington to Mexico where they taught English and helped local residents develop an outdoor recreational tourism program, and

Whereas, in the early 1970s, he worked at the Bennington Boys Program, an alternative education project for academically challenged young men, before returning to a traditional MAUHS classroom until his retirement in 1991, and

Whereas, parallel to his teaching role, David Jareckie was an avid fisherman, gardener, hunter, reader, runner, traveler, and skier, and he was devoted to his family, including his wife, Grace, and their children, Ellen, Ann, Wren, and David, and grandson Jake, and

Whereas, this much-admired and beloved member of the Bennington community died at the age of 87 in December 2008, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of David Jareckie, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Grace Jareckie in Bennington.