

No. R-211. House concurrent resolution in memory of Blair Hamilton.

(H.C.R.160)

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Acinapura of Brandon, Ancel of Calais, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Royalton, Champion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Fisher of Lincoln, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gilbert of Fairfax, Greshin of Warren, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Larson of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Derby, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Munger of South Burlington, Nuovo of Middlebury, Olsen of Jamaica, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of Morristown, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Trieber of Rockingham, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Albany

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Sears, Snelling, Starr, Westman and White

Whereas, Blair Hamilton was among the foremost innovators in the development of clean and efficient energy initiatives, and

Whereas, he graduated from Antioch College and earned a degree in architecture from McGill University, and

Whereas, Blair Hamilton and his life partner and public policy partner Beth Sachs helped to establish energy-related organizations in California and Montana, and then founded the Memphremagog Group in Newport, and

Whereas, in 1986, they established the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC), which provides consultancy services to both the public and private sector around the globe, and

Whereas, VEIC has facilitated the implementation of creative and successful energy efficiency policies and projects that have reduced the consumption of fossil fuels and introduced more efficient use of energy resources, and

Whereas, Blair Hamilton was the individual most responsible for the formation of Efficiency Vermont, our state's vibrant energy efficiency utility, which has served as a model for other states, and

Whereas, his pioneering work in promoting energy efficiency has been honored repeatedly, including the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy's naming Blair Hamilton a "Champion of Energy Efficiency" and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government granting VEIC

an innovation award which Blair Hamilton accepted on the organization's behalf, and

Whereas, in 2010, Vermont Law School conferred upon him an honorary doctor of law degree, and

Whereas, in the moments he was not focused on matters related to energy efficiency, Blair Hamilton enjoyed singing folk songs, skiing, and living in Burlington with Beth Sachs, and

Whereas, Blair Hamilton lived a vigorous life despite having been diagnosed in 1991 with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, but on Friday April 8, his valiant effort to live life to the fullest ended with his death at age 61, and his survivors include Beth Sachs, son Ben, his parents, and his siblings Bruce, Ann, and Lynne, and many persons who have lost a special friend, now therefore be it

Resolved: That the General Assembly extends sincere condolences to the family of Blair Hamilton, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation and to members of his family.