

No. R-243. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Corinth moderator John A. Pierson Jr.

(H.C.R. 163)

Offered by: Representatives Davis of Washington, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford and Winters of Williamstown

Whereas, John Pierson was a much admired leader in the town of Corinth, who participated in an amazingly diverse set of activities, and

Whereas, he resided in East Corinth throughout his life, graduated from the Bradford Academy, and managed and expanded the service station and garage business his father had established, and

Whereas, he brought his automotive expertise to building, owning, and racing race cars and serving as chief pit steward at Bradford's Bear Ridge Speedway, and

Whereas, the voters of Corinth had enormous respect for John Pierson's common sense, ethics, and wisdom and, for 32 years, he was elected to serve as town moderator, and his adept performance was valued during the 25 years that he served as moderator for the Corinth school district, and

Whereas, John Pierson's commitment to quality public education led to his serving two terms on the Corinth school board, and he was a founding member of the Oxbow Union High School board, and

Whereas, to make up for budgetary constraints, he annually provided local teachers with a \$100.00 contribution toward the cost of field trips, and for many years, he served on the Riverbend Career and Technical Center's auto mechanics advisory committee, and

Whereas, the Blake Memorial Library benefited from his service as a trustee, and

Whereas, protecting the public was also a matter of importance for John Pierson, and he served for many years as a member and chief of the local fire department, and

Whereas, the parishioners of East Corinth Congregational Church valued John Pierson as a respected trustee and, for 57 years, he assisted with the church's annual chicken barbecue fundraiser, and

Whereas, John Pierson was a great outdoor recreation enthusiast, having played baseball and basketball as a high school student and later on the East Corinth team, and having coached Babe Ruth and Little League baseball, and for the past 15 years, he administered a privately owned community field complex, and

Whereas, for 60 years, John Pierson played badminton and, with his wife, Peggy, volunteered as a badminton instructor at the Waits River Valley School, and they successfully represented Vermont in the National Senior Games, and

Whereas, since the 1960s, he had volunteered at Northeast Slopes, a local ski area, and had recently served as the organization's treasurer and as an instrumental player in the planned installation of a T-bar, and

Whereas, John Pierson, who gave so much to his community and derived enormous pleasure from an active life, died on April 4, 2009, leaving as

survivors his wife, Peggy, his children, Alan, Stephen, Wade, Kaye, and Wendy, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of John A. Pierson Jr. of Corinth, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Peggy Pierson in Corinth.