

No. R-218. House concurrent resolution honoring John Miner for his three decades of outstanding leadership in support of Vermont's Vietnam Veterans.

(H.C.R.179)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Keefe of Manchester, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Champion and Sears

Whereas, for over 30 years, Vietnam War veteran John Miner of Bennington has worked passionately and tirelessly to improve the lives and support services available to his peers and to honor the memory of those who perished while serving our nation, and

Whereas, he directed his energy and interest in this worthy cause through the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) organization, and

Whereas, John Miner was a cofounder of the Bennington chapter and president from 1993 to 2013, and

Whereas, his local VVA work served as a foundation for his comparable statewide activities, including his tenure as the Vermont State Council President from 1996 to 2013, and

Whereas, since 2013, John Miner has represented the interests of his fellow Vietnam Veterans as the VVA Region I Director, and

Whereas, John Miner assisted Vietnam Veterans in Chester and in Keene, New Hampshire to establish local VVA chapters, and

Whereas, the creation of the nation's first Vietnam Veterans War Memorial in Sharon was in large measure the result of John Miner's perseverance, and

Whereas, when closing the Sharon interstate highway rest area, hosting the Vietnam Veterans memorial, was proposed, John Miner advocated effectively to avoid this from occurring, and

Whereas, Vietnam Veterans now conduct an annual all-night vigil in support of the memorial and our State's Vietnam veterans, and

Whereas, in partnership with his late wife, Joyce, John Miner founded the Vermont Veterans Against Drugs Campaign, and

Whereas, John Miner raised \$19,000.00 to purchase and install 55 flagpoles along the entrance drive at the Veterans' Home in Bennington, and

Whereas, he lobbied successfully for the issuance of a Patriot Medal in memory of Vermonters killed while serving in Southeast Asia, and

Whereas, John Miner is now concluding his effective and much appreciated service as the VVA Region I Director, and he has been nominated for the VVA Medal in recognition of his superb work for Vietnam Veterans, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors John Miner for his three decades of outstanding leadership in support of Vermont's Vietnam Veterans, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Miner.