

No. R-279. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Mark Mitchell of Barnard.

(H.C.R.211)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, Mark Mitchell brought compassion, enthusiasm, and wisdom to his role as the member from Barnard who represented the citizens of the Windsor-6-1 district during the years 2007–2011, and

Whereas, a native of London, England, Mark Mitchell lived in Ireland before moving to the United States with his family following World War II, and

Whereas, his introduction to the Upper Valley occurred as an undergraduate at Dartmouth College, from which he graduated in 1956, and in 1962, Mark Mitchell earned a master's degree in architecture from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design, and

Whereas, in between his academic degrees, Mark Mitchell served in, and was honorably discharged from, the United States Army, and

Whereas, as a registered architect, Mark Mitchell developed a special affinity for designing libraries and had been associated with the recent expansion of the Baker Library on the Dartmouth campus and the restoration and enhancements to the Norman Williams Public Library in Woodstock where he also served as a trustee, and

Whereas, his professional work had received the acclaim of architectural critics and been honored with awards, and

Whereas, as a legislator, Mark Mitchell articulated his views unambiguously and passionately in his distinctive voice which still revealed a lyrical Irish brogue, and

Whereas, Mark Mitchell sincerely enjoyed participating in the deliberative legislative process, and

Whereas, when his health no longer permitted him to serve his constituents with the maxim attentiveness and vitality that his personal integrity and pride demanded, Mark Mitchell resigned his legislative seat, and upon his being honored with an unexpected resolution “Declaring May 6, 2011 as Mark Mitchell Day in the Vermont House of Representatives,” the overwhelmed member from Barnard expressed his amazement and profound gratitude, and

Whereas, Mark Mitchell continued to cherish each day of life until his death on October 26, 2011, and his wife, Sarah, children, and grandchildren will cherish his memory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative Mark Mitchell, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of his family.