

No. R-283. House concurrent resolution in memory of Chet Briggs of Calais.

(H.C.R.211)

Offered by: Representatives Taylor of Barre City, Davis of Washington, Hooper of Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Moran of Wardsboro, Pearson of Burlington, and Poirier of Barre City

Whereas, Chet Briggs was a dedicated citizen activist dating back to his civil rights work while a student at the University of Texas at Austin, and

Whereas, in the late 1970s, Chet Briggs and his wife, Karen Lane, moved to Vermont and purchased an historic home in East Calais, and he later earned a master's degree in public administration from the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, Chet Briggs was the coordinator of the Head Start program at Central Vermont Community Action (CVCA), and later CVCA's administrative director, and

Whereas, on behalf of Partners of the Americas: Vermont-Honduras, he developed award-winning projects, one for farmers and a second for small businesses, and

Whereas, Chet Briggs operated his own firm, Public Management Systems, and worked as a statistician for the Vermont Medicaid program, and

Whereas, he was associated with, and assumed leadership positions at, a number of community organizations, and

Whereas, his many volunteer activities included serving the American Red Cross as the Vermont/New Hampshire Valley Chapter's director for Disaster Relief Services, where he was involved in post-Irene and Sandy storm recovery efforts, working with Central Vermont Home and Hospice as vice president, and presiding as president of the Vermont Alliance for Retired Persons, and

Whereas, Chet Briggs had a special love for the Barre community, serving as president of the Barre Historical Society, where he was an essential leader in the restoration of the Socialist Labor Party Hall, a National Historic Landmark, helping to chair the Barre Heritage Festival, and participating as an active Barre Rotarian, and

Whereas, in 2013, the Joint Service Clubs of Barre honored him for his leadership contributions, and

Whereas, Chet Briggs also served on the Board of the Champlain Valley Folk Festival and as a Chinese cuisine chef at charitable fundraisers, and

Whereas, on January 2, 2014, Chet Briggs, whose love for life was boundless, died, and his survivors include his wife, Aldrich Library Director Karen Lane, and their son, Justin, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family and many friends of Chet Briggs, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Karen Lane in East Calais and to the Barre Historical Society.