

No. R-296. House concurrent resolution in memory of Ascutney Fire Chief Darrin Spaulding.

(H.C.R.230)

Offered by: Representatives Arrison of Weathersfield and Morris of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and White

Whereas, the service of our local firefighters is a special calling that protects all Vermonters from the personal and structural dangers arising from raging flames, and

Whereas, in the Town of Weathersfield, the residents were fortunate that a highly experienced and skilled firefighter, Darrin Spaulding, served as the fire chief, and

Whereas, Darrin Spaulding was born on February 9, 1965, and, 44 years ago, as a teenager, he joined his father, former Ascutney Fire Chief Rodney Spaulding, as the Ascutney Fire Department's (the Department) youngest member, and

Whereas, his affinity for this important civic duty was clear to all, and he soon began to assume increased responsibilities within the Department, and

Whereas, his fellow fighters came to recognize Darrin Spaulding's leadership potential and ability to address the demanding, and at times unanticipated, situations that can arise in a fire department, and

Whereas, this, combined with his "courage, compassion, and unwavering dedication in the face of danger," earned the admiration of his colleagues and resulted in the appointment, in 1995, of Darrin Spaulding as the Ascutney Fire Chief, continuing a proud family tradition, and

Whereas, his official firefighting roles included Ascutney Chief Engineer and Fire Warden, and

Whereas, to the great shock and sadness of his firefighting colleagues and the entire Weathersfield community, Fire Chief Darrin Spaulding died suddenly on April 9, 2024 at 59 years of age, and his parents and children survive him, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Ascutney Fire Chief Darrin Spaulding and to the Ascutney Fire Department, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Darrin Spaulding and the Ascutney Fire Department.