

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 238

House concurrent resolution in memory of decorated U.S. Army combat veteran and distinguished Boy Scout leader Stanley Burnham

Offered by: Representatives Christie of Hartford, Buckholz of Hartford, and Lucke of Hartford

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Stanley Burnham graduated from Woodstock Union High School, served in the U.S. Army, was deployed to Vietnam where he sustained a combat wound costing him one of his legs, and the U.S. Army awarded him a Purple Heart medal, and

Whereas, upon his discharge and return to Vermont, Stanley Burnham purchased his family's White River Junction farm, his boyhood home and lifelong residence, and

Whereas, starting in 1969, Stanley Burnham became the Boy Scout Troop 232 Scoutmaster and performed this leadership role faithfully for the following 41 years, stepping down in 2010 but continuing as the troop's assistant Scoutmaster until 2016, and

Whereas, under Stanley Burnham's expert and steady guidance, 63 young men earned the rank of Eagle, a truly remarkable achievement for a single troop and especially for one Scoutmaster, and

Whereas, in 1980, the Boy Scouts recognized Stanley Burnham's outstanding service when he was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, the Boys Scouts' national honor society, and

Whereas, in 1982, upon completion of specified requirements, Stanley Burnham was granted the Order's more selective Brotherhood rank, and

Whereas, in 1986, Stanley Burnham was presented the Order's Vigil Honor, an award that is only bestowed on selected Arrowmen, as order members are known, and

Whereas, he served as an Order of the Arrow Lodge Advisor, received Scouting's Founder's and James E. West awards, and in 2007, the camp fire ring at Camp Sunrise was dedicated in his honor, and

Whereas, Stanley Burnham, a decorated U.S. Army combat veteran and a distinguished Boy Scout leader of great renown, died at 70 years of age on May 19, 2016, and his survivors include his wife, Donna; stepdaughters, Sheila and Eva; and several brothers and sisters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of Stanley Burnham, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Stanley Burnham's family and to Boy Scout Troop 232 in White River Junction.