

No. R-334. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Rockingham Town Moderator Michael P. Harty.

(H.C.R.269)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Trieber of Rockingham, Bock of Chester, Long of Newfane, and Stuart of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, Mike Harty, a life-long resident of the Village of Bellows Falls, was a civically engaged citizen, and

Whereas, a graduate of Bellows Falls High School and the University of Vermont, Mike Harty's first public service role was as a faculty member at Green Mountain High School, where he worked for 14 years, and

Whereas, he represented Rockingham in the General Assembly during the 1983–1984 biennium and sat as a member of the Committee on Municipal Elections and Corporations, and

Whereas, Mike Harty earned a law degree from Western New England School of Law and had a second career in the legal profession, and

Whereas, after his admission to the Vermont bar, Mike Harty served as a Windham County Deputy State's Attorney, playing an important role in the criminal justice system in his home county, and

Whereas, in the second stage of his legal career, Mike Harty worked as a private practitioner, and

Whereas, in the town of Rockingham, Mike Harty served for six years as a lister, performing the technical responsibilities associated with that position, and

Whereas, in the years since his legislative service, Mike Harty was perhaps best known locally for his leadership as Rockingham Town Moderator, and on the first Tuesday in March, at Town Meeting, he wielded the gavel with due respect for citizen participation, while assuring adherence to *Robert's Rules of Order* and parliamentary decorum, and

Whereas, on February 11, 2018, Mike Harty died at 68 years of age, and his combined public service as an educator and an appointed and elected official benefited the communities he served, and

Whereas, his survivors include his wife of 42 years, Wendy; his mother, Gerry; his children, Edward and Emily; his brothers, Dennis and Thomas; his grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Michael P. Harty of Bellows Falls, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Mike Harty's family.