

No. R-345. House concurrent resolution honoring Brendan J. Whittaker of Brunswick for his years of insightful leadership in the State, municipal, and religious sectors.

(H.C.R.273)

Offered by: Representative Quimby of Concord

Whereas, Brendan Whittaker's life as a forester and conservationist, respected municipal official in the Town of Brunswick, and Episcopal priest represents an unusual blend of passionate interests with which he is equally adept, and

Whereas, after his marriage to Dorothy Alden in 1956, and their respective University of Massachusetts graduations, they settled on a farm in Brunswick, and

Whereas, Brendan Whittaker's work as a forester and conservation advocate was a solid foundation for his role as an Act 250 District Commissioner and later, under Governor Richard Snelling, as Secretary of the Agency of Environmental Conservation (now Natural Resources), and

Whereas, he has continued working as an independent consulting forester, and his institutional natural resources roles have included membership on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service State Committee in Vermont and on the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust Lands Committee, and

Whereas, in 1966, Brendan Whittaker graduated from the Episcopal Theological (now Divinity) School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and for 45 years preached at St. Thomas and Grace Episcopal Church in Brandon, and

Whereas, the citizens of Brunswick have known Brendan Whittaker for his extensive and exemplary 57-year record of civic service, dating to his 1961 election as a grand juror, and

Whereas, in 1963, he was elected a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, for a dozen years, beginning in 1980, Brendan Whittaker served as a member of the town's municipal planning board and continued as the zoning administrator for many years thereafter, and

Whereas, for a long tenure of three decades, Brendan Whittaker has sat as a knowledgeable and thoughtful member of the Brunswick Selectboard, and

Whereas, his wealth of experience presiding at meetings has proven invaluable during his seven years serving as both town and school meeting moderator, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Brendan J. Whittaker of Brunswick for his years of insightful leadership in the State, municipal, and religious sectors, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Brendan Whittaker.