

No. R-497. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Ira Pike of Mendon.

(H.C.R.374)

Offered by: Representatives Gallivan of Chittenden, Donahue of Northfield, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of Canaan, Kilmartin of Newport City, Koch of Barre Town, Larocque of Barnet, Marcotte of Coventry, Morrissey of Bennington, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, Smith of New Haven, and Winters of Williamstown

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, Ira Pike dedicated his life to serving the skiing community at Killington, and more broadly, the Town of Mendon, the Rutland region, and the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, originally from New Jersey, he relocated to Mendon in 1972 to be near the ski slopes and golf courses that were already his second home, and

Whereas, he was a certified ski patroller and ski patrol examiner and, for one-quarter of a century, applied these skills as a National Ski Patrol member and ski instructor at Killington, and

Whereas, off the slopes, his first aid knowledge led to service on the Rutland Regional Ambulance Board and with the American Red Cross, and

Whereas, Ira Pike viewed civic service as an equally important personal obligation and served as a Mendon selectboard member from 1992 to 1998, including two years chairing the board, and

Whereas, in 1994, he sought to represent the interests of his town and neighboring municipalities in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, his reputation for personal integrity and conscientious work on the Mendon selectboard persuaded the broader legislative district electorate to send Ira Pike to Montpelier, and

Whereas, he was assigned to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, a logical choice in light of his love of outdoor activities, and

Whereas, after representing his legislative constituents for four terms, Ira Pike concluded his tenure in the House of Representatives, but not his community involvement, and

Whereas, in 2011, Ira Pike was elected a justice of the peace in the Town of Mendon and resumed his role as a selectboard member in 2012, and

Whereas, he was especially pleased to have participated in land swap negotiations between the State of Vermont and SKI Vermont, the then owner of the Killington ski area, resulting in free or discounted ski passes for Mendon school children, and

Whereas, Ira Pike, a respected community leader, a master electrician and owner of Pike Electric, the father of Hunter and Cameron, and brother of Herbert, died on December 30, 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of former Representative Ira Pike of Mendon, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Cameron and Hunter Pike and to the Mendon Town Clerk.