

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 401

House concurrent resolution honoring Nathaniel Frothingham as an outstanding educator and for his wise journalistic leadership of the *Montpelier Bridge*

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Montpelier, Donahue of Northfield, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, and Jessup of Middlesex

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, Nat Frothingham was educated at Harvard University, from which he earned degrees in English literature and in education, and

Whereas, as an educator, Nat Frothingham's classroom venues were geographically and institutionally diverse, and

Whereas, he taught at Randolph Union High School, in East Africa, and in the Department of Correction's education program, and

Whereas, as a leader of community seminars focused on topics related to literature, history, and democracy, Nat Frothingham brought his scholarship and professional expertise to the Vermont Humanities Council, and

Whereas, as Vermont Public Radio's director of development, he polished the fundraising skills that would prove essential at the *Montpelier Bridge*, and

Whereas, in May 1993, Nat Frothingham and his colleague, Phil Dodd, met at the former Horn of the Moon restaurant to discuss the formation of a community newspaper in Montpelier, and with the involvement of a dedicated group of individuals who joined the project, the first issue of the *Montpelier Bridge* appeared in December 1993, and

Whereas, with the loyal support of local businesses and a hard-working and initially volunteer staff, the *Montpelier Bridge* proceeded, and, within a decade, progressed from an occasional to a monthly publication, and

Whereas, originally operated as a nonprofit organization, the *Montpelier Bridge* evolved into a limited liability corporation that Nat Frothingham and his business partner, Jake Brown, jointly owned until 2004, when Nat Frothingham assumed sole ownership and the joint roles of editor and publisher, and

Whereas, despite financial challenges and shifting publication schedules, the *Montpelier Bridge* survived and ultimately prospered, and after its 20th anniversary in 2013 reverted to its former nonprofit status, and

Whereas, after 25 years of dogged determination and ingenuity, in early June 2018, Nat Frothingham is concluding his leadership of the *Montpelier Bridge*, and a community thank you celebration will occur on May 31 at the Vermont College of Fine Arts, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Nathaniel Frothingham as an outstanding educator and for his wise journalistic leadership of the *Montpelier Bridge*, and be it further

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