

# State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

## House Resolution

H.R. 9

House resolution honoring Clerk of the House Donald George Milne

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, Don Milne's presence in elected and appointed roles has graced the General Assembly for over one-half century, and

Whereas, he graduated from Spaulding High School, Boston University, and New York Law School, and

Whereas, in 1957, Don Milne interrupted his law school studies to marry New Yorker Marion C. Carson, who would later serve in the House, and

Whereas, beginning in 1961, Don Milne started his State House career as the Second Assistant Clerk of the House, working with House Clerk Dale Brooks and First Assistant Clerk Bob Picher, and during this initial Golden Dome assignment, he mastered the intricacies of *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, and

Whereas, in 1964, Marion and he became residents of the town of Washington, where Don's municipal public service has included terms as school board and selectboard chair, and

Whereas, in 1966, Don Milne opened a new chapter in his career under the Golden Dome as a member of the first House following the historic 1965 reapportionment, and

Whereas, Don Milne left the House temporarily to serve as Assistant Secretary of the Senate, and

Whereas, as Clerk of the House, Bob Picher called upon his colleague Don Milne to return to his true legislative home as the First Assistant Clerk, and

Whereas, in 1993, the members of the General Assembly were delighted to elevate Don Milne to the office of House Clerk, and

Whereas, members of the House have relied on Don Milne as a truly nonpartisan parliamentary resource, who treats every inquiry, be it from a freshman or the Speaker, with fairness and forthrightness, and

Whereas, professional colleagues nationwide recognized Don Milne's parliamentary expertise, and the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries appointed him to serve on its *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* editorial committee, and

Whereas, on May 16, 2015, the Speaker of the House announced that Don Milne would be retiring, and the House members stood and applauded as an expression of their gratitude for the House Clerk's exemplary service, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body honors Clerk of the House Donald George Milne on the conclusion of his extraordinary public service in the General Assembly, and be it further

Resolved: That the First Assistant Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Clerk of the House Donald George Milne.