

State of Vermont
House of Representatives
Montpelier, Vermont



House Resolution

H.R. 14

House resolution in memory of Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne, Director of the Spatial Analysis Laboratory at the University of Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Ode of Burlington and Hooper of Burlington

Whereas, Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne graduated from the University of New Hampshire, earned a master's degree at the University of Vermont, and received certificates in hyperspectral image exploitation and joint GIS operations from the U.S. military's National Geospatial Intelligence College, and

Whereas, as a U.S. Marine, he served in East Africa, the Middle East, and East Asia; achieved the rank of major; and codirected the Marines' imagery intelligence assets during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and

Whereas, for the past dozen years, Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne served as the founder and greatly respected Director of the Spatial Analysis Laboratory (SAL) at the University of Vermont's Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, which facilitates improving the quality of natural and structural landscape decision-making based on assessments of detailed geospatial data, and

Whereas, Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne also held a joint position with the U.S.D.A. Forest Service's Research and Development program, enabling him to serve in a leadership role in the creation of its Urban Tree Canopy protocols and its development of tree assessments for over 80 cities, and

Whereas, as an award-winning mentor, Jarlath O'Neil Dunne supervised students from diverse disciplines who contributed to SAL's innovative research, and

Whereas, through his Unoccupied Aircraft Systems (UAS) team's mapping and documenting of this past year's historic flooding, Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne played a crucial role in the disaster response to the 2023 Vermont flood, and

Whereas, Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne lived his values in biking, regardless of the weather, and he excelled at Nordic skiing, rowing, and Spartan and triathlon activities, and his recent death, due to a heart attack, while Nordic skiing, at 49 years of age, deeply saddened his colleagues, students, many friends, and especially his partner, Julie, his children, and his mother, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body extends its sincere condolences to the family of Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne, and be it further

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne and to the Spatial Analysis Laboratory at the University of Vermont.