

No. R-121. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Ralph Pace of Ludlow for his community leadership and public service.

(S.C.R.5)

By Senators Nitka, Clarkson and McCormack,
By Representative Nicoll of Ludlow

Whereas, Ralph Pace graduated from American International College and worked in project management in information systems and communications and associated consulting, and

Whereas, in 1997, he and his wife purchased a home in Ludlow, where he became a much appreciated and respected citizen, and

Whereas, one of Ralph Pace's major endeavors was his association with the Ludlow Town Hall restoration project, and

Whereas, in 2005, he served on a committee to bring this older structure into compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and he spearheaded the associated effort to modernize the building's second-floor auditorium, which added contemporary amenities but retained the room's historic character and charm, and

Whereas, to ensure that the restored room, also known as the Heald Auditorium, would flourish as a popular venue for events, Ralph Pace founded the Friends of the Ludlow Auditorium to host programs, which have included the presentation of movies, musicals, plays, and political debates, and

Whereas, his weekly news and public affairs cable television program called *That Was the Week That Was*, which he produced and hosted for over 300 episodes, was a popular forum for local information and civic engagement, and

Whereas, in 2009, Ralph Pace tackled another building project, serving on the Ludlow Armory Committee, which transformed the former military edifice into the multipurpose Ludlow Community Center, and it now hosts a cafeteria, a commercial kitchen, a large gymnasium, and the headquarters for both the Black River Good Neighbor Services and Okemo Valley TV, and

Whereas, as a public official, Ralph Pace has served as Ludlow's town health officer and he continues to serve as the town's tree warden and fence viewer, and

Whereas, WCAX television honored Ralph Pace on the station's show *Super Seniors* for his service to the Ludlow community, and recently he was the recipient of the Ludlow–Plymouth–Cavendish Television Community Service Award, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ralph Pace of Ludlow for his community leadership and public service, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ralph Pace and the Ludlow Town Clerk.