

**No. R-318. S.C.R. 36. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of
Rutland Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Mark
Blucher.**

(S.C.R.36)

By Senators Carris, Flory, Mullin and Nitka,

By Representatives Acinapura of Brandon, Andrews of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Courcelle of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Fagan of Rutland City, French of Shrewsbury, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, Komline of Dorset, Malcolm of Pawlet, McNeil of Rutland Town, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of New Haven and Stevens of Shoreham,

Whereas, Mark Blucher graduated from the University of Michigan and continued his studies at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, which awarded him a master's degree in public administration and urban studies, and

Whereas, in 1970, he relocated to Vermont and worked in Arlington with his father, an internationally respected urban planner, and proceeded on to the Vermont Environmental Center in Ripton, and

Whereas, fulfilling his desire to broaden his professional horizons, in 1972 Mark Blucher accepted a job at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, commencing an association that would endure until 2012, and

Whereas, his supervisors admired Mark Blucher's dedication, initiative, and work product, and in 1983, he was promoted to the post of executive director, in which he performed in a distinguished and effective manner for the next 29 years, and

Whereas, during his nearly three decades at the commission's leadership pinnacle, Mark Blucher oversaw many successful projects including the development of the Rutland bus, the improvement of the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging offers, and nurturing of the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link, and

Whereas, his many accolades included professional planner of the year awards from both the Vermont Planners Association and the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association, and

Whereas, among his numerous civic pursuits had been chairing the Council on Rural Development, and

Whereas, Mark Blucher continued his leadership role at the regional planning commission until shortly before his death in January 2012, and his survivors include his wife Hope, sons Tycen and Jorden, five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of Rutland Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Mark Blucher, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hope Blucher and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.