

No. R-319. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Waitsfield Fire Chief Delbert W. Palmer.

(S.C.R.45)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Grad of Moretown and Greshin of Warren,

Whereas, Delbert Palmer resided in his native Waitsfield throughout his life, and

Whereas, he was born on August 22, 1934, and

Whereas, Delbert Palmer graduated from Waitsfield High School and earned a two-year degree in agricultural studies from Vermont Technical College, and

Whereas, his family's six-generation, award-winning Palmer Maple Products were a major part of his life, and from 1995 forward he assumed managerial responsibility, and

Whereas, Delbert Palmer worked for one-quarter century as a meat cutter, and he brought great skill to this trade, and

Whereas, since his youth, community service was of great importance to Delbert Palmer, and he joined the Waitsfield Fire Department at 17 years of age, beginning an association that endured for 62 years, and

Whereas, for 23 years, Delbert Palmer served as the respected Waitsfield Fire Chief, and

Whereas, when the alarm signaled a fire, he would rush to the scene of the blaze, even if sounding his vehicle's siren and flashing the red lights were required to assure his rapid speed, and

Whereas, he encouraged women to join the department, so his daughters, Shawn and Susan, and a granddaughter, Shannon, answered his call, and his grandson, Jared, also followed the path of his female relatives, and

Whereas, Delbert Palmer was extremely proud of his Waitsfield Fire Department colleagues, and

Whereas, for one-quarter of a century, the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service benefited from his service as a driver, and

Whereas, for 25 years, Delbert Palmer served as the town fire warden, and

Whereas, he loved to talk with his fellow Waitsfield residents, and

Whereas, Delbert Palmer died at 79 years of age, on January 25, 2014, leaving Sharlia, his wife of 55 years, his two daughters, five grandchildren, his sisters, Joyce and Lois, many nieces and nephews, and his friends of long standing in the town of Waitsfield, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of former Waitsfield Fire Chief Delbert Palmer, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sharlia Palmer in Waitsfield.