

**No. R-188. House concurrent resolution in memory of *Hardwick Gazette* sports editor Dave Morse.**

(H.C.R.145)

Offered by: Representatives Troiano of Stannard, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Berry of Manchester, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Lefebvre of Newark, Martel of Waterford, Strong of Albany, Toll of Danville, Walz of Barre City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, a sports reporter is typically an objective chronicler of athletic competition and not a booster of the athletes the writer is covering, and

Whereas, for the late Dave Morse, the beloved sports editor of the *Hardwick Gazette*, this professional mantra was modified, and

Whereas, his printed and digital prose reflected the highest standards of sports journalism, but his caring, nurturing, and parental or, more accurately, grandfatherly concern for the Hazen Union students was endearing, and

Whereas, the young athletes returned the affection and admiration, and many enduring friendships ensued, some lasting many years after an athlete had graduated, and

Whereas, Dave Morse was born in Morrisville and decided as a camper at Camp Abnaki that he was a sports writer, a prescient decision, and

Whereas, he polished his reportorial skills covering athletic events at Waterbury High School and relaying scores to the local media, and

Whereas, after attending Burdett Business College in Boston, Dave Morse returned home, accepting a sportswriter's post at the Barre *Times-Argus*, and then serving as the sports editor first at the *Springfield Reporter* and then at the *Rutland Herald*, and

Whereas, although high school sports was a primary beat, he traveled to the 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France, for the *Rutland Herald*, and

Whereas, Dave Morse had a big-city experience as a public relations specialist in New York before the *Hardwick Gazette* lured him home in 1994 to become its sports editor, a match that was ideal, and

Whereas, aside from covering the high school sports scene, Dave Morse regularly reported on Thunder Road and the Vermont Mountaineers, and

Whereas, Dave Morse won numerous local and regional honors, but no recognition was more important to him than the dedication of the 2006 Hazen Union yearbook in his honor and the school's 2014 Dave Morse night, and

Whereas, in a memorial remembrance, the *Hardwick Gazette* featured a sports page filled with tributes from former Hazen Union students and veteran Vermont journalist Mike Donoghue, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family and many friends of Dave Morse, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dave Morse's sister, brother, the Hardwick Gazette, and Hazen Union High School.