

No. R-266. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative William N. Aswad of Burlington.

(H.C.R.195)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, for 18 years, Bill Aswad served with distinction in the Vermont House of Representatives, representing the north end of Burlington, and

Whereas, he earned an engineering degree from Clarkson University, and

Whereas, Bill Aswad's World War II military service in Europe, with the 13th Armored Division, resulted in the U.S. Army's awarding him a bronze star for valor, and post-war, in the U.S. Army Reserve, he rose to the rank of major, and

Whereas, his career at General Electric started in Schenectady, New York as a chemical engineer and, for 35 years, he worked in Burlington, becoming manager of manufacturing engineering, and

Whereas, Bill Aswad's professional accomplishments highlight only one side of his long and active 93-year life, as his public service at all levels of government was a stellar example of personal civic engagement, and

Whereas, planning issues were especially important for Bill Aswad, and

Whereas, he served on and chaired the Burlington Planning Commission and the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, was president of both the Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies and the New England Association of Regional Councils, and sat on the National Association of Regional Council's board of directors, and

Whereas, Bill Aswad's municipal legislative service included chairing the Burlington City Council, and

Whereas, his eloquence as a speaker was demonstrated repeatedly when he offered opening remarks in the House, often focusing on American history, and

Whereas, railroads were Bill Aswad's passion, and he worked tirelessly to reestablish passenger rail service along Vermont's western corridor, and his efforts resulted in major strides toward this goal, and

Whereas, this conscientious public servant died on August 13, 2015, leaving his children, Dana, Marcy, Jon, and Scott, six grandchildren, his siblings, Kal, Sal, and Margaret, and companion, Mary Winn, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative William N. Aswad of Burlington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of Bill Aswad's family.