

No. R-141. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Senator George E. Little, Jr. of Burlington.

(S.C.R.17)

By all members of the Senate,

By all members of the House,

Whereas, George Little of Burlington was passionately engaged in the civic affairs of his hometown and the state of Vermont through a sustained commitment to community and public service, and

Whereas, he graduated from Burlington High School and the University of Vermont, and pursued graduate studies at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, and

Whereas, during World War II, George Little served in the United States Army Air Corps, and retired from the United States Air Force Reserves with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and

Whereas, as the proprietor of George Little Press, he managed a respected company that had a reputation for quality workmanship and set a high standard for the printing industry, and

Whereas, George Little's life extended far beyond his work-related duties, and his enduring impact on life in the city of Burlington and the state of Vermont is immeasurable, and

Whereas, in the legislative arena, he first represented constituents as a member of the Burlington Board of Aldermen, on which he served from 1961 to 1967, and

Whereas, George Little represented his Burlington neighbors in the House of Representatives for two terms from 1969 to 1972, and

Whereas, he returned to the legislature as a senator in 1983 and represented the Chittenden Senate District with great distinction for the next decade, and

Whereas, for two of his five bienniums, George Little chaired the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, and

Whereas, whether on the Burlington city council, in the House of Representatives, or in the Senate, George Little's colleagues, regardless of their political affiliation, admired his wisdom and cherished his friendship, and

Whereas, he was a leading volunteer with a number of Burlington-based human service organizations, including the Committee on Temporary Shelter, the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, the McClure Multigenerational Center, the Community Health Center, and the Lund Home which honored him as its Father of the Year, and he chaired both the Vermont Social Welfare Board and the Chittenden County United Way, and

Whereas, in the field of higher education, George Little served on the board of trustees of Trinity College and the University of Vermont, and his interest in the ecology of Lake Champlain led to his leadership in the development of the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain on the Burlington waterfront, and

Whereas, he was the recipient of distinguished awards for public service, including the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce's Thomas Chittenden Citizen of the Year Award, and

Whereas, after a remarkable life of 87 years, George E. Little, Jr. died on February 2, 2009, leaving his wife, Elaine, his children, James, Thomas, William and Margaret, six grandchildren, and a great-grandson, *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 and Senator George E. Little, Jr., *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Elaine Little in Burlington and to each of his children.