

**No. R-240. House concurrent resolution in memory of Allen S. Myers.**

(H.C.R.160)

Offered by: Representatives Webb of Shelburne, Lenex of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston and O'Brien of Richmond

Offered by: Senators Lyons, Racine and Snelling

Whereas, since 1973, when Allen (Al) Myers graduated from the University of Vermont and became a teacher at the Williston Central School, students at the school were privileged, and also delighted, to be assigned to his classroom, and

Whereas, he mastered the art of teaching as an imparter of knowledge and developer of academic skills and as a champion of child-centered and student-empowered learning, and

Whereas, he contributed to the educational curriculum of many schools as a co-author of the Vermont Geography Book, and

Whereas, his life at the Williston Central School extended beyond the classroom to his role as director of the school's vibrant drama program that presented a broad menu of theatrical performances ranging from musicals to Shakespeare, and

Whereas, Al Myers demonstrated his love of the theater on his other home stage, the Lyric Theatre Company of Burlington, which he joined in 1976, and

Whereas, although his Lyric Theatre colleagues thought affectionately of Allen Myers as the company's class clown who could recite excerpts of Monty Python routines and had perfect comedic timing, the scope of his duties was

broad, encompassing acting, directing, producing, designing sets, and working on the technical crew, and

Whereas, in honor of Al Myers' unique and beloved role at the Lyric Theatre Company, in 2005 he was designated a lifetime member, and

Whereas, his rich and multi-faceted life had a dimension apart from the classroom and stage, as he was a member of the Champlain Valley Historical Reenactors, in which he served as commander of Company A of the Second Vermont Volunteer Infantry Regiment, and

Whereas, the group's members devote much time to drills and other preparations for the reenactment of Civil War military history, and Allen Myers had traveled to Gettysburg as a reenactor, and

Whereas, he was also a devout individual who was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Burlington, and he served as the scoutmaster of the church's Boy Scout Troop, and

Whereas, Al Myers died on Saturday, April 25, at the age of 57, and by Thursday, April 30, more than 2,000 persons had joined the In Memory of Al Myers Facebook page, and

Whereas, a celebration of Allen Myers' life will occur at the Williston Central School on Saturday, May 16, at noon, and

Whereas, the Williston Central School has lost an extraordinary teacher, drama director, mentor, and friend, and

Whereas, most especially mourning his unexpected death are his wife, Deborah, and three children, Briana, Eli, and Meredith, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Allen Myers, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Deborah Hardy.