

No. R-247. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Vermont National Guard Assistant Adjutant General Alan Howard Noyes.

(H.C.R. 167)

Offered by: Representatives Condon of Colchester, Koch of Barre Town, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, Poirier of Barre City, Taylor of Barre City and Head of South Burlington

Whereas, Alan Noyes was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, he began a long and distinguished military career on December 7, 1942 in the Army Air Corps, in which he served as an aerial gunner and turret mechanic with the first B-29 Wing organized in World War II, performing duty in China, India and the Pacific, and

Whereas, in 1948 he graduated from Boston University with a degree in business administration, and

Whereas, Alan Noyes was recalled to active duty during the Korean War, and, while serving with the 22nd Bomb Wing at March Field, California, he received his commission as a second lieutenant, and

Whereas, he worked as a radio broadcaster in Massachusetts before he and his wife, Joyce, moved to Barre in 1960, and

Whereas, Alan Noyes served as vice-president and general manager of Barre radio stations WORK and WSNO, which informed and entertained central Vermont listeners and were the launching pad for the start of many local broadcasting careers, and

Whereas, he continued to serve the broadcasting community, after his so-called “retirement” in 1990, as the long-time executive director of the

Vermont Association of Broadcasters, and he is responsible for making the organization one of the strongest of its kind in the country, and

Whereas, as a community leader, Alan Noyes served as the first president of the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, founded the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation, and helped bring the Bombardier Corporation to Barre, and

Whereas, Alan Noyes' municipal public service entailed five years as a Barre city alderman from 1966 to 1971, and he sat on the committee that assisted in the formation of the Barre Ambulance Service, and

Whereas, he was a longtime member of the Barre Kiwanis Club, serving a term as president, and was an active member of the Masonic Lodge, the Barre Elks, and the American Legion, and

Whereas, in addition to his busy civilian life, Alan Noyes continued his military career with the Vermont National Guard as state preparedness liaison officer, an assignment he held for nearly 11 years, and

Whereas, in April 1981, Alan Noyes was appointed assistant adjutant general for air, and was reassigned from the Air Force Reserve to the Vermont Air National Guard, and

Whereas, he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general on June 1, 1983, and in September 1984, General Noyes retired from federal military service, although he remained on duty as assistant adjutant general, on state status, until January 1988, and

Whereas, Alan Noyes, a great patriot, broadcaster, community leader, military officer, and family man died on April 26, 2009, and his survivors include his wife, Joyce, six children, and 13 grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of former Vermont National Guard Assistant Adjutant General Alan Noyes, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joyce Noyes of Barre Town.