

**No. R-180. House concurrent resolution honoring Attorney Timothy J. O'Connor, Jr., of Brattleboro for his 50 years of dedication to the law and to those whom it serves and protects.**

(H.C.R.133)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Edwards of Brattleboro, Hebert of Vernon, Koch of Barre Town, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Olsen of Jamaica, Stuart of Brattleboro and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, Timothy O'Connor, Jr., was born and raised in Brattleboro and has distinguished himself in that community and throughout the state by his practice of law for 50 years, and

Whereas, he graduated from St. Michael's Grammar School and High School in Brattleboro, the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, and the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, upon completion of law school and his attendance at the inauguration of John F. Kennedy as President of the United States on January 20, 1961, Timothy O'Connor returned to Brattleboro, married Martha Hannum of Putney, and commenced the practice of law in the law offices of Edward A. John, and

Whereas, Attorney O'Connor was appointed as Brattleboro's municipal court judge and served from 1964 to 1967, and

Whereas, Brattleboro voters elected Attorney O'Connor to the Vermont House of Representatives, where he served in many capacities including as the first Democratic speaker of the house, and

Whereas, the scope of his professional and public service has included many local, state, regional, and national boards and commissions and election to offices within those organizations, and

Whereas, Attorney O'Connor has been involved in many charitable, civic, political, and religious activities throughout his legal career, and

Whereas, matters of Irish heritage and the peace and freedom of Ireland are of particular importance to him and have been a special personal focus of his attention, including his role in the creation of Vermont & Irish Kids, Inc., and

Whereas, throughout his career, Attorney O'Connor has served nobly and skillfully individuals and entities in controversies of every nature and has always met the challenges with grace and courage, and

Whereas, Attorney O'Connor has raised and educated his family with love and devotion, and

Whereas, clients in Brattleboro and throughout the state are particularly grateful for the legal skill, compassion, and dedication that Attorney O'Connor has always brought to his responsibilities, and

Whereas, he has been engaged throughout his career in the work of his church and of various fraternal organizations, all to the betterment of his fellow citizens, and

Whereas, Attorney O'Connor continues to serve in many leadership positions including as Brattleboro town moderator, and

Whereas, throughout his legal career, Attorney O'Connor has been a supporter of his favorite athletic teams, including the Boston Red Sox, and

Whereas, Attorney O'Connor is proudly engaged in the education of his three grandsons in matters Irish, athletic, and Democratic, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Attorney Timothy J. O'Connor, Jr., for his 50 years of dedication to the law and to those whom it serves and protects, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Timothy J. O'Connor in Brattleboro.