

No. R-249. House concurrent resolution in memory of Alfred G. Hare of Middlebury.

(H.C.R.203)

Offered by: Representatives Jewett of Ripton, Nuovo of Middlebury, Ralston of Middlebury, Fisher of Lincoln, Lanpher of Vergennes, Sharpe of Bristol and Stevens of Shoreham

Whereas, for over a century, young boys have spent a memorable summer life at the renowned Camp Keewaydin on the shores of Lake Dunmore in Salisbury, and

Whereas, for 36 years as co-owner and 54 years in a leadership role, Alfred Hare lovingly devoted his creativity and energy to this idyllic New England youth retreat, where outdoor adventure and the formation of lasting friendships are paramount, and

Whereas, Alfred Hare was born in Philadelphia in 1914, and

Whereas, in 1923, Alfred Hare spent his first summer as a Keewaydin camper, and the bond he formed with the camp endured for a lifetime as a camper, counselor, director, and owner, and

Whereas, Alfred Hare was called “Waboos,” an Ojibwe language word for “white rabbit,” by a counselor during Alfred’s first Keewaydin summer, and the term accurately described this tow-headed boy, and

Whereas, “Waboos” became Alfred Hare’s special nickname by which he was affectionately known for the balance of his life, and

Whereas, at the close of World War II, while stationed in Paris on military duty, Waboos Hare ran into a friend and former Camp Keewaydin counselor,

Abbott Fenn, and along with another former Camp Keewaydin counselor, Harold “Slim” Curtiss, they purchased the camp which was then up for sale, and

Whereas, the Hare-Fenn-Curtiss trio embarked on an ownership partnership, and they also served as the camp’s codirectors, perpetuating its great traditions of summer pleasure for young boys, and

Whereas, in 1982, they sold Camp Keewaydin to the nonprofit Keewaydin Foundation Inc., and Waboos Hare remained the camp’s summer director until the year 2000, when his son Peter succeeded him, and

Whereas, Camp Keewaydin has been the subject of affectionate alumni reminiscences in a John McPhee *New Yorker* article and in Michael Eisner’s 2005 book *Camp*, and

Whereas, after nearly eight decades of indelible ties to Camp Keewaydin, Waboos Hare has died at the age of 96, and survivors include his children Peter, Laurie, and Steve, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Alfred Hare, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of his children and to the Camp Keewaydin Foundation.