

No. R-258. House concurrent resolution in memory of Dr. Arthur Faris.

(H.C.R.168)

Offered by: Representative Miller of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, one of the most respected citizens in the town of Shaftsbury was Dr. Arthur Faris, whose medical expertise, role as a public education leader, and civic engagement left a lasting beneficial impact on his community, and

Whereas, a World War II veteran, he graduated from Princeton University and from Albany Medical School, and

Whereas, he and his late wife, Dr. Elizabeth Faris, jointly operated a family medicine practice in Shaftsbury for nearly 40 years, and

Whereas, their commitment to serving all patients who knocked on their door led them to accept nontraditional forms of compensation, and

Whereas, he and his wife built the Shaftsbury Medical and Dental Center and provided practicum experiences for second-year medical students, and when they retired from practice, the town honored them for their medical service, and

Whereas, Bennington County called upon Dr. Arthur Faris's expertise during his tenure as the county's medical examiner, and he also served as the Shaftsbury town health officer and the physician for the Vermont Veterans' Home, and

Whereas, the Vermont Academy of Family Physicians benefited from his leadership as the organization's president and presented him with its Physician of the Year Award in 1993, and

Whereas, as one of the original members of the Mount Anthony Union School District board, Dr. Arthur Faris was a leader in the effort to create a regional secondary education center, and

Whereas, in the town of Shaftsbury, he assumed elected and appointed leadership positions including selectboard chair, town auditor, lister, and zoning board member, and

Whereas, his political interests led him to serve as vice chair of the Shaftsbury Town Democratic Committee, and

Whereas, on March 7, 2011, this esteemed resident of Shaftsbury died, leaving three sons, Tom, Chris, and Greg, a daughter Ann, and a grandson Jaalid, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the children and grandchild of Dr. Arthur Faris of Shaftsbury, and be it further

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