

No. R-358. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Harvey B. Otterman Jr. of Topsham.

(H.C.R.283)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, former Representative Harvey “Bud” Otterman was one of the most admired and respected members of the House, and his courtesy, diligence, intellect, and, most important, personal integrity were apparent to all, regardless of political affiliation, and

Whereas, Bud Otterman was born in our nation’s capital, where he graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, and

Whereas, he soon thereafter joined the United States Navy, and in 1946, at the age of 19, he completed flight training, becoming one of the youngest pilots ever to fly for the United States Navy, and

Whereas, upon his honorable military discharge, Bud Otterman entered George Washington University, from which he graduated with a law degree in 1950, and

Whereas, with his newly earned professional credential in hand, Bud Otterman headed for Vermont, beginning a legal career that would continue for the next half century, and

Whereas, an interest in criminal law combined with a desire for public service led Bud Otterman to stand for election as Orange County State’s Attorney, and he directed that county government’s prosecutorial efforts from 1952 to 1958, and

Whereas, Bud Otterman won the respect of his peers and was elected to serve in important professional offices, including terms as President of the Vermont Bar Association and of the New England Bar Association, and the Vermont Supreme Court appointed him to chair the professional conduct board, and

Whereas, in the General Assembly, former Representative Bud Otterman served on the House Committee on Ways and Means, including service as the committee's knowledgeable and trusted vice chair, and

Whereas, aside from his professional and legislative work, Bud Otterman was a dedicated youth hockey and baseball coach, and

Whereas, former Representative Bud Otterman died on January 2, 2012, and his survivors include his wife, Joanna Ellis, sons, Stephen, David, and Thomas, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative Bud Otterman, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to his wife and each of his three sons.