

**No. R-491. House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative William Keogh on his retirement from the Burlington City Council and its presidency.**

(H.C.R.380)

Offered by: Representatives Donovan of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette of Winooski, Krowinski of Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington and Wright of Burlington

Whereas, one of the Queen City's most illustrious public servants is William Keogh, whose diverse leadership roles reflect a lifetime of personal accomplishment and integrity, and

Whereas, he graduated from Cathedral High School and St. Michael's College, and

Whereas, Bill Keogh served our nation in the U.S. Navy, later joining the Vermont National Guard and rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel, and

Whereas, a lover of the outdoors, Bill Keogh was employed as superintendent of the Burlington Park Department and oversaw the development of North Beach, earning the nickname "Treez," and

Whereas, he is a dedicated athlete, ran the full Burlington marathon at age 60 and, at age 81, plays basketball every week and golfs regularly, and

Whereas, in his role as a baseball umpire, he made close calls on balls and strikes, which may have helped to hone his skills as a decision-maker of public policy, and

Whereas, during his tenure as executive director of the Associated General Contractors of Vermont, Bill Keogh was a member of a carpool of close

friends whose members still head off to the races at Saratoga on Bennington Battle Day, and

Whereas, for eight years, he represented the city of Burlington in the house of representatives, serving on the health and welfare and health care committees, and he was proud of his work on the medical marijuana law, and

Whereas, he considered his chairing of the motor vehicle arbitration (lemon law) board to be of great importance, and

Whereas, for 16 years, Bill Keogh has been a member of the Burlington City Council and has served as president since 2009, and

Whereas, as chair of the council's license committee, Bill Keogh took a strict position on adherence to the city's alcohol sales ordinances, and

Whereas, Bill Keogh was not above fighting community traditions, such as when he convinced the council to declare the fourth Saturday in October as Halloween, although the mayor vetoed the change, and

Whereas, perhaps most importantly, Bill Keogh used his council presidency to implement new parliamentary procedures to bring greater deliberative efficiency, and

Whereas, on April 2, 2012, Bill Keogh retired from the Burlington City Council and its presidency, and this father of five and grandfather of ten deserves to be proud of the civic contributions he has made to his hometown, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Representative William Keogh on his retirement from the Burlington City Council and its presidency, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to William Keogh in Burlington.