

No. R-497. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Woodbury town clerk and moderator Morris P. Lilley.

(H.C.R.387)

Offered by: Representatives Peltz of Woodbury and Smith of Morristown

Whereas, one of Woodbury's lifelong residents was Morris P. Lilley whose community spirit was unsurpassed, and

Whereas, an honorably discharged U.S. Army veteran, Morris Lilley worked for 30 years as a full-time rural route mail carrier, and

Whereas, U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy and his wife, Marcelle, and their neighbors in Middlesex, have attested to the excellent and reliable postal delivery for which he will long be remembered as well as for his strong community commitment, and

Whereas, the citizens of Woodbury will remember Morris Lilley as a leading civic figure who held nearly every elected municipal office, and

Whereas, these included auditor, cemetery commissioner, lister, and treasurer, and

Whereas, for several years, Morris Lilley served as the capable Woodbury town clerk, and

Whereas, in terms of his town government roles, Morris Lilley will perhaps be best remembered as the respected Woodbury town moderator who astutely and wisely wielded the gavel as he presided at 18 consecutive town meetings, and

Whereas, in a final tribute to his parliamentary skills and reputation for fairness, Morris Lilley was elected to the moderator's podium for his 19th and final town meeting appearance in March 2012, and

Whereas, Morris Lilley also expressed his concern for Woodbury through his serving as a member of the Woodbury volunteer fire department, and

Whereas, public education was a matter of great importance for Morris Lilley, and for 18 years, he served on the Hazen Union school board, and

Whereas, he enjoyed many outdoor recreational activities, especially hunting, and was an antique car enthusiast, and

Whereas, Morris Lilley died on April 13, 2012, leaving his companion, Jessica Oszajca, his brother, Allen, and sister, Betty, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to Jessica Oszajca, to the Lilley family, and to the citizens of Woodbury on the passing of former town clerk and moderator Morris Lilley, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jessica Oszajca, to each of Morris Lilley's siblings, and to the Woodbury town clerk.