

No. R-106. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Daniel H. Deuel of West Rutland.

(H.C.R.71)

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Tunbridge, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Cross of Winooski, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Heath of Westford, Helm of Fair Haven, Keenan of St. Albans City, Lippert of Hinesburg, Malcolm of Pawlet, McCormack of Burlington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Stevens of Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, and Woodward of Johnson

Whereas, Danny Deuel was an educator and public official who performed both of these roles with great pride and a sense of public duty, and

Whereas, in 1969, he earned a degree in mathematics from Castleton State College, and then taught math at West Rutland High School from 1969 until retiring in 2001, and

Whereas, Danny Deuel coached West Rutland High School varsity boys' basketball from 1969 to 1974, and his teams earned 100 victories, twice played in a divisional final, and in 1973 clinched a state championship title, and

Whereas, starting in 1978, Danny Deuel embarked on a parallel second career as an elected legislative official, and

Whereas, he began with the West Rutland Selectboard on which he served for 11 consecutive years, and

Whereas, in 1992, he ran successfully for a seat in the House of Representatives and for four biennia represented the towns of Clarendon, Proctor, Ira, and West Rutland, and

Whereas, former Representative Danny Deuel was dedicated to improving the quality of public education in Vermont and developing more equitable ways to finance this critical public enterprise, and

Whereas, in his first term, he served on the House Committee on Education and for the balance of his legislative service was a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and

Whereas, he was extremely proud of his work leading to the adoption of Act 60 which devised a new system of financing public education in Vermont, and

Whereas, on a regional basis, he served on the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Council of Southwestern Vermont, including two years as the Council's President, and

Whereas, Danny Deuel died on February 13, 2013, and his survivors include his wife, Suzanne, three stepchildren, Tom, Kendra, and Joel, seven stepgrandchildren, a stepgreat-grandchild, and his brothers, Ned and Richard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family and friends of former Representative Danny Deuel, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Suzanne Deuel and to the West Rutland Town Clerk.