

No. R-248. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Arthur Williams of Fayston.

(S.C.R.31)

By All Members of the Senate,

By All Members of the House,

Whereas, Representative Arthur Williams was a member of the General Assembly from Fayston, and

Whereas, during World War II, Arthur Williams served as an ambulance driver for the French Army, and later graduated from Bowdoin College as a double major in English and American History, and

Whereas, in 1958, Arthur Williams and his wife, Hanne, moved to the Mad River Valley, where he taught in one-room schoolhouses, and

Whereas, he was an original investor in the Sugarbush Ski Resort, an enthusiastic sailor, and an avid polo player, and

Whereas, in 1961, legislative service beckoned, and Arthur Williams was elected to the first of three consecutive terms as the member of the House from Fayston, and

Whereas, Arthur Williams was appointed chair of the State panel responsible for historic sites, and served as the first Executive Director of the Vermont Arts Council, and

Whereas, in performing State House curatorial work at the Vermont Arts Council, his true State House legacy began, even though he had cast his final legislative vote, and

Whereas, on retiring from the Council, Arthur Williams continued curatorial duties at the State House, a building for which he had great affection, and

Whereas, in an effort to develop an organization dedicated to State House restoration and long-term preservation, he established the Friends of the Vermont State House, which continues to support State House curatorial activities, and

Whereas, on a more local level, Arthur Williams founded the Community Fund, dedicated to helping Mad River Valley residents in need, and

Whereas, a State leader of many talents and interests, Arthur Williams died on December 28, 2013 at age 87, and his survivors include his children Astrid, John, and Nate, four grandchildren, his sister, Anne, and his sister-in-law, Ann, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends condolences to the family of former Representative Arthur Williams, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of the family of Arthur Williams and to the Friends of the Vermont State House.