

No. R-346. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Senator Merritt S. Hewitt.

(H.C.R.251)

Offered by: Representatives Miller of Shaftsbury, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Mook of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Merritt Hewitt, widely known as Bud, graduated from North Bennington High School and then earned a two-year degree at Green Mountain College, and

Whereas, in 1942, he married Shirley Susan Smith, who was his wife for 62 years, and they established a dairy operation, purchasing the first of five farms, and selecting the name Double TT Farm, and

Whereas, in 1963, Bud Hewitt passed the Vermont real estate examination, embarking on a new and enjoyable career, and

Whereas, the success of Double TT Realty earned Bud Hewitt the 1971 Vermont Realtor of the Year award, and

Whereas, Bud Hewitt would eventually construct 40 homes at Harvest Hills, including his own, and on Hewitt Drive, and

Whereas, the banking community recognized Bud Hewitt's business savvy, and he served on the boards of the First National Bank of North Bennington, the Catamount National Bank, and its successor Merchants Bank, and

Whereas, the voters of Shaftsbury acknowledged Bud Hewitt's civic standing electing him to the House of Representatives in 1952, 1954, and 1956, and the Bennington County electorate selected him as a Senator in 1958, and

Whereas, Bud Hewitt returned to the General Assembly in 1970 as Shaftsbury's representative, serving two terms before resuming his role as a Bennington County Senator through adjournment sine die in 1980, and

Whereas, among his legislative assignments was the Committee on Appropriations and service as a University of Vermont legislative trustee, and

Whereas, in 1985, Bud Hewitt completed a bachelor's degree at Southern Vermont College, fulfilling a long-held dream, and

Whereas, his many local leadership roles included service as a Southern Vermont College trustee and on the board of the Old First Church, and

Whereas, Bud Hewitt died at 93 years of age on May 22, 2013, and his survivors include his children, Sandra, Malcolm, Karen, and Brian, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and his special friend, June King, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of former Representative and Senator Merritt Hewitt, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Merritt Hewitt.