

No. R-378. House concurrent resolution in memory of Pownal Selectboard Member Dale Palmer.

(H.C.R.273)

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Dale Palmer was a devoted father, community leader, and avid amateur genealogist, and

Whereas, he graduated from Bennington High School and as a member of the U.S. Army was stationed in the former West Germany, and

Whereas, on October 14, 1972, Dale Palmer wed Betty Kelley, his sledding partner prior to his Army service, and

Whereas, Dale and Betty Palmer were both employed in the Bennington area and, early in their marriage, decided to purchase a home in nearby Pownal, and

Whereas, they raised three sons, and their interest in their children's basketball and baseball games extended to the accomplishments of their sons' teammates, and

Whereas, as a result of the regularity of the Palmers' attendance at youth sporting events, they opened a refreshment concession selling candy and coffee at the games, and

Whereas, through his genealogical research, Dale Palmer discovered his ancestors' arrival on America's shores occurred in the 1600s, on a ship that followed shortly after the Mayflower, and

Whereas, he was an active parishioner at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church where he enjoyed volunteering at church suppers, and

Whereas, fraternal associations were important to Dale Palmer, and he had belonged to the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus and was a former member of the Moose lodge, and

Whereas, serving the community was a personal priority, and Dale Palmer was a past member of the Pownal Center Fire Department, and

Whereas, in 2011, Dale Palmer was appointed to the Pownal Selectboard and took his new responsibilities seriously, approaching the position as both a chance to serve the community and to broaden his understanding of local government, and Pownal's voters reelected him to the selectboard in 2013, and

Whereas, Dale Palmer was a respected member of the Pownal Selectboard when he died unexpectedly on February 14, 2014, and his survivors include his wife, Betty, and their sons, Dale, Roy, and Patrick, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Pownal Selectboard Member Dale Palmer, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Betty Palmer and each of their sons.