

No. R-448. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Lawrence Powers.

(H.C.R.335)

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

Offered by: Senators Sears and Hartwell

Whereas, Larry Powers earned the nickname Mr. North Bennington as a tribute to his exemplary leadership in the civic life of his village, and

Whereas, he graduated from North Bennington High School and St. Joseph Business College, and

Whereas, during World War II, Larry Powers served initially in the Belgian Congo, then graduated as a second lieutenant from the Aviation Cadet Center in San Antonio, Texas before flying combat missions in Europe, and many years later, in 1964, he retired as a U.S. Air Force Reserve major, and

Whereas, he married his wife, Bernice, in 1945, and was associated with his family's business M.F. Powers's & Sons, and

Whereas, Larry Powers's public service included every aspect of village governance including the North Bennington Village Board of Trustees, School Board, and Water Board, and

Whereas, although he served on the Town of Bennington Board of Listers and Board of Civil Authority, Larry Powers always remained a strong advocate for the continued political independence of the Village of North Bennington, and

Whereas, Larry Powers's nonprofit leadership included the boards of the Park-McCullough House, the John C. McCullough Library, the Bennington Museum, Southern Vermont College, serving as president of Parans Recreation, the NorShaft Lions Club, and the Vermont Veterans Home, and being a charter member of the NorShaft Little League, and

Whereas, starting in 1974, the local electorate chose Larry Powers to serve three consecutive terms in the House of Representatives, and for two of those three terms, he chaired the House Committee on Commerce, and

Whereas, Larry Powers wrote two books of stories about North Bennington, and

Whereas, on February 7, 2014, at 93 years of age, Larry Powers died, and his survivors include his children, Timothy and Christine, and a granddaughter, Margaret, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends condolences to the family of former Representative Larry Powers, and be it further

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