

No. R-208. House concurrent resolution in memory of Seargent Kendall Wild.

(H.C.R.154)

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, McCoy of Poultney, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, Kendall Wild was a born newspaper editor who represented the best in the journalism profession, and

Whereas, his father, Seargent Peabody Wild, served as the city editor and, later, associate editor at the *Rutland Herald*, the paper that became Kendall Wild's career employer, and

Whereas, Kendall Wild was born in Chicago and came to Vermont at five years of age, and

Whereas, he then grew up on a farm in Londonderry, and

Whereas, confirmation that Kendall Wild had inherited the family proclivity for the written word occurred when he won a University of Vermont writing contest during his senior year at Rutland High School, and

Whereas, after military service in Germany following World War II, Kendall Wild graduated from Harvard University before starting his long and eventful career at the *Rutland Herald*, and

Whereas, one former colleague described him as reporting stories with "a healthy skepticism and a total absence of fear," and

Whereas, current *Rutland Herald* editor R. John Mitchell recalled Kendall Wild as practicing an "aggressive style of journalism" and that his "thorough coverage of Vermont politics and government earned the *Herald* the label of Vermont's paper of record," and

Whereas, Kendall Wild earned great respect among his colleagues as a reporter who could dig to gain his story, and

Whereas, his tenacity as a reporter, excellent writing skills, and strong commitment to a free press all were contributing factors to the *Rutland Herald's* selecting him as its managing editor, a role he filled successfully and uniquely from 1962–1977, and

Whereas, Kendall Wild continued serving on the *Rutland Herald's* staff until retiring in 1992, and his association with the paper continued as a writer of editorials and then as a weekly columnist, and

Whereas, after a long life as an icon of Vermont journalism, Kendall Wild died at 87 years of age, and his survivors include his brother, William Henry Wild, a retired newspaper editor in Dayton, Ohio; his sister-in-law; two nephews; a grandnephew; and three grandnieces; now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Seargent Kendall Wild and to the staff of the *Rutland Herald* on the loss of its special colleague, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to William Henry Wild and to the *Rutland Herald*.