

No. R-339. House concurrent resolution honoring Warren Whitcomb, in recognition of his exemplary municipal civic leadership in the town of New Haven.

(H.C.R.257)

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, Warren Whitcomb has been an integral member of the New Haven community for many decades, and

Whereas, in 1959, he purchased a farm, and, over the years, raised 10 children, and

Whereas, he was an avid collector of Native American artifacts, presented talks to school children about his collection, and, eventually, donated it to New Haven's Beeman Elementary School Library, and

Whereas, another hobby of Warren Whitcomb's is woodworking, especially building reproductions of early American furniture and other smaller period items, and

Whereas, while Warren Whitcomb's family, farm, and hobbies occupied much of his daily life, he still found the time to serve his community in many important ways, and

Whereas, one of his first forays into local civic leadership was participating in the 1968 establishment of the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department, and, as the department's treasurer, he assisted in securing the department's federal 501(c)(3) tax status, and

Whereas, his service as a lister extended from 1968 to 1971, simultaneous with the State's introduction of a uniform lister card appraisal system, and

Whereas, Warren Whitcomb then assumed the all-encompassing municipal governance role of selectboard member, for a tenure beginning in 1971 and continuing until 1976, and

Whereas, in 1975, he added the special and historic duty of membership on New Haven's Bicentennial Committee, and

Whereas, the writing of New Haven's original town plan was an important responsibility during his planning commission service, starting in 1975 and concluding in 1983, and

Whereas, New Haven is honoring Warren Whitcomb with a dedication in the 2015 town report, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Warren Whitcomb, in recognition of his exemplary municipal civic leadership in the town of New Haven, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Warren Whitcomb.