

No. R-351. House concurrent resolution in memory of North Bennington civic leader Robert James McWaters.

(H.C.R.266)

Offered by: Representatives Miller of Shaftsbury, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, and Morris of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Sears and Campion

Whereas, Robert McWaters was born in 1925 in the Bronx, New York, and he served proudly in the U.S. Navy Seabees during World War II, and

Whereas, after military service, he attended the Rochester Institute of Technology, earning a degree in printing management, and

Whereas, in 1956, Robert McWaters moved his family to the village of North Bennington, where he worked in the printing industry and became a civic leader, and

Whereas, a strong concern for the quality of public education motivated him to serve two terms on the Mt. Anthony School Board, and

Whereas, he served as a village trustee for 13 years, and his tenure as a planning commissioner continued for almost three decades, and

Whereas, during the years 1989–1992, Robert McWaters played a major role in revising the village’s master plan and zoning bylaws, and more recently, he was engaged in a new project updating these documents and codifying the village’s ordinances, and

Whereas, as a member of the Bennington Regional Commission, he served terms as secretary and chair, and

Whereas, Robert McWaters’ work was essential in the implementation of the E-911 emergency address system in North Bennington, and

Whereas, the set of monographs he created on aspects of the village’s government and citizens is a valuable historical resource, and

Whereas, in 2001, Robert McWaters was the recipient of the Ferdinand “Nundy” Bongartz Award for Community Planning and Service, and

Whereas, after a long life of community service, Robert McWaters died at the Vermont Veterans’ Home on July 19, 2015, and his survivors include his wife, Jeanne, his children, Alan, Bruce, and Kathy, his Fresh Air daughter, Diane, and four grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Robert James McWaters, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Robert McWaters’ wife, each of his children, and his Fresh Air daughter.