

**No. R-370. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Lyndon Town Moderator Norman R. Messier.**

(H.C.R.283)

Offered by: Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon and Marcotte of Coventry

Whereas, Norman Messier was a leading educator, athletic coach, and civic leader in northern Vermont, and

Whereas, he was born in Enosburg and in 1961 earned a master's degree at Johnson State College, and

Whereas, Norman Messier's distinguished career in public education began with positions as a teacher at Highgate High School and as a guidance counselor in the Fairfax public school system, and

Whereas, with this foundation, he accepted an administrative position with the Orleans Essex North Supervisory Union, and

Whereas, in 1985, the Caledonia North Supervisory Union appointed Norman Messier as that district's superintendent, a role he served for 11 years, and

Whereas, Norman Messier was passionate in his promotion of youth sports programs both within and without the public school system, and

Whereas, while teaching at Highgate High School, he coached soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls basketball, and

Whereas, as a sports official, Norman Messier umpired baseball and refereed soccer and basketball, and

Whereas, his involvement in youth sports extended to State and regional governance positions for Babe Ruth League baseball and softball and Cal Ripken League baseball, and he served on the International Babe Ruth Board of Directors, and

Whereas, Norman Messier served as a board member at Lyndon Institute, the Riverside School, and on the alumni council at Johnson State College, and

Whereas, for several years, Norman Messier served as Lyndon Town Moderator, and

Whereas, a commitment to enhancing civic education led to his 39-year association with Green Mountain Boys State, and for 15 years he served as the program's director, and

Whereas, this lifelong Vermonter died on December 17, 2015, and his survivors include his wife, Laura; sons, Richard and Ronald; a son-in-law; 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 Norman R. Messier, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Norman Messier's widow and sons.