

No. R-436. House concurrent resolution in memory of Green Mountain Boys State Board of Directors member Dean R. Burgess Sr.

(H.C.R.343)

Offered by: Representatives Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Gage of Rutland City, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, Lawrence of Lyndon, McCoy of Poultney, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Tate of Mendon, Terenzini of Rutland Town, and Marcotte of Coventry

Whereas, the success of the Green Mountain Boys State program is dependent in large measure on the dedicated American Legion volunteers who provide guidance and mentorship to the participating high school students, and

Whereas, one of these outstanding adult leaders was Dean Burgess of Center Rutland, and

Whereas, he was a lifelong resident of Rutland County, having lived as a youth in Proctor, and

Whereas, he was a member of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, and

Whereas, for many years, Dean Burgess was employed as a bus driver for the Vermont Transit Company, and

Whereas, Dean Burgess was proud to be a veteran and demonstrated his pride as an active member of the American Legion, and

Whereas, his extensive involvement with the organization included serving as commander of American Legion Post # 31 in Rutland, and

Whereas, he was especially devoted to the American Legion's Green Mountain Boys State program, for which he served as a member of the board of directors, and

Whereas, his duties with Green Mountain Boys State included both preparatory responsibilities and working directly with the students during the exciting week in June when the boys observe State government in action and participate in an exciting mock legislative session, and

Whereas, this patriotic Vermonter died on May 14, 2015, having served his State and nation in war and peace, and his survivors include his wife, Noreen; sons, Dean Jr., Steve, and Kenneth; four grandchildren, his sister, and two brothers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Dean R. Burgess Sr., and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dean Burgess's widow and to each of his children and siblings.