

State of Vermont
House of Representatives
Montpelier, Vermont



House Resolution

H.R. 26

House resolution in memory of Georgia firefighter Steven Lapierre

Offered by: Representatives Branagan of Georgia, Beyor of Highgate, Connor of Fairfield, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gamache of Swanton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Murphy of Fairfax, Parent of St. Albans Town, Pearce of Richford, Savage of Swanton, and Turner of Milton

Whereas, firefighters risk their lives whenever they respond to a call, and volunteer firefighters perform their duties as a matter of civic pride, and

Whereas, Steven Lapierre, the son of the late former Georgia Fire Chief, Lucien Lapierre, was a dedicated and respected firefighter, and

Whereas, for many years, until his retirement in 2010, Steven Lapierre was a member of the St. Albans City Fire Department, where he gained broad experience as a full-time firefighter, and

Whereas, while serving in St. Albans City, Steven Lapierre maintained a volunteer firefighting career as a member of the Georgia Fire Department, which he joined, 40 years ago, at 18 years of age, and

Whereas, for 20 years, Steven Lapierre fulfilled the responsibilities of Georgia Town Fire Warden, a post for which he was especially well-qualified, and

Whereas, although his St. Albans City firefighting duties had concluded in 2010, Steven Lapierre remained an active member of the Georgia Fire Department and responded regularly to the department's calls, and

Whereas, on April 27, 2016, Steven Lapierre, as a member of the Georgia Fire Department, was fighting a brush fire, and

Whereas, while combating the fire, Steven Lapierre sustained a heart attack, and

Whereas, the staffs of the AmCare Ambulance Service, the Northwestern Medical Center, and the University of Vermont Medical Center made every possible effort to provide the best lifesaving medical care, and

Whereas, Steven Lapierre died on May 5, 2016, leaving two adult children and becoming the first Georgia firefighter to die in the line of duty during the department's 64-year history, and

Whereas, the citizens of Georgia will remember Steven Lapierre's special dedication to the Georgia Fire Department and the exemplary leadership and service he provided to the town for four decades, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body extends its sincere condolences to the family of Georgia firefighter Steven Lapierre and to the Georgia Fire Department, and be it further

Resolved: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of Steven Lapierre's children and to the Georgia Fire Department.