

No. R-352. House concurrent resolution in memory of Colchester Selectman Brian William McNeil.

(H.C.R.254)

Offered by: Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, Spengler of Colchester, Zenie of Colchester and Donovan of Burlington
Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, Brian McNeil was born into a Burlington family that eventually totaled 11 children and developed a love of athletic competition that continued into adulthood, and

Whereas, Brian McNeil's athletic pursuits started with basketball and included an undefeated eighth-grade team at Cathedral Grammar School, playing on YMCA and CYO squads, and continued with playing on two consecutive Division I championship teams at Rice Memorial High School, and

Whereas, after graduating from Rice Memorial High School, he earned a degree at Vermont Technical College, and

Whereas, the City of Burlington Electric Light Department became Brian McNeil's long-term employer where his duties had included maintenance of the Moran Generating Station and Burlington's traffic signal system, and

Whereas, aside from his job at the City of Burlington Electric Light Department, Brian McNeil was the proprietor of McNeil Marine and City Dock Marina where he had maintained and repaired hundreds of vessels, and

Whereas, Brian McNeil had served honorably in the Vermont Air National Guard in a medical support capacity, and

Whereas, as an adult, he was an avid water-skier, founded the Vermont Water Ski Association, and was a five-time state waterskiing champion, and

Whereas, his love of sports later extended to rooting for many college and professional teams, and he reveled in laughing about, but never explaining how, he was able to sit in Vice President Mondale's seat at the fabled 1980 U.S.A.–U.S.S.R. Olympic ice hockey showdown at Lake Placid, and

Whereas, a resident of Colchester, Brian McNeil had a strong interest in local, state, and national politics, and he was elected to the Colchester Selectboard on which he served with distinction, and

Whereas, Brian McNeil was extremely proud of his contribution to the community, and had hoped to promote the potential town purchase of Camp Holy Cross, and

Whereas, he fought a brave battle against cancer, and he truly relished the camaraderie he experienced during a recent living wake held in his honor at the Clover House Restaurant in Colchester, and

Whereas, Brian McNeil died all too young at the age of 57 on February 6, 2010, and his family members, including his mother, Margaret A. McNeil, son and daughter-in-law, William and Jessica, sisters and brothers, including his brother Jim, and many other relatives and innumerable friends, will all miss his friendship, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family and many friends of Colchester selectboard member Brian William McNeil, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Margaret A. McNeil, Will and Jessica McNeil, Jim McNeil, and the Colchester selectboard.