

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senator Doyle,

S.C.R. 35. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Eagleton Institute Director Alan Rosenthal.

Whereas, Alan Rosenthal was a passionate advocate for representative democracy and the vitality of the nation's state legislatures, and

Whereas, as both a respected academic and clinical consultant, Alan Rosenthal developed a unique expertise on state legislatures, and

Whereas, he graduated from Harvard College, then served in the U.S. Army's Counter Intelligence Corps in the former West Germany, and

Whereas, after returning to the United States, Alan Rosenthal earned master's and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton University before joining the Rutgers University political science faculty, on which he remained active until his death, on July 10, 2013, at age 81, and

Whereas, Alan Rosenthal was a lead author of *The Sometime Government*, the Ford Foundation financed study on state legislatures that resulted in the establishment of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and

Whereas, at Rutgers University, he had directed the Eagleton Institute of Politics and established and directed the Institute's Center for State Legislative Research and Service, and

Whereas, Vermont legislators who enrolled at Eagleton Institute legislative seminars included Governor Madeleine Kunin, Senators Bill Doyle and Frank Smallwood, and Representative Judy Rosenstreich, and

Whereas, Alan Rosenthal wrote or edited numerous books and monographs on the state legislative process, including *Heavy Lifting: The Job of the American Legislature*, which included a comparative examination of Vermont's and four other states' legislative procedures, and

Whereas, in preparation for this, Alan Rosenthal devoted several weeks to observing Vermont's General Assembly in action, and

Whereas, he was an advocate for campaign finance and legislative ethics reforms, served as a chair or member on several New Jersey legislative redistricting commissions, and chaired that state's Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the role of Alan Rosenthal in analyzing and serving as both the conscience and defender of state legislatures, and extends condolences to his family and colleagues at Rutgers University, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send two copies of this resolution to the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University.