

No. R-355. House concurrent resolution in memory of West Rutland Selectboard member Peter Bianchi.

(H.C.R.270)

Offered by: Representatives Burditt of West Rutland and Potter of Clarendon

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, Peter Bianchi's ties to his hometown extended back to his youth, when he attended West Rutland High School, which he represented in the 1960 Shrine football game, and

Whereas, he had served in the Vermont National Guard and was a member of the American Legion, and

Whereas, Peter Bianchi had a deeply personal devotion to St. Bridget Church, where he volunteered on a regular basis, and

Whereas, in 1999, the voters of West Rutland elected Peter Bianchi to serve on the selectboard, believing he possessed the right combination of skills and temperament to be entrusted with this important civic duty, and

Whereas, Peter Bianchi proved to be a superb selectboard member, who performed his duties conscientiously and responsibly, and

Whereas, although he expressed personal opinions on issues of the day, Peter Bianchi was an attentive and enthusiastic listener, who regularly solicited and considered the viewpoints of his constituents, and

Whereas, when it came time to cast a vote, he always remembered the comments he had heard and was known as the voice of West Rutland, and

Whereas, on election day, Peter Bianchi was among the first to arrive at the polling station to help prepare it for the arrival of the citizenry to vote, and

Whereas, in 2006, when he had decided not to seek reelection, the voters still returned him to the selectboard based on a write-in vote, and

Whereas, Peter Bianchi took great pride in the infrastructure projects that were completed during his selectboard tenure, and

Whereas, when not involved in his various civic and religious activities, Peter Bianchi enjoyed spending time at his hunting camp, and

Whereas, Peter Bianchi, who cared enormously for his town's welfare and vitality, died recently, leaving his wife, Nancy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the superb public service of Peter Bianchi and extends condolences to his wife and many friends in West Rutland, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Nancy Bianchi, the West Rutland Town Clerk, and St. Bridget Church.