

No. R-437. House concurrent resolution in memory of outstanding high school athletics coach and Green Mountain Boys State leader Michael John Callanan.

(H.C.R.344)

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Lawrence of Lyndon, and Marcotte of Coventry

Whereas, Michael Callanan was born in St. Johnsbury and for many years resided in Hanover, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, he graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy and earned a bachelor's degree at Lyndon State College, and

Whereas, upon graduating from Lyndon State College, Michael Callanan embarked on a secondary school teaching and coaching career, initially at Bradford Academy where he taught history, psychology, and sociology, and

Whereas, while an excellent classroom teacher, he will be especially remembered for excelling as a coach of interscholastic soccer and indoor and outdoor track, and

Whereas, at Oxbow Union High School, he led the varsity soccer team to over 200 victories during his 30-plus years as head coach, and

Whereas, a second assignment was serving as junior varsity coach at Hanover High School where he compiled another 142 victories, and

Whereas, Michael Callanan was considered the dean of high school soccer coaches in both states bordering the Connecticut River, and

Whereas, as evidence of his right to this unofficial honor, Michael Callanan was named Vermont Coach of the Year on three occasions and as the New Hampshire Junior Varsity Boys Soccer coach in 2010 and again in 2015, and

Whereas, away from athletic competition, Michael Callanan served for 39 years as a volunteer for Green Mountain Boys State and worked extensively with the boys on the town and county levels and often moderated the sessions preceding each year's election of Green Mountain Boys State's officers, and

Whereas, he worked as diligently teaching civic education to the future leaders participating in Boys State as he did as a soccer and track coach, and

Whereas, Michael Callanan was an avid amateur musician, Alpine skier, and international traveler, and

Whereas, this outstanding educator died on July 30, 2015, and his survivors include three sisters, Carol, Debra, and Nancy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Michael John Callanan, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of Michael Callanan's sisters.