

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 165

House concurrent resolution in memory of University of Vermont Professor Emeritus Alan Philip Wertheimer

Offered by: Representatives Donovan of Burlington, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Buxton of Tunbridge, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Krowinski of Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne, McCormack of Burlington, O'Brien of Richmond, Potter of Clarendon, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, for several decades, Professor Alan Wertheimer was an outstanding teacher, distinguished scholar, and successful departmental and university administrator at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, Alan Wertheimer was born in Brooklyn, New York, and grew up in the New York City suburb of Larchmont, and

Whereas, his life-long academic journey began at New York University, where he earned his bachelor's degree, and continued at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, where he earned a doctorate in political science, and

Whereas, upon receiving his Ph.D., Alan Wertheimer accepted a faculty appointment in the department of political science at the University of Vermont (UVM), the institution of higher education that would be his employer for the next 38 years, and

Whereas, for many years he served as chair of the department, and

Whereas, during the 1970s, Professor Alan Wertheimer held the post of associate dean of UVM's College of Arts and Sciences, and

Whereas, for the 1995–1996 academic year, Professor Alan Wertheimer was selected as UVM's prestigious University Scholar, and

Whereas, Professor Alan Wertheimer was a nationally recognized scholar in the field of philosophy of law, in which he wrote extensively, and

Whereas, both the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton and the Ethics Program at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University awarded Professor Alan Wertheimer fellowships, and, for two years, he was a visiting faculty member at the Kennedy School, and

Whereas, upon his retirement, Alan Wertheimer served as a senior research scholar at the Department of Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health, and

Whereas, when not engaged in academia, Professor Alan Wertheimer was an avid bridge player and enjoyed attending horse racing at Saratoga Springs, New York, and

Whereas, this distinguished scholar died at 72 years of age on April 10, 2015, and his survivors include his wife, Susan; children, Rachel, Rebecca, and Joel; three grandchildren, Eliot, Benjamin, and Mae; a brother, Eric, and a sister, Cynthia, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of Alan Philip Wertheimer, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of his family.