

# State of Vermont

## Senate Chamber



### Montpelier, Vermont

### Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senators Kitchel, Ayer, Collamore, Lyons, McCormack, and Pollina,

**S.C.R. 31.** Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Huntington H. Blair of Montpelier.

*Whereas*, innovative leadership in the evolving world of health care policy and technology were the hallmarks of Hunt Blair's impressive career, and

*Whereas*, Hunt Blair graduated from Brown University, and

*Whereas*, his initial health care role was as the Vermont Director of Public Policy at Bi-State Primary Care, where he oversaw a major increase in the number of both grantees and the number of federally qualified health care centers they operate in Vermont, and

*Whereas*, while at Bi-State, Hunt Blair established Vermont's Rural Health Alliance, with a mission to enable rural health centers, clinics, and small hospitals to work collaboratively to put the State's ambitious health care reform agenda into practice, and

*Whereas*, in 2009, Hunt Blair brought his creative genius to the Vermont Department of Health Access as Deputy Commissioner of Health Reform and as State Coordinator for Health Information Technology (HIT) Services, and

*Whereas*, his many State employment accomplishments included development of Vermont's HIT plans, and

*Whereas*, Hunt Blair mastered the intricacies and architecture of health care in Vermont and developed colorful diagrams to illustrate its operation, and

*Whereas*, despite the sensitivity of health care as a public policy issue, he served in a senior leadership post in administrations of different political parties, and

*Whereas*, the respect Hunt Blair earned among his Vermont colleagues spread nationally and, in 2013, he was appointed a principal advisor to the national coordinator of HIT, and

*Whereas*, after serving in this federal role, both full-time and as a contract employee, Hunt Blair ventured onto a new independent path to develop what he characterized as a Bretton Woods moment in the development of health care information management nationwide, and

*Whereas*, this industrious Vermonter who was devoted to his family died in September 2015, a week short of his 55th birthday, and his survivors include his wife, Sarah, sons, George and Adam, and his mother, Gretchen Payne, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly extends its sincere sympathies to the family of Huntington H. Blair, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Huntington Blair's family.