

# State of Vermont

## Senate Chamber



### Montpelier, Vermont

### Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senators Pollina, Cummings, and Doyle,

By Representatives Hooper of Montpelier, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, Donahue of Northfield, Klein of East Montpelier, LaClair of Barre Town, Lewis of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, Patt of Worcester, and Walz of Barre City,

**S.C.R. 36.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce President CEO George Malek.

*Whereas*, George Malek graduated from Wilmington College in Wilmington, Ohio, and

*Whereas*, he began his career as a journalist at the *New York Times* and then worked at the *Record-Herald* in Washington Court House, Ohio, and

*Whereas*, George Malek traded his reporter's notebook for the managerial duties of overseeing local and regional chambers of commerce, and

*Whereas*, he first served as the Washington Court House Chamber of Commerce's executive director, and

*Whereas*, having gained leadership experience, George Malek was ready for the challenge of overseeing a regional chamber's operation, and

*Whereas*, in 1979, the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce appointed him as its president and chief executive officer, and

*Whereas*, during his 37-year tenure, George Malek built an outstanding record of major accomplishments and organizational milestones, and

*Whereas*, foremost, he secured for the organization a permanent and modern headquarters, facilitating the purchase and expansion of Beaulieu Place in Berlin and ultimately retiring the debt incurred during the project, and

*Whereas*, he initiated important chamber events, including an annual golf outing, and

*Whereas*, the publications *Central Vermont Magazine* and the *Central Vermont Community Profile* were created under his guidance, and

*Whereas*, George Malek exercised strong leadership on public issues of importance to the business community, and

*Whereas*, his leadership expertise was essential in the formation of Chamber Benefits Inc., of which he served as president, and he contributed significantly to the establishment of the VACE Plus Insurance Benefit Program, and

*Whereas*, on the Chamber's behalf, George Malek created strategic alliances with the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority, and

*Whereas*, in 2016, George Malek is concluding his chamber leadership duties and looks forward to spending time with his wife, Carolyn, and children Duane, Jeannette, Jamie, Carmen, Matt, and Gabe, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce President George Malek, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to George Malek.