

**No. R-32. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of John Behan of Bennington.**

(S.C.R.6)

By Senators Campion and Sears,

By Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, and Morris of Bennington

*Whereas*, since his birth on December 15, 1944, John Behan was a Bennington resident, and

*Whereas*, he graduated from Bennington High School and earned a criminal justice degree at Champlain College, and

*Whereas*, attending to the personal and community safety of Bennington town and county residents became the focus of John Behan's public service career, and

*Whereas*, for 32 years, he was proud to serve as a member of the Bennington police force, and

*Whereas*, another public safety role John Behan performed was the decade he served as a Bennington County deputy sheriff, and

*Whereas*, a different aspect of his protecting individuals and the community was as a 43-year member of the Eagle Hose Fire Department in Bennington, and

*Whereas*, in this capacity, John Behan served as the department's second assistant and first assistant, and he rose to the top leadership position of chief, and

*Whereas*, John Behan served as an elected Bennington town official as a justice of the peace and board of civil authority member who derived great pleasure in performing weddings, and

*Whereas*, when not serving in one of his official roles, John Behan enjoyed woodworking and created furniture for both his own and his children's homes, and

*Whereas*, he also enjoyed traveling on vacation excursions with family and friends, and

*Whereas*, John Behan died on June 18, 2016, at 71 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Anna; his children, Colleen, Shannon, John, and Kathleen; five grandchildren; and one great grandchild, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of John Behan of Bennington, *and be it further*

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