

No. R-265. House concurrent resolution in memory of Richard J. McGrath of Georgia.

(H.C.R.216)

Offered by: Representatives Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, and Turner of Milton

Whereas, Dick McGrath, a long-time resident of the town of Georgia, focused his career on all aspects of electrical and fire safety, and

Whereas, he graduated from high school on Long Island, New York, and served in the U.S. Navy, and

Whereas, as a licensed master electrician, Dick McGrath had worked at several private enterprises, including his own electrical contracting firm, McGrath Electric, and

Whereas, his standing as an excellent master electrician prompted the Vermont Electrical Contractors Association to elect him as the organization's president, and

Whereas, Dick McGrath's public-sector roles encompassed administrative and regulatory duties, teaching, and municipal public service, and

Whereas, he served as State Fire Marshall and Electrical Safety Inspector, a position involving major responsibilities for developing and implementing all elements of fire and electrical safety in Vermont, and

Whereas, as a member of the Vermont Electricians' Licensing Board, Dick McGrath contributed his expertise to the oversight of his professional colleagues and their work, and

Whereas, as an educator, he taught and administered an instructional program at the Vermont Division of Fire Safety and was a teacher and board member at the North Country International Fire Training School, and

Whereas, for 34 years, Dick McGrath was a dedicated member of the Georgia Volunteer Fire Department and served as the Department's expert fire safety trainer, and

Whereas, he belonged to several international electrical and fire safety organizations, and

Whereas, Dick McGrath had been a Boy Scout troop leader, president of the Georgia Lions Club, a member of the Georgia Historical Society, and an active parishioner of the St. Ann's and Ascension Churches, and

Whereas, after a life filled with professional accomplishment and outstanding public service, Dick McGrath died at 75 years of age on September 7, 2017, and his survivors include his wife, Darelle (Dee); his sons, William and Scott, and their spouses; and his grandson, Henry, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Richard J. McGrath of Georgia, and be it further

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