

No. R-308. House concurrent resolution in memory of Vermont National Guard Sergeant Major Michael Evan Cram of Milton.

(H.C.R.248)

Offered by: Representatives Bissonnette of Winooski, Gonzalez of Winooski, Johnson of South Hero, Joseph of North Hero, Mattos of Milton, and Turner of Milton

Whereas, Michael Cram graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School and Ashford University, majoring in history and criminal justice, and

Whereas, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, served in the 165th Military Police Company, and graduated from the Fort Lewis K-9 Corps training program, and

Whereas, in 1990, he joined the 1st Detachment of the 172nd Law and Order Division of the Vermont Army National Guard, and

Whereas, during a 19-month deployment to Iraq, Michael Cram led a 40-man law enforcement platoon, covering over 20,000 miles of convoy security and proudly returning all his troops home safely to the United States, and his subsequent service in Afghanistan earned him the Army Commendation Medal with Valor, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart, and

Whereas, Sergeant Major Michael Cram was the recipient of a Meritorious Service Award on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of his military career, and

Whereas, on the civilian side, Michael Cram graduated from the Vermont Police Academy and served as a Milton police officer before joining the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department in 1994, and

Whereas, in 2006, Michael Cram became a Winooski police officer, rose to the rank of lieutenant, and developed the department's new motorcycle unit, and

Whereas, in 2017, Lieutenant Michael Cram was the recipient of the Winooski Police Department Chief's Award for dedicated leadership and service to the citizens of Winooski, and his identification number of 919 was subsequently retired, and

Whereas, in the town of Milton, Michael Cram was actively involved in his community and served as a conscientious member of the selectboard, and

Whereas, this honorable soldier, law enforcement officer, civic leader, and avid outdoorsman died on December 17, 2017, and his survivors include his wife, Patricia; children, Jonathan and Nathan; parents, Mary Jane and Roger Cram; and many other family members, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Vermont National Guard Sergeant Major Michael Evan Cram of Milton, and be it further

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