

**No. R-323. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Granby Selectboard Chair Fredrick W. Hodgdon Sr. of Granby.**

(H.C.R.258)

Offered by: Representative Quimby of Concord

Whereas, Fred Hodgdon was born in the kitchen of his parents' farmhouse on Shores Hill Road in 1933, attended the Granby Central School, and boarded weekdays through his high school years at the Lyndon Institute, and

Whereas, his farming career featured a special knack for raising pigs, and his many talents extended to carpentry, construction work, and masonry, and

Whereas, on marrying Priscilla Hill in 1954, Fred Hodgdon built his new home up the road from his parents' house, and he voluntarily assisted with other building and renovation projects, especially the construction of fireplaces, and

Whereas, in March 1963, 29-year-old Fred Hodgdon successfully stood for election to the Granby Selectboard, and he so impressed his new colleagues that they elected him chair, an office he retained for an impressive 48 years, and

Whereas, his 48 years membership on the Granby Board of Civil Authority also included a 45-year tenure as a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, among the many town offices Fred Hodgdon held were pound keeper, energy coordinator, town service officer, civil defense chairperson, and health officer, and

Whereas, as the Granby Road Commissioner, a role his father held before him, and as the owner of his own road repair equipment, he raked roads, replaced culverts, and sometimes conducted winter plowing, both in Granby and in the neighboring town of Victory, and

Whereas, Fred Hodgdon was the Granby town representative to the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District and to the Northeastern Vermont Development Association, and

Whereas, he chaired the Granby town Republican committee, prayed at Granby Congregational Church, and belonged to the Essex County Farm Bureau, and

Whereas, no one deserved the title of Mr. Granby more than Fred Hodgdon, and the 2010 Granby Town Report was dedicated in his honor, and

Whereas, Fred Hodgdon died on November 8, 2017 at 84 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Priscilla; children, Fredrick Jr., Kenneth, Jerry, and Mary; sister, Barbara; four grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Fredrick W. Hodgdon Sr. of Granby, and be it further

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