

No. R-346. House concurrent resolution in memory of Gordon E. Tallman of Hyde Park.

(H.C.R.274)

Offered by: Representatives Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott, and Noyes of Wolcott

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, Gordon Tallman of Hyde Park, the youngest of 11 children, graduated in 1956 from Lamoille Central Academy (LCA), and his mastery of soccer, basketball, and baseball helped his school win divisional championships, and

Whereas, in partnership with his brother Donald, he contributed to LCA's 1953 State baseball title and to bringing the 1954 team into the championship game against Stowe High School, and

Whereas, competitive sports continued to be central for the adult Gordon Tallman, who coached his sons' Hyde Park Little League baseball teams, and

Whereas, once his sons were past Little League age, Gordon Tallman pursued his personal passion for competition on the diamond, playing on local adult baseball and slow-pitch softball teams in northern Vermont, and

Whereas, during his career at Bullard's Mill manufacturing golf tees, Gordon Tallman enjoyed a moment of fame by appearing on the national television show *What's My Line*, trying to stump the panelists regarding his vocation, and

Whereas, Gordon Tallman was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed deer hunting and collecting moose sheds, and he was a dedicated Boston Red Sox fan, and

Whereas, when not at work, on the playing fields, or in the woods, Gordon Tallman, who knew the way to construct a rhyming stanza, wrote poetry reflecting his rural Vermont roots, and

Whereas, his poems were published in two volumes, *Backroads and Bygones* and *Backroads and Bygones, Volume II*, and

Whereas, in 2002, Gordon Tallman and his brother Clifford were the joint recipients of the Vermont Life and Heritage Center Award for Traditional Artists (Poetry), and

Whereas, he was privileged to recite his poetry as the devotional speaker on several occasions at the opening of legislative sessions in Montpelier, and

Whereas, Gordon E. Tallman died on February 9, 2018, at 79 years of age, and his survivors include his sons, Kevin and Wyatt, and their mother, Hilda; his partner, Barbara Hawley; and his grandchildren and 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 Gordon E. Tallman of Hyde Park, and be it further

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