

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 243

House concurrent resolution in memory of John T. Ewing of Burlington

Offered by: Representatives Ancel of Calais, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sullivan of Burlington, Webb of Shelburne, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Sirotkin, Ashe, Baruth, Ingram, Kitchel, Lyons, Mazza, McCormack, and Pearson

Whereas, John Ewing, whose energy, passion, and vision knew no bounds, was an extraordinary advocate for a more pristine Vermont, and

Whereas, he graduated from Amherst College and Yale Law School, and

Whereas, after he had practiced law in Burlington, the Bank of Vermont appointed John Ewing as its general counsel, ultimately naming him its president, and he supported the financing of community-based projects, and

Whereas, John Ewing was a proponent of the bank's headquarters remaining in downtown Burlington, reflecting his belief in focusing development in town centers, a public policy he actively promoted as the founding chair of Smart Growth Vermont, and

Whereas, he drafted Act 250's restrictions on development above 2,500 feet and later chaired the District 4 Environmental Commission, and

Whereas, in 1995, Governor Howard Dean appointed John Ewing Environmental Board Chair, a decision the Governor later described as the best appointment he ever made, and

Whereas, John Ewing was a founder of the Vermont Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, helped establish the Lake Champlain Trust, and served as a founding board member of ECHO, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, and

Whereas, he worked to organize a group focused on the problems associated with wind power siting, and

Whereas, John Ewing helped establish the Winooski Valley Park District that manages conserved lands in seven Chittenden County municipalities, and

Whereas, as chair of the Burlington Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission, John Ewing was instrumental in raising \$1 million for the rehabilitation of the city's bike path, and

Whereas, the city of Burlington declared May 31, 2017 as John Ewing Day, citing his environmental and economic leadership, and

Whereas, John Ewing was the first recipient of the Vermont Natural Resources Council's Arthur Gibb Award for Individual Leadership, and

Whereas, an essential element of John Ewing's life was his wonderful 42-year marriage to Jane Ewing, and between them, they were the parents of eight children and had 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and

Whereas, this broadly respected Vermonter died on November 25, 2017 at 85 years of age, 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 T. Ewing of Burlington, and be it further

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