

No. R-16. House concurrent resolution in memory of Representative James O’Neill Condon of Colchester.

(H.C.R.9)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, during his seven terms as the member from Colchester, the booming, but always personable, voice of veteran radio broadcaster Jim Condon drew attention and respect in committee and in the well of the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, Jim Condon graduated from the University of Connecticut and started his career as a radio broadcaster and news director in New London, Connecticut, and

Whereas, in the early 1980s, Jim Condon opted to leave the Nutmeg State’s ocean shores and moved north to the Green Mountain State, where he and his New London radio colleague, Louie Manno, initially cohosted a humorous morning show on WQCR (now WOKO), and while working at WQCR, Jim Condon met fellow broadcaster Ginny McGehee, whom he married in 1993, and

Whereas, in the 1990s, the Condon-Manno team migrated to the AM dial, where they entertained listeners on WKDR-AM, of which Jim Condon was a co-owner, and

Whereas, the Vermont Associated Press awarded Jim Condon its Newscaster and Sportscaster of the Year, and for a decade he served as the executive director of the Vermont Association of Broadcasters, and

Whereas, the Condon-Manno partnership extended beyond the airwaves as the two friends co-owned and operated the Radio Deli in Burlington, and

Whereas, Jim Condon’s civic interests motivated him to stand for election to the House of Representatives, where he served with distinction and pride for seven terms beginning in 2005, and

Whereas, Representative Jim Condon served a term on the Committee on Commerce and then began his six-term tenure as a valued member of the Committee on Ways and Means, and

Whereas, he was known as a creative and dedicated advocate for tax policy alternatives that he hoped might garner broad support, and politics aside, he was a popular legislative colleague, and

Whereas, Representative Jim Condon died on August 23, 2018, and his survivors include his wife and son, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Representative James O’Neill Condon of Colchester, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Jim Condon’s family and to Louie Manno.