

No. R-74. House concurrent resolution honoring Floyd W. Van Alstyne for his six decades of civic leadership in the Town of Barnard.

(H.C.R.56)

Offered by: Representative Szott of Barnard

Whereas, few persons have served their communities with the dedication and longevity of Floyd Van Alstyne, and

Whereas, he and his brother became orphans as young children and moved to Royalton to live with an aunt, and

Whereas, despite leaving school following eighth grade, Floyd Van Alstyne developed work habits and a commitment to civic duty that lasted a lifetime, and

Whereas, his World War II U.S. Army service ranged from constructing airplane runways in subarctic Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, and serving in North Africa to participating in the Allied invasion of Italy at Salerno and the Battle of Anzio, and

Whereas, upon his military discharge in 1945, Floyd Van Alstyne purchased a farm in East Barnard that has remained his home ever since, and

Whereas, until the 1960s, he maintained a dairy operation, and in 1957 the Van Alstyne Family Farm also became a certified tree farm, and now his sons raise cattle, make maple syrup, and run a sawmill business there, and

Whereas, Floyd Van Alstyne later entered the construction industry, building ski trails and Vermont's interstate highways, and

Whereas, beginning in 1947, Floyd Alstyne launched an impressive municipal service career in Barnard that endured for 63 years, and

Whereas, his numerous public service roles covered nearly every aspect of local government as he was: cemetery commissioner for 10 years, constable for 23 years, fire warden for 32 years, health officer for 12 years, lister for 17 years, planning commissioner for 18 years, pound keeper for 10 years, and selectboard member for three years, and

Whereas, for 17 years, Floyd Van Alstyne represented the Town of Barnard on the Two Rivers–Ottauquechee Regional Commission, and

Whereas, Floyd Van Alstyne was a cofounder of the Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Association and has maintained memberships in several community and veterans organizations, and

Whereas, at 99 years of age, Floyd Van Alstyne has been married to his wife, Marjorie, for 71 years and they are proud parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Floyd W. Van Alstyne for his six decades of civic leadership in the Town of Barnard, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Floyd Van Alstyne in Barnard.