

No. R-79. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Richard Cutler Pembroke Sr. of Bennington.

(H.C.R.61)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Carroll of Bennington, and Corcoran of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Dick Pembroke was born in Montpelier on May 30, 1933, graduated from St. Michael's High School, and served honorably in the U.S. Navy, and

Whereas, starting when he was a high school student, Dick Pembroke was employed at the First National Stores, originally in Montpelier, and his excellent work habits and proven leadership skills resulted in his eventual promotion to the manager's position at the grocery chain's Ludlow store, and

Whereas, a pivotal event in the life of Dick Pembroke was the opportunity, in 1962, to open a new First National store in Bennington, a move that located him in the town that would repeatedly select him for elective office, and

Whereas, in 1979, Dick Pembroke combined his managerial and landscaping skills to establish the successful R.C. Pembroke and Sons landscaping firm, and

Whereas, Dick Pembroke's effective chairing of the Bennington Zoning Board of Adjustment preceded his 15-year tenure (1987–2002) as one of the town of Bennington's State representatives, and thereafter he served as a member of the Environmental Board, and

Whereas, during the course of his chairmanship of the House Committee on Transportation (1993–2002), he oversaw the development of important transportation-related policies, many of which were encompassed in the annual Transportation Bill, and

Whereas, were it not for the legislative tenacity of former Representative Dick Pembroke, the Bennington Bypass may never have been built, and

Whereas, his legislative leadership contributed to the revival of Amtrak's rail passenger service in Vermont, and

Whereas, he was active in civic and fraternal organizations, including the Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus, and his landscaping skills were an invaluable asset in the construction of the town of Bennington's Little League complex, and

Whereas, Dick Pembroke died on June 22, 2018 at 85 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Mary Ann, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other family members, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative Richard Cutler Pembroke Sr., and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the family of Dick Pembroke.