

No. R-101. House concurrent resolution honoring Poultney civic leader and esteemed educator Francis Fressie.

(H.C.R.83)

Offered by: Representative McCoy of Poultney

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, Frank Fressie has distinguished himself in combat and both as an educator and an elected official in his local community of Poultney, and

Whereas, as a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II, he arrived in Nagasaki, Japan, shortly after the atomic bomb had been dropped, and during the Korean War, Frank Fressie returned to military service as a U.S. Marine, was wounded, and received a Purple Heart, and

Whereas, Frank Fressie graduated from the State University of New York at Binghamton, earned his master's degree at the State University of New York at Albany, Williams College awarded him a doctorate, and he studied in Torino, Italy, as a Fulbright Scholar, and

Whereas, his several high school principalships included, most notably, Poultney High School where a new school gymnasium was constructed during his tenure, and he served as interim superintendent for the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union from May 1983 through May 1984, and

Whereas, the Poultney electorate knew Frank Fressie as a person capable of successfully completing a challenging assignment, and it elected him to serve as a town lister from 1994 until 2004, during which time two town reappraisals were conducted, and

Whereas, with his outstanding record as an educator and as a lister, Frank Fressie was a compelling candidate to serve on the Poultney Selectboard, where he thoughtfully carried out his duties from 2008 until March 2019, and

Whereas, Frank Fressie's military history proved to be an invaluable resource in his leadership of a veterans' peer group at the White River Junction VA Medical Center, and

Whereas, he offered wise and practical advice in his role as an AARP defensive-driving instructor, and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society is an organization with which Frank Fressie was an active volunteer, and

Whereas, he enjoys golfing, fishing, and hunting are all recreational pursuits that he enjoys, and

Whereas, Town Meeting Day 2019 marked the conclusion of Frank Fressie's outstanding public service in Poultney's municipal government, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Poultney civic leader and esteemed educator Francis Fressie, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Frank Fressie.