

No. R-173. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of creative mathematics educator and passionate Celtic folk musician Timothy James Whiteford.

(S.C.R.10)

By Senator Lyons,

Whereas, the gentle smile, humor, and love of life that radiated from Tim Whiteford were wonderful to behold, and

Whereas, this superb professor of numeric dichotomies and connoisseur of Celtic folk music, Volkswagen Beetles and Buses, and maple creemees was born and grew up in England, and

Whereas, while employed as a quantity surveyor in Bristol, England, Tim Whiteford realized that his life's work should be centered on how children learn "maths," a process he described as "the science of pattern and the art of making sense," and he graduated with honors from the College of St. Matthias, and

Whereas, Tim Whiteford then taught fourth graders in Bristol, England, and

Whereas, returning to the College of St. Matthias as a resident advisor, he encountered University of Illinois exchange program advisor Harold Lerch, who encouraged Tim Whiteford to pursue a master's degree, and

Whereas, Tim Whiteford's acclimation to the University of Illinois was so successful that he remained for doctoral studies, and the university was also the location where he met his wife, Lucie, whom he married in 1980, the year his doctorate was conferred, and

Whereas, in 1982, Tim Whiteford accepted a faculty position at Vermont's Trinity College, where he taught for 17 years before working in leadership roles in local school districts, focused on math and science curriculum development, and

Whereas, his second career in higher education started in 2005 at St. Michael's College, where Tim Whiteford rose to the rank of full, tenured professor and created a "penny arcade" that demonstrated mathematical concepts using pennies, and the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in New England honored him as its 2013 Richard H. Balomenos Lecturer, and

Whereas, for 30 years, Tim Whiteford was the enthusiastic leader of The Highland Weavers, a Celtic music group, and

Whereas, Tim Whiteford's grand life's journey ended on February 11, 2019 at 72 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, children, and grandchildren, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Timothy James Whiteford, *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 Tim Whiteford.