

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 79

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Norwich University professor and Northfield civic leader Donald MacPherson Wallace Jr.

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Goslant of Northfield

Whereas, his firmly held opinions, ever-present moustache, glasses, and frequently present pipe were the hallmarks of Don Wallace, and

Whereas, Don Wallace's military service as a U.S. Army medic preceded his earning a mechanical engineering degree at the University of Vermont and a master's degree from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and

Whereas, in 1962, he settled in Northfield, beginning an extraordinary 55-year faculty career at Norwich University, interrupted only for his completion of a doctoral degree in engineering science from Columbia University, and concluding with his retirement in 2017 at 83 years of age, and

Whereas, Don Wallace served his hometown as a dedicated and effective public servant whose endeavors touched diverse aspects of the community, and

Whereas, for 26 years, he volunteered as an emergency medical technician with the Northfield Ambulance Squad, helping those in need of immediate medical assistance, and

Whereas, from 1986 until 2001, Don Wallace was the Northfield representative to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District, and in this role he was instrumental in the development of the town's waste reduction program and the construction of a local transfer station and directed the community's annual Green-Up Day activities, and

Whereas, for a term that extended from 1999 until 2008, Don Wallace's intelligence and unique perspective on municipal management were important factors in the deliberations of the Northfield Selectboard on which he served, and

Whereas, mountaineering was a lifelong passion of Don Wallace's, which he first experienced as a youth on family excursions, and

Whereas, Don Wallace was the fourth person to summit all 115 of the high peaks in the northeast, and he summited the high points in all 50 states, including the extremely challenging Denali in Alaska, and

Whereas, this true Norwich University don and respected citizen of Northfield died, at 84 years of age, on November 18, 2018, and his survivors include his companion, Mary Bellinzier, and his children, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Donald MacPherson Wallace Jr. of Northfield, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mary Bellinzier, the children of Don Wallace, and Norwich University.