

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 82

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Assistant Sergeant at Arms and Head Doorkeeper Laurence A. Wade Sr. of East Barre

Offered by: Representatives McFaun of Barre Town and LaClair of Barre Town

Whereas, Larry Wade, who was one of nine children, helped his grandfather manage the teams of oxen that were essential for the family's Putney farming and wood-hauling operations, graduated from high school in Brattleboro, and served in the U.S. Army in France and Germany, and

Whereas, in January 1957, he became a Vermont State Police trooper assigned to the St. Johnsbury barracks, and

Whereas, in 1963, the Vermont State Police transferred him to Hardwick, and Larry Wade's 1967 promotion to detective corporal resulted in his assignment as the first State Police detective posted in Derby, and

Whereas, in 1970, as a newly minted sergeant, Larry Wade was assigned to "King Troop" and was responsible for leading the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and in 1978, he was placed in charge of the newly formed fire investigation unit where he remained until retiring, as a captain, in 1986, and

Whereas, Larry Wade graduated from the FBI National Academy, helped develop the arson course curriculum that the National Fire Academy adopted for its instructional program, and won numerous professional honors, and

Whereas, from 1987 until 1998, his many friends in the Vermont General Assembly knew Larry Wade as the always professional and courteous Assistant Sergeant at Arms and Head Doorkeeper, roles he served with distinction and pride, and

Whereas, Larry Wade belonged to many fraternal organizations, was a member of the Barre Congregational Church, and served as a justice of the peace in both Barre City and Barre Town, and

Whereas, while recently residing at Woodridge Rehabilitation and Nursing in Berlin, he held leadership roles on its resident council and, despite his blindness, dictated a memoir, *Memories of Putney*, which was later published, and

Whereas, on January 29, 2019, Larry Wade died at 87 years of age, and his survivors include his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere sympathy to the family of former Assistant Sergeant at Arms and Head Doorkeeper Laurence A. Wade Sr. of East Barre, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Larry Wade's family.