

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 183

House concurrent resolution in memory of educator, coach, Camp Billings Race Around the Lake director, and Bradford civic leader Lawrence E. Drew

Offered by: Representatives Briglin of Thetford, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, and Masland of Thetford

Whereas, whether teaching in the classroom, coaching or directing an athletic event, or serving the town of Bradford in a civic capacity, Larry Drew inspired others to strive for success, and

Whereas, Larry Drew graduated from Bradford Academy and earned a bachelor's and a master's degree from Saint Michael's College, and

Whereas, for many years, Larry Drew taught mathematics, including at his alma mater, Bradford Academy, and at Thetford Academy, and

Whereas, aside from his classroom work, Larry Drew coached basketball, cross-country, track and field, and skiing, and

Whereas, the town of Bradford benefited from his service in the spheres of planning and the oversight of water and sewer infrastructure, and

Whereas, Larry Drew was especially proud of his 47-year association with Camp Billings at Lake Fairlee, where he served as assistant director and head of maintenance, and

Whereas, in 1970, Larry Drew originated the Camp Billings Race Around the Lake as a two-person contest with Bob Green, which Larry Drew won, and

Whereas, in 1971, the two colleagues decided on a rematch, and the expanded field of 17 runners started an annual summer tradition of traversing the hilly 6.2-mile course, and thousands have participated in this challenging event, and

Whereas, the inclusiveness of this race is reflected in its free admission, the invitation to neighboring camps to send runners, 15 divisional awards, and the presence of the ever-important support van, and

Whereas, featuring a well-marked course and efficient management, the race has also included elements of whimsy and of civic purposefulness, such as tuxedo-costumed runners and the incorporation into the event of a massive roadside cleanup, and

Whereas, the 50th Camp Billings Race Around the Lake, scheduled for July 27, 2019, will be dedicated in loving memory of Larry Drew, and

Whereas, Larry Drew died on December 2, 2018 at 85 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Margaret, his children, and his 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 Lawrence E. Drew of Bradford, and be it further

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