

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 237

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative James Munro Pedley of Northfield

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Goslant of Northfield

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Pollina

Whereas, Jay Pedley was born in Lyndonville, but much of his life was centered in Northfield, and

Whereas, he graduated from Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, studied at Dartmouth College, and graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in geology, and

Whereas, Jay Pedley served his country as a member of the U.S. Army, and

Whereas, his civilian employers included Eastman Kodak and the auto dealerships Davis Auto and Green Mountain Lincoln Mercury, and

Whereas, for 22 years, Jay Pedley owned and, with his family, operated Lemery's store in Northfield, and

Whereas, Jay Pedley was civic-minded and served as a member of the Northfield School Board, and

Whereas, municipal leadership was merely one element of Jay Pedley's public service, as he was elected for three consecutive terms as a member of the House of Representatives, sitting on the Committees on Education, Transportation, and Judiciary, and

Whereas, among the community organizations to which Jay Pedley belonged were the Northfield chapters of the Jaycees and Rotary, and

Whereas, Jay Pedley's special life passion for skiing was reflected in his skill as an accomplished ski racer and in his major leadership roles in the establishment of a rope tow at the foot of Garvey Hill, as a co-developer of the Northfield ski racing program, and as a youth-skiing coach, and he loved to ski on the challenging trails of Mad River Glen and Tuckerman Ravine on Mount Washington, and

Whereas, his record of accomplishments in divergent spheres of community service included his leadership as the long-serving treasurer of the Northfield Historical Society and taking a primary role in spearheading the fundraising campaign for constructing the pavilion in Northfield's new Water Street River Park, and

Whereas, Jay Pedley died on October 13, 2018, and his surviving family members will cherish his memory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative James Munro Pedley of Northfield, 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 Jay Pedley.