

No. R-39. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative, House Republican Leader, and Milton Town Manager Donald H. Turner Jr.

(H.C.R.30)

Offered by All Members of the House

Offered by All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Don Turner graduated from Milton High School and Champlain College and served his hometown and the State of Vermont as an exemplary public official, and

Whereas, at 16 years of age, he volunteered for the Milton Fire and Rescue Department, beginning a three-decade-plus firefighting career, and for many years, he served in the dual roles of fire chief and town forest fire warden, and his other civic roles included service on the Board of Civil Authority and, more recently, as Milton's respected town manager, a position that benefited from his wealth of prior municipal experience, and

Whereas, in early 2006, Governor Jim Douglas appointed Don Turner to represent the Town of Milton in the General Assembly, and the voters of his House district reaffirmed their support of his legislative tenure at six subsequent elections, and

Whereas, prior to the 2011 legislative session, the House Republican Caucus elected Don Turner as its leader for the first of four consecutive terms, and he ardently advocated on its behalf while also promoting an amicable legislative process, and

Whereas, aside from his public sector duties, Don Turner was a successful realtor, helped oversee his family's construction business and bowling alley, and was an avid fan of Milton High School's girls' soccer team, and

Whereas, Don Turner briefly, but bravely, battled against glioblastoma prior to his death on November 30, 2024, at 60 years of age, and he is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Gail; his children; grandchildren; and parents, and the citizens of Milton will miss his friendship and leadership, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative, House Republican Leader, and Milton Town Manager Donald H. Turner Jr., *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Don Turner's family, the Milton Town Clerk, and the Milton Fire Department.