

**No. R-74. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative, Governor, and Interim University of Vermont President Thomas Paul Salmon.**

(H.C.R.54)

Offered by All Members of the House

*Whereas*, born in Cleveland, Ohio, and raised in Massachusetts, Tom Salmon earned both undergraduate and law school degrees from Boston College and a master's in taxation law from New York University Law School, and

*Whereas*, after completion of his education, he moved to Bellows Falls and commenced practicing law and became active in the community, and

*Whereas*, in 1959, the voters of Rockingham elected him a justice of the peace and he was also appointed that community's legal counsel, and in 1963, he became a municipal judge, and

*Whereas*, Tom Salmon served as the member from Rockingham in the Vermont House of Representatives from 1966 to 1970, serving as House Minority Leader, and

*Whereas*, in 1972, at literally the last moment, when it appeared that no candidate would file for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, Tom Salmon volunteered to launch his long-shot bid for candidacy, and

*Whereas*, in a truly astounding victory, Tom Salmon won 56 percent of the vote, becoming the State's 75th Governor, serving for two terms in an administration known for the theme "Vermont is not for sale" and initiatives tackling property tax rates, and

*Whereas*, Tom Salmon remained a prominent citizen whose adroit leadership would be called upon frequently, including as Chair of the Green Mountain Power Board of Directors, and

*Whereas*, in 1991, the University of Vermont (UVM) Board of Trustees requested that he serve as Interim UVM President; and in this office, which he described as "an honor and challenge," his six-year tenure steadied the governance of UVM and prepared the campus for the future, and

*Whereas*, former Governor Tom Salmon's long, active, and highly productive life ended on January 14, 2025 at 92 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 extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative, Governor, and Interim University of Vermont President Thomas Paul Salmon, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** The Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Tom Salmon.