

**No. R-206. House concurrent resolution honoring Professor Emeritus Willard Sterne Randall for his significant contributions to journalism and to the scholarly advancement of American historical biography.**

(H.C.R.171)

Offered by Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Bluemle of Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Duke of Burlington, Headrick of Burlington, Hooper of Burlington, Kleppner of Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Logan of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, and Stone of Burlington

Offered by Senator Vyhovsky

*Whereas*, Willard Randall has enlightened and informed readers, both as a journalist and later as a prolific scholar of early American political and military history, and

*Whereas*, his professional life started as a feature writer and investigative journalist, whose articles appeared in the *Philadelphia Bulletin*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* magazine, *Philadelphia Magazine*, and through the Time-Life News Service, and

*Whereas*, reflective of his outstanding journalistic oeuvre, he was the recipient of the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism's National Magazine Award for public service, the Standard Gravure Corporation award, the Hillman Prize, the Gerald Loeb journalism award, and the John Hancock journalism award, and

*Whereas*, after 17 years pounding the reporter's pavement, Willard Randall entered the scholarly ranks, and he prepared for his transformed career by completing advanced studies at Princeton University, culminating in a master's degree in American history, and

*Whereas*, Willard Randall was a respected faculty member in American history at John Cabot University in Rome, the University of Vermont, and Champlain College, where he was a distinguished scholar in history and is now professor emeritus, and

*Whereas*, he wrote revelatory and award-winning biographies examining our State's and nation's early military and political leadership, including biographies of Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, Benjamin and William Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Hancock, Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington, and

*Whereas*, Willard Randall is a contributing editor to *MHQ: The Quarterly Journal of Military History*, and among his academic honors are the Award of Merit of the American Revolution Round Table and the Thomas Fleming Award for Outstanding Military History Writing, highlighting his role as an eminent American history scholar, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors Professor Emeritus Willard Sterne Randall for his significant contributions to journalism and the scholarly advancement of American historical biography, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Willard Randall.