

No. R-234. House concurrent resolution in memory of Bennington Town Manager Stuart Alan Hurd.

(H.C.R.193)

Offered by Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Greer of Bennington, and Nigro of Bennington

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

Whereas, during his over half-century of innovative municipal public service in the Town of Bennington, Stuart Hurd adeptly applied the hands-on problem-solving skills that he had studied as a civil engineering student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and

Whereas, in 1973, while visiting a friend in Vermont, the Connecticut native read a job announcement from the Town of Bennington seeking the community's first zoning administrator, and his hiring benefitted the future of Bennington in ways never imagined, and

Whereas, having proven an effective zoning administrator, the Bennington Selectboard subsequently chose Stuart Hurd to serve as assistant town manager and, ultimately, in 1992, named him town manager, launching a historic tenure in this role that lasted for nearly 33 years, only 18 months short of the State's longevity record for a town manager, and

Whereas, Stuart Hurd was known for his unparalleled dedication to the community and for his calm demeanor, and

Whereas, in 2008, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns honored him with its prestigious Vermont Municipal Service Award, and

Whereas, Stuart Hurd's community leadership included roles on the former Bennington School District Board and with local nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, outside his professional life, Stuart Hurd embraced the arts, including as an amateur watercolorist who created Christmas cards; enthusiastically played in Bennington's men's basketball and softball leagues; enjoyed international travel; and spent quality time with his family, and

Whereas, Stuart Hurd died at 77 years of age on August 30, 2025, following a four-year battle against cancer, and his survivors include his spouse, D. Justine Scanlon; and in his honor, the Town of Bennington flew the municipality's flags at half-mast for five days, representing each of his five decades of exemplary municipal public employment, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family and colleagues of Bennington Town Manager Stuart Alan Hurd, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Stuart Hurd and the Town of Bennington.