

No. R-235. House concurrent resolution in memory of North Bennington educator, coach, volunteer firefighter, and religious leader Robert P. Nolan.

(H.C.R.194)

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

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

Whereas, Bob Nolan graduated from North Bennington High School, attended the University of Vermont, earned a bachelor's degree in education from the former Castleton State College, and served in the U.S. Army, and

Whereas, for three decades, he was a respected sixth-grade teacher at North Bennington Elementary School, but his involvement with local youth extended beyond the classroom to many athletic fields, drawing on his experience as a college sportsman, and

Whereas, at North Bennington High School, Bob Nolan coached basketball, cross-country, and track, and aside from school sports, he coached PONY league baseball, assisted with American Legion Baseball, and organized church youth group basketball competitions, and

Whereas, perhaps Bob Nolan's most impactful civic role in North Bennington was his 70-year volunteer membership in the North Bennington Fire Department, including 40 years as the organization's dedicated president, overseeing administrative matters, dousing many a blaze, and attending to other emergencies, and

Whereas, his leadership roles at the North Bennington Congregational Church included trustee, deacon, moderator, and occasionally serving as the congregation's lay minister, and

Whereas, later in life, Bob Nolan developed a second career as a house painter, and

Whereas, he loved to hunt and fish, was actively involved as both a volunteer and manager in the preservation and supervision of Lake Paran as a community resource, and was a member of both the Loyal Order of Moose and the American Legion, and

Whereas, Bob Nolan, a cherished citizen of North Bennington, and a man with a great sense of humor who truly made the village a better place to live, died at 93 years of age on October 11, 2025, and his survivors include his wife of 72 years, Florence; his children; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great grandchild, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere sympathy to the family of Robert P. Nolan, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Bob Nolan.