

No. R-241. House concurrent resolution celebrating the life of Nathan Suter of Montpelier.

(H.C.R.200)

Offered by Representatives Chapin of East Montpelier, Casey of Montpelier, McCann of Montpelier, Bluemle of Burlington, Dodge of Essex, Krasnow of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, and Noyes of Wolcott

Offered by Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Watson

Whereas, adventurous, attentive, engaging, and welcoming all describe the amazing Nathan Suter, whose life was sadly abbreviated, and

Whereas, born in the Panama Canal Zone, Nathan Suter grew up in Poughkeepsie, NY, developing his prowess as a long-distance runner, and

Whereas, at Haverford College, he captained the cross-country track and field team and earned a fine arts degree in photography, and he subsequently graduated with a master's degree from San Francisco Art Institute, and

Whereas, in 2002 in San Francisco, he cofounded Root Division, which offers subsidized studios to artists in exchange for teaching or curating art exhibits, and

Whereas, several years after his 2001 marriage to Vermonter, and now Montpelier Union Elementary School teacher, Morgan Lloyd, the couple moved to the Green Mountain State, where they raised their children, Amani and Asa, and in Stowe, Nathan Suter served for a decade as executive director of what is now known as the Current, an art center, and

Whereas, his curatorship was bold and daring, and gave the Current a reputation for artistic innovation and excellence, and included nurturing and expanding the educational program to serve more than 500 students, and

Whereas, in 2016, Nathan Suter decided to venture into a new career as an organizational management consultant, establishing his own firm, which he creatively named BUILD, and

Whereas, a passion for community engagement and social activism led to long-term board service at Migrant Justice and the Peace & Justice Center, and he played a pivotal role on the Montpelier Commission for Recovery and Resilience, which was formed after the devastating 2023 flood, and

Whereas, his contribution to the youth of Montpelier as a respected and popular track and field coach, first at Main Street Middle School, and more recently at Montpelier High School, helped rejuvenate a small program into a highly popular school activity, and

Whereas, the sudden death of Nathan Suter at 52 years of age on May 13, 2025, while running, saddened and shocked his wife, children, and the Montpelier community, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the life of Nathan Suter of Montpelier, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Nathan Suter, Montpelier High School, the Montpelier Commission for Recovery and Resilience, Migrant Justice, the Peace & Justice Center, and the Current.