No. R-299. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Hyde Park Selectboard Chair Kenneth A. Harvey.

(H.C.R.247)

Offered by Representatives Bailey of Hyde Park and Noyes of Wolcott

Offered by Senator Westman

Whereas, a lifelong Hyde Park resident, Ken Harvey graduated from Lamoille Union High School and Champlain College, and

Whereas, his successful business career commenced at 20 years of age when he established Ken's Mobil in Morrisville, and he subsequently opened additional gas stations in Johnson and Montpelier, and his ventures expanded to include mobile home parks, an oil company, a plumbing and heating establishment, a campground, a gravel pit, and a storage unit facility, and

Whereas, in 1981, Ken Harvey turned his attention to serving the citizens of Hyde Park, winning a seat on the Hyde Park selectboard, diligently working for many years on this panel's oversight of municipal government, and his insightful leadership would result in election as the selectboard chair, and

Whereas, in 1985, Ken Harvey was appointed as Hyde Park road commissioner, a responsibility he exercised attentively and effectively, and

Whereas, the community appreciated the excellence of his local government involvement, and, in 1983, his neighbors elected Ken Harvey to represent them in the House of Representatives, in which he served for five consecutive terms; notwithstanding the House's partisan alignment, the admiration of his colleagues combined with a first-hand knowledge of local road management led to his appointment as chair of the House Committee on Transportation; and his fellow legislators selected him to serve on the board of the Vermont State Colleges, and

Whereas, as a founding member of the Hyde Park Recreation Committee, Ken Harvey played a key role in the development of the town's new athletic facility; he served on the Lamoille County Sheriff's Advisory Board; and was a member of local fraternal organizations, and

Whereas, on February 26, 2026, Ken Harvey died at 74 years of age, leaving the love of his life, Debbie Slayton; an extended family; and many friends with fond memories, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative and Hyde Park Selectboard Chair Kenneth A. Harvey, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Debbie Slayton and the Hyde Park Town Clerk.