

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 141

Offered by Representatives Holcombe of Norwich and Masland of Thetford

House concurrent resolution in memory of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) engineer Edward M. Hathaway

Whereas, Ed Hathaway graduated from the Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, Massachusetts, and Suffolk University in Boston, Massachusetts, as a business major, and

Whereas, business proved a temporary detour on Ed Hathaway's life path, as he discovered upon moving to the Southwest a deep love of nature, prompting him to return to school and earn a degree in environmental science from Northern Arizona University, and

Whereas, this second degree opened the door for a brilliant 36-year career at the EPA, initially as a manager in the Superfund Division, and

Whereas, Ed Hathaway's solid scientific knowledge was only one aspect of his superb public service, as he was an extraordinary facilitator who could bring conflicting parties, be they community groups, state, or other federal agencies, to viable solutions when addressing environmental problems, and

Whereas, the EPA valued Ed Hathaway's professional achievements, and he was repeatedly honored with agency awards, most recently "Mentor of the Year," and

Whereas, in Vermont, his enduring legacy was as the supervising EPA engineer for two Vermont Superfund cleanup projects: at the Ely Copper Mine in Vershire and the Elizabeth Mine in Strafford, the latter for which he enabled over \$100 million to be directed to this challenging project, even arranging the replacement of roads that heavy truck traffic had damaged, and

Whereas, this truly kind and highly respected official's EPA role was cut short due to his contracting pancreatic cancer, which he fought valiantly until his death on March 7, 2025 at 63 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Ann-Marie Burke; his sons; and his parents, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Edward M. Hathaway, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Ed Hathaway's family.