

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 209

Offered by Representatives Burrows of West Windsor and Bartholomew of Hartland

Offered by Senators Clarkson, Major and White

House concurrent resolution in memory of former West Windsor Town Moderator Matthew T. Birmingham III

Whereas, a native of New Haven, Connecticut, Matt Birmingham graduated from the Taft School, studied at Haileybury and Imperial Service College in England, and earned a bachelor's degree from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, and a juris doctorate from Boston College Law School, and

Whereas, in 1976, he and his wife, Lynne Trageser, moved to West Windsor where they purchased and carefully restored a historic house in Sheddsville, which was part of the town's original settlement, and made it their home for the next half century, and they also purchased a farm in Cavendish, and

Whereas, during a storied legal career, Matt Birmingham was a member of the Vermont Bar Association, the Windsor County Bar Association, and the Vermont Association for Justice; he earned admission into the Vermont Inns of Court; he taught criminal law at the former College of St. Joseph in Rutland; and, both professionally and personally, he was a compassionate humanitarian, and

Whereas, an enthusiastic athlete, he loved to hike, sail, and ski; as a student at the Taft School, he played varsity ice hockey and captained the lacrosse team; and he passed on his athletic passion and belief in good sportsmanship coaching lacrosse at Woodstock Union High School, soccer at Albert Bridge School in Brownsville, and ice hockey in the Twin Valley Ice Hockey League, and

Whereas, Matt Birmingham's concern for young persons prompted his role as a youth mentor through Windsor County Partners, and

Whereas, his outstanding leadership in the Town of West Windsor spanned the literary and civic aspects of community life; as a devoted bibliophile, he served as a trustee of the Mary L. Blood Memorial Library in Brownsville; and with attentiveness to *Robert's Rules of Order* and an engaging sense of humor, for an impressive 34 years Matt Birmingham expertly and thoughtfully presided at municipal meetings as the respected West Windsor Town Moderator, and

Whereas, Matt Birmingham's wife; children; grandchildren; the Town of West Windsor; and even the family's dogs, for whom he always had a treat, were saddened to learn of his passing on January 15, 2026, at 77 years of age, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Matthew T. Birmingham III, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Matt Birmingham and the West Windsor Town Clerk.