

No. R-80. House concurrent resolution recognizing the dedicated civic service of former Representative Lawrence Molloy of Arlington.

(H.C.R.54)

Offered by: Representatives Browning of Arlington, Botzow of Pownal, Emmons of Springfield, Komline of Dorset, Larocque of Barnet, Malcolm of Pawlet, Mook of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, former Representative Lawrence (Larry) Molloy was born in Manchester and raised in Arlington where he continues to reside, and

Whereas, following high school graduation, he attended barber school, opened a barber shop in his hometown, which he still operates, and became active in local Democratic politics, and

Whereas, in 1968, Larry Molloy decided to expand his civic horizon and stand for election as a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, this successful effort to gain a seat on the Arlington board of civil authority enabled him to learn firsthand important aspects of municipal governance, and

Whereas, in 1979, Larry Molloy won a seat on the Arlington selectboard, launching a career of over three decades on this municipal panel, and

Whereas, in 1994, at the urging of Democratic state legislative leadership, Larry Molloy raised his political aspirations to a new plane, running for the state representative seat centered on the town of Arlington, and

Whereas, victorious at the polls on six occasions, he served on the General, Housing and Military Affairs, Government Operations, and Institutions committees, and

Whereas, Representative Molloy encountered challenging issues affecting major and sensitive public policy issues throughout his years in Montpelier, and decided his votes based on a careful balancing of his constituents' opinions and the direction he thought best for his district and the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, issues of special concern to Arlington always drew his attention and close consideration, and

Whereas, when the continued existence of a single-member Arlington-based House district was at risk in the 2002 reapportionment process, Representative Larry Molloy dedicated considerable energy to ensuring its continuity for another decade, and

Whereas, after over four decades of service in either local or state public office, former Representative Larry Molloy will conclude his career on the Arlington selectboard on Town Meeting Day 2011, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the dedicated civic service of former Representative Lawrence Molloy of Arlington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to former Representative Lawrence Molloy in Arlington.