

No. R-115. House concurrent resolution in memory of Vergennes Fire Chief James M. Breur.

(H.C.R.92)

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes and Birong of Vergennes

Offered by: Senators Bray and Hardy

Whereas, since 2009, the City of Vergennes was most fortunate that Fire Chief Jim Breur was on the job overseeing the protection of property and the response to various incidents within the jurisdiction of the City of Vergennes Fire Department, and

Whereas, the illustrious firefighting career of Jim Breur started in 1978, shortly after his graduation from Vergennes Union High School, and his 45 years of responding to the alarm's call-to-duty represented the gold standard of firefighting service, and

Whereas, he was an enthusiastic departmental advocate, ensuring that his volunteer force remained numerically sufficient and technologically up-to-date, and surrounding municipalities confidently relied on Vergennes for mutual aid support, and

Whereas, the professional and personal admiration Jim Breur engendered extended beyond the city limits of Vergennes to all of Addison County, where he served on the Addison County Firefighters Association Advisory Board for 28 years and as the Association's president in 2005 and 2006, was named the organization's 2021 Chief of the Year, and also served on the executive board of the Vermont State Firefighters' Association, and

Whereas, when not performing firefighting duties, Jim Breur was a regional director at Fluor Industrial Services, and he loved spending time with his family, traveling to the ocean, playing board games, and riding tractors of all sizes, and

Whereas, Jim Breur died on March 24, 2023, and his survivors include his mother; his wife, Sandi; and his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Vergennes Fire Chief James M. Breur, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Jim Breur and the City of Vergennes Fire Department.