

No. R-235. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Joseph T. Steventon of Rochester.

(H.C.R.155)

Offered by: Representative Haas of Rochester

Whereas, Joseph Steventon was born in Connecticut, but for most of his life resided in the town of Rochester on the family farm, and

Whereas, during World War II, Joseph Steventon served in the United States Army, graduating from the Signal Corps Officer's Candidate School, followed by Radar School and Radio School, and

Whereas, promoted to the rank of 1st lieutenant, he was officer in charge of Morse Code School and later was assigned to the 989th Signal Service Company, serving as an executive and technical officer, and

Whereas, in 1943, Joseph Steventon married Margaret Roberts, and in 1946, they returned to his family's farm in Rochester, and

Whereas, in addition to working on his farm, where he grew fruits and vegetables and maintained a beautiful greenhouse, Joseph Steventon was employed at the Weyerhauser plant in Hancock and then at Omya in Florence, only concluding his employment in the year 2000 at the age of 80, and

Whereas, Joseph Steventon took an active interest in the civic life of Rochester and served on the local school board and as the town's civil defense chairman, and

Whereas, as an individual attentive to the issues affecting the welfare of the town of Rochester, Joseph Steventon stood for election to the House of Representatives in 1968, and the voters assessed his candidacy favorably, electing him to the first of his six terms, and

Whereas, for a decade, he was a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources and participated in the deliberations leading to the enactment of Act 250, and, during his final term, he served on the Committee on Government Operations, and

Whereas, Joseph Steventon was active in fraternal organizations, including the American Legion and the Masons, held an Extra Class amateur radio license, avidly hunted and fished, enthusiastically played keyboard on many occasions, and he always had a smile on his face, and

Whereas, after 89 years of an active and personally fulfilling life, Joseph Steventon died, leaving his wife, Margaret, his children, Joan, Thomas, Charles, Robert, and Bruce, 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of Joseph T. Steventon, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Margaret Steventon in Rochester.