

No. R-229. House concurrent resolution in memory of Representative Robert Joseph Forguites of Springfield.

(H.C.R.190)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, during his approximately two and one-half terms, as one of the members from Springfield, Representative Bob Forguites earned the friendship and respect of his colleagues on all sides of the political aisle, and

Whereas, Representative Bob Forguites was not prone to offering long soliloquies on the House floor but, rather, concise and pertinent remarks, and

Whereas, his life's journey began in Forest Dale, and he graduated from the former Brandon High School and attended the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, during the early 1960s, Bob Forguites served in the U.S. Army, and

Whereas, upon completion of his military duty, Bob Forguites returned home to Brandon and served his community as a selectboard member and on the Otter Valley Union High School Board of Directors, and

Whereas, aside from his engagement in municipal civic service, Bob Forguites worked in the banking sector, rising through the ranks from bookkeeper to board chair, and

Whereas, the Town of Springfield made a wise selection in hiring Bob Forguites as its comptroller, and

Whereas, after four successful years of Bob Forguites's supervising the town's finances, the impressed Springfield Selectboard hired him as town manager, a role he performed effectively for 16 years, and

Whereas, on three occasions, starting in 2014, the voters of his legislative district elected Bob Forguites to the House of Representatives, and he served on the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, and

Whereas, Representative Bob Forguites was a great listener who always made his legislative decisions based on his perception of his district's and the State's best interests, and

Whereas, he was a member of Rotary International and St. Mary's Catholic Church, serving on the church's finance committee, and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly, as well as Bob Forguites's son and other family members, were saddened to learn of his death, on April 9, 2019 at 80 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 members of the family of Representative Robert Joseph Forguites of Springfield, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Representative Bob Forguites's family and to the Springfield Town Clerk.