

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 190

House concurrent resolution in memory of Representative Henry Ira Trombley

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, since January 2003, Representative Henry Ira Trombley, popular across partisan lines, represented the Grand Isle-Chittenden-1 house district, which he proudly called the “Great Lake District,” and

Whereas, Representative Ira Trombley frequently corresponded with his constituents and other Vermonters, sending them notes of congratulations on their published letters to the editor or when they observed a birthday or other special personal event in their lives, and

Whereas, his generous spirit shone in the countless kind words, funny quips, and chocolates he so freely shared with his legislative colleagues, and

Whereas, Representative Ira Trombley’s life was largely centered in Grand Isle County, where he was born on his family’s North Hero farm, later settling in Grand Isle, and

Whereas, after graduating from Milton High School, Ira Trombley earned his college degree from the University of Vermont (UVM) and several graduate degrees and certifications from UVM, Johnson State College, and Florida State University, and

Whereas, during the course of his professional career, Ira Trombley worked as a counselor in a variety of settings, and

Whereas, Ira Trombley was elected to two terms as a Grand Isle justice of the peace and four terms on his local school board, and he served on the board of directors of the Vermont School Board Association, and

Whereas, Ira Trombley’s leadership skills were put to good use during terms as president of the Grand Isle Rotary, on the Franklin–Grand Isle Community Partnership, on the Franklin–Grand Isle Health Care Coalition, and as a founding member and secretary of the Franklin–Grand Isle Workforce Development Board, and

Whereas, Ira Trombley’s community involvement was evident in his participation in the Grand Isle County Boy Scouts, the Milton Grange, and many other community groups, and

Whereas, as a resident of a district bordering Canada, Representative Ira Trombley was a strong advocate for ensuring that the international border remain reasonably accessible for commercial and personal travel purposes, and

Whereas, Representative Ira Trombley was a steadfast supporter of a clean Lake Champlain, donning a mask, snorkel, and fins to see firsthand the effects of milfoil, and he witnessed the milfoil harvester during its maiden voyage on Pelots Bay in North Hero and

Whereas, Representative Ira Trombley's dedication to his legislative duties was reflected in his attendance at many community events, traveling thrice to Montpelier to cast critical floor votes despite being seriously ill, and faithfully serving on the committees on commerce, housing, general and military affairs, and health care

Whereas, Representative Ira Trombley eagerly anticipated a busy 2010 legislative session but passed away suddenly on December 20, 2009, and

Whereas, his death greatly saddened his wife, Lucy, children, Margaret, Henry, and Nathan, four grandchildren, sister, Abigail, and many family members and friends, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences on the death of Representative Henry Ira Trombley, and its appreciation for his service to Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lucy Trombley and each of the children of Ira Trombley.