

No. R-331. House concurrent resolution honoring Wendell Coleman for his local and State public service on behalf of the citizens of Londonderry.

(H.C.R.248)

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Londonderry

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Wendell Coleman has resided in the town of Londonderry for over six decades, and

Whereas, after graduating from the former Leland & Gray Seminary in Townshend, he earned a bachelor's degree in education at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, public education is a topic of great importance for Wendell Coleman, and he served on the Flood Brook Union School Board for many years, and

Whereas, when the General Assembly enacted 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 153, providing for the voluntary merger of school districts into a new regional educational district (RED), Wendell Coleman chaired the Mountain Town RED Merger Study Committee, and

Whereas, this voluntary endeavor resulted in the formation of the first RED in the State, the Mountain Town RED, of which he is now a member, and

Whereas, for five bienniums (1989–1998), Wendell Coleman represented the town of Londonderry in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, he served a term each on the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources, and three terms, including one as vice chair, on the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, and

Whereas, closer to home, Wendell Coleman served as the Londonderry Town Agent, performing the office's various fiduciary duties, and

Whereas, most recently, Wendell Coleman has presided at the Londonderry Town Meeting, in his role as the municipality's town moderator, and

Whereas, as an individual who has long served in local and State legislative bodies, he was well acquainted with the process of conducting business in this type of forum, and

Whereas, 2016 will be Wendell Coleman's final year presiding at the Londonderry Town Meeting, as he will soon be moving from the community that has been his home for most of his life, and

Whereas, Wendell Coleman has served the citizens of Londonderry with diligence and distinction, and has left his mark on the town's civic life, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Wendell Coleman for his local and State public service on behalf of the citizens of the town of Londonderry, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Wendell Coleman.