

No. R-332. House concurrent resolution honoring Ralph Coleman of Jamaica for his dedicated civic leadership in the town of Jamaica and for the Leland & Gray Union Middle and High School.

(H.C.R.249)

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Londonderry and Long of Newfane

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, Ralph Coleman's family has resided in the town of Jamaica for over a century and a quarter, and he has a strong interest in his community's well-being, and

Whereas, the town of Jamaica and the Leland & Gray Union Middle and High School (L&GUMHS) Board were extraordinarily fortunate that Ralph Coleman devoted decades to serving in leadership roles, and

Whereas, Ralph Coleman's interest in property-related matters was reflected in his service both on the Jamaica Zoning Board and as a lister, and

Whereas, Ralph Coleman placed great importance on providing youngsters with a solid educational foundation, and he served as a member of the Jamaica Village School Board, and

Whereas, he extended his educational focus to include serving multiple terms on the board of the L&GUMHS, and

Whereas, the expertise Ralph Coleman developed as a board member proved invaluable during his recently concluded role as the L&GUMHS moderator, and

Whereas, he developed a broad knowledge of Jamaica's municipal government as a member of the town's selectboard, and

Whereas, the voters of Jamaica respected and trusted Ralph Coleman's good judgement and sense of fairness, and, in 1978, they elected him to serve as town moderator, and

Whereas, his mastery of *Robert's Rules of Order* and ability to facilitate a meeting that was open to all viewpoints, yet conducted in a dignified and respectful manner, became the hallmark of his service as town moderator, and

Whereas, Ralph Coleman's ideal personality for presiding at both calm and contentious town meetings enabled him to serve in this decisive position for 37 years, and

Whereas, he has concluded his many roles as a conscientious citizen and public servant, and a legislative expression of appreciation is in order, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ralph Coleman of Jamaica for his many years of dedicated civic leadership in the town of Jamaica and for the Leland & Gray Union Middle and High School, and be it further

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