

No. R-360. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Jamaica selectboard member David L. Hamilton.

(H.C.R.261)

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Jamaica

Whereas, David Hamilton was a hard-working Vermonter who served his hometown in many ways and cared deeply about the well-being of his community, and

Whereas, he was born on April 11, 1941, and resided in Jamaica all of his 68 years, and

Whereas, for a decade, David Hamilton was the caretaker and handyman at the home of the author Pearl Buck, and

Whereas, as a small businessman, he owned an excavation company for over 20 years, and

Whereas, an entrepreneurial and industrious individual, David Hamilton would work as an excavator for local contractors while also providing caretaking, lawn mowing, and snowplowing services for individual customers, and

Whereas, another of his jobs had been as a local school bus driver, and

Whereas, when not performing any of these jobs, David Hamilton had a parallel career as a leading local official in the town of Jamaica, and

Whereas, for 23 years, David Hamilton sat on the Jamaica Selectboard, and

Whereas, as a selectboard member, he gave thoughtful consideration to the important policy issues and financial matters that were before him for consideration, and

Whereas, his role on the selectboard also required him to serve on the board of civil authority where he was responsible for reviewing property tax appeals and supervising many aspects of the electoral process, and

Whereas, David Hamilton held a seat on the town's cemetery commission, and his expertise was called upon when he was temporarily asked to perform the duties of Jamaica's road commissioner, and

Whereas, for 15 years, David Hamilton chaired the annual Vermont Green Up activities in Jamaica, and

Whereas, he served as a member of the nearby Stratton Fire Department, and

Whereas, he derived great pleasure and satisfaction from his fraternal association with the Masons and was an avid hunter, and

Whereas, in 1972, David Hamilton, who was one of seven siblings, married Janet Bell, and the Hamiltons' two children are James and Darlene, and

Whereas, on February 15, David Hamilton's life ended, tragically and prematurely, when he was killed in a logging accident in the woods of Jamaica, and

Whereas, David Hamilton's family will miss him very much, and he leaves a lasting legacy of friendship and goodwill in his community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of former Jamaica selectboard member David L. Hamilton, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to his wife, Janet Hamilton, and children, James and Darlene Hamilton, in Jamaica.