

No. R-487. House concurrent resolution in memory of John P. Griffin Jr. of Bennington.

(H.C.R.364)

Offered by: Representatives Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Mook of Bennington, and Morrissey of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, throughout his life, Jack Griffin was closely associated with many aspects of life in the town of Bennington, and

Whereas, he was educated at Bennington Catholic High School and earned a bachelor's degree in business from Boston College, and

Whereas, as a college student, Jack Griffin was a member of the ROTC, and he later received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps, and

Whereas, for over two decades, he owned and operated Griffin's Furniture Stores in Arlington and Brattleboro, and

Whereas, in 1981, Jack Griffin opted for a career change, closing his furniture stores and establishing John P. Griffin Real Estate, a business that engaged in property development and management as well as commercial and residential sales, and

Whereas, Jack Griffin's civic service in Bennington focused on economic development issues as he served on both the town's planning commission and the housing authority board, and

Whereas, his local leadership impressed officials in Montpelier, and Governor Dean appointed Jack Griffin to the State Economic Advisory Board, where his business background proved informative, and

Whereas, Jack Griffin had an abiding tie to Sacred Heart St. Francis De Sales Roman Catholic Church in Bennington where he served as an altar boy, was married to Carol Farrington, and served on the parish council, and

Whereas, he was a proud member of the Bennington Elks Club and was an avid sports fan of the Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics, and Bruins, and

Whereas, family was of great importance to Jack Griffin and he was devoted to his wife of nearly 47 years, Carol, and their sons, Michael, John, and Eric, and granddaughters, Gabrielle and Hannah, and

Whereas, on April 10, 2014, Jack Griffin died in Albany, New York, the city of his birth, and other survivors include his sister, Margaret, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of John P. Griffin Jr. of Bennington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Carol Griffin in Bennington.