

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 379

House concurrent resolution honoring University of Vermont Associate Professor of Philosophy Arthur Kuflik

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Botzow of Pownal, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Donovan of Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne, Miller of Shaftsbury, O'Brien of Richmond, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senator Baruth

Whereas, the scope of philosophical inquiry and research can span far more broadly than in most academic disciplines, and

Whereas, philosophers examine issues of both narrow esoteric interest and profound societal importance, and

Whereas, University of Vermont Associate Professor of Philosophy Arthur Kuflik has been described as a "philosopher among philosophers . . . whose counsel has been sought by the most prominent philosophers of our time" but "who is always willing to help a colleague or a student," and

Whereas, in 1967, he graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University and continued his studies at Princeton University, which awarded him a doctoral degree in 1973, and

Whereas, after holding teaching positions at the University of North Carolina and the University of Michigan, in 1979, Arthur Kuflik began his 35-year faculty tenure at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, as a visiting professor, Arthur Kuflik has served as a DeCamp Fellow in Ethics and Life Sciences at Princeton University, a research associate at the Centre for Applied Philosophy & Public Ethics at the University of Melbourne, and has taught at the California Institute of Technology, Columbia University, and New York University, and

Whereas, his research and publications have ranged from the 18th century Scottish philosopher David Hume to the 20th century American philosopher and political theorist John Rawls, and

Whereas, most logically, Arthur Kuflik's interest in the work of these distinguished philosophers has led to his own writing on social justice in democratic societies, and

Whereas, matters pertaining to bioethics have attracted his attention, including ethical issues in scientific research and the implications of traditionally long shifts for medical residents, and

Whereas, research exploring the tensions between human and computer control in a technologically evolving society as well as intellectual property issues have also interested him, and

Whereas, following a distinguished academic career, Associate Professor Arthur Kuflik will be retiring this spring, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors University of Vermont Associate Professor of Philosophy Arthur Kuflik, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Associate Professor Arthur Kuflik.