

No. R-459. House concurrent resolution in memory of Bellows Falls educator and civic leader Francis X. Coyne.

(H.C.R.385)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, Francis Coyne graduated from Bellows Falls High School and St. Francis College, and

Whereas, Francis Coyne's graduate studies included course work at Castleton State College, Keene State College, St. Michael's College, and the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, for a number of years, he worked as a teacher, coach, vice principal, and eventually principal at the Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown, New York, and

Whereas, Francis Coyne's years at Immaculate Heart Central School brought much praise, and in 1970, the school's yearbook was dedicated in his honor and he was inducted into the Immaculate Heart of Mary National Honor Society, and

Whereas, beginning in 1972, Francis Coyne returned home and started his 24-year tenure on the Bellows Falls Union High School (BFUHS) faculty as a social studies teacher, coach, and student council advisor, and he became active in many professional organizations, and

Whereas, once again, he was warmly received and earned many accolades, such as the school's yearbook being twice dedicated (in 1977 and 1984) in his honor; being named the 1982 BFUHS-DECA Teacher of the Year; serving as the 1984 Bellows Falls Alumni Parade Grand Marshall; and in 1990 being named a UVM Outstanding Teacher award recipient, and

Whereas, in 1994, the BFUHS Terriers Hall of Fame inducted Francis Coyne into its ranks, and he served as president of the school's alumni association, and

Whereas, Francis Coyne coached for local youth sports teams, served as a justice of the peace and member of the board of civil authority, and was a leader or active member of numerous civic and fraternal organizations, and

Whereas, in 1998, the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce named him its Citizen of the Year, and

Whereas, Francis Coyne died on March 20, 2018, and his survivors include a daughter and several grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Francis X. Coyne, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Francis Coyne.