

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 239

House concurrent resolution wishing a very happy and joyous 90th birthday to the member from Burlington, Representative William Aswad

Offered by: House Committee on Transportation

Whereas, Representative William “Bill” Aswad’s accumulated years tally up to nine decades, but his outlook and spirit are youthful and vital, and

Whereas, as an engineer, civic leader, former Burlington city councilor, and state legislator Bill Aswad has always worked cooperatively and effectively, and

Whereas, the success Representative Bill Aswad has enjoyed at the ballot box is reflected in his nine successful campaigns for the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, for much of his legislative service, Representative Bill Aswad has served as an invaluable member of the House Committee on Transportation, and

Whereas, the restoration of passenger rail service along Vermont’s western side from Bennington to Burlington and then on to Montreal has no more ardent and passionate advocate than Representative Bill Aswad, and

Whereas, at every opportunity, he has sought to bring this goal to reality, and he has spoken fervently on this matter during committee and floor deliberations, and

Whereas, the rail pin he frequently wears in his lapel and the distinctive toot-toot of the whistle he blows on the floor of the House as a prelude or conclusion to remarks related to railroads are emblematic of his enthusiastic belief in the importance of rail transportation for both passengers and freight, and

Whereas, Representative Bill Aswad speaks with an eloquence that few of his colleagues can match, and his mastery of the art of recitation has been heard from the House rostrum as the daily devotion on numerous occasions, and

Whereas, be it a poem or an historically significant document, Representative Bill Aswad’s devotionals are always a memorable lesson for his listeners, and

Whereas, this morning, the General Assembly joyfully celebrates Representative Bill Aswad’s 90th birthday, a life milestone that only a few of us will reach and only rarely with such vitality, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly wishes a very happy and joyful 90th birthday to the member from Burlington, Representative William Aswad, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Representative Bill Aswad.

