

No. R-241. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Assistant Attorney General Mark Di Stefano of Montpelier.

(S.C.R.18)

By Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Pollina,

By Representatives Ancel of Calais, Hooper of Montpelier, and Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Whereas, Mark Di Stefano graduated from Cornell University and, later, magna cum laude from Vermont Law School, clerked in the Windsor Superior Court, became Chief Trial Law Clerk, and then began his career as an assistant attorney general, initially focused on environmental matters, and

Whereas, he later served with great distinction as the Attorney General's Civil Division Chief and, subsequently, as Complex Litigation Counsel, and

Whereas, during his 30 years in the Attorney General's Office, Mark Di Stefano represented the State's interests before the Vermont Superior and Supreme Court benches and federally at the Vermont U.S. District Court and Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and

Whereas, Mark Di Stefano's legal agility enabled the State to recover millions of dollars for environmental cleanup and to preserve wildlife habitat (including critical bear habitat near Killington) and open space, among other successful efforts, and

Whereas, beyond his role as a respected litigator, Mark Di Stefano skied, hiked extensively on the Long Trail and Vermont's segment of the Appalachian Trail, was an accomplished old-time fiddler, whose summertime playing on the Pavilion Building's second floor porch became an anticipated lunch hour event, and served on the board of the Summit School of Traditional Music and Culture in Montpelier, and

Whereas, Mark Di Stefano died too soon on, March 22, 2022, leaving his wife, Bridget Asay, his children, and many friends, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Assistant Attorney General Mark Di Stefano, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of Mark Di Stefano's family.