

HOUSE . . . . No. 2965

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 28, 1954.

The committee on Rules to whom were referred the Resolutions (filed by Mr. Waterous of Pepperell) on the death of Harold Tompkins of Concord (House, No. 2965), report that the same ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

EARLE S. TYLER.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

### RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF HAROLD TOMPKINS OF CONCORD.

*Whereas*, The House of Representatives has learned with great sorrow of the death of Harold Tompkins, a member of this assembly from the Thirteenth Middlesex District, who has for many years served his fellow citizens and the Commonwealth, sincerely, faithfully, and with marked ability and judgment; and

*Whereas*, His associates of the House of Representatives are mindful of the fact that in his constant zeal for public service only yesterday he arose in the House to favor a bill permitting the citizens of his native Concord to appropriate money for hospital insurance for its employees, despite the fact that it had been reported negatively by the proper committee; and

*Whereas*, So impressed were the members of the House of Representatives by the logic and clarity of his views, with the sincerity and purity of his motives, and the energy which he displayed in debate that they overturned the report of the committee, suspended their rules, and gave the measure all of its required readings; and

*Whereas*, This battle on the floor of the House of Representatives in a cause in which he sincerely believed preceded by only a few minutes the fatal illness which resulted in his being tenderly taken from the House to his home, where he later succumbed; and

*Whereas*, The Commonwealth may justly grieve when public servants of such dedication literally give their lives in the service of their constituents and performance of their sworn duties; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House expresses to his bereaved family its profound sympathy in the great loss which has come to them, together with sincere thanks that it has

been privileged to have been associated with a public servant of such sincerity, integrity, and spotless character; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be entered on the Journal of the House and an engrossed copy thereof be sent to the family of our beloved late associate, Harold Tompkins.

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Adopted unanimously.

LAWRENCE R. GROVE,  
*Clerk.*

