

No. R-17. House concurrent resolution honoring Susan Higby on the 20th anniversary of her outstanding service as Executive Director of Studio Place Arts in Barre.

(H.C.R.6)

Offered by: Representatives Anthony of Barre City and Williams of Barre City

Whereas, Studio Place Arts (SPA) in Barre has evolved into a vibrant regional center for artistic collaboration, creation, education, and exhibition, and

Whereas, the person most responsible for this exciting institutional journey is Susan Higby, who, for two decades, has served admirably as SPA's executive director, and

Whereas, during the past 20 years, SPA has mounted over 400 exhibitions involving thousands of artists, including retrospectives of older Vermonters' artistic oeuvres and an annual presentation of Stone Arts, that reflect Barre's unique artistic and cultural heritage, and

Whereas, a seed grant from the Semprebun Fund helped support the creation of a self-guided Art Stroll Map that focuses on Barre's unique stone assets, and

Whereas, Susan Higby's collaboration with other arts and community organizations and her proficiency as a fundraiser have enabled SPA to engage in exciting and innovative projects, greatly enhancing the arts scene in central Vermont, and

Whereas, a festive celebration of Susan Higby's dynamic SPA leadership will be held on February 11, 2023, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Susan Higby on the 20th anniversary of her outstanding service as Executive Director of Studio Place Arts in Barre, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Susan Higby and to Studio Place Arts.