

**No. R-33. House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative and Groton Town Moderator Mary E. Grant for her exemplary career in community and public service.**

(H.C.R.26)

Offered by: Representatives Conquest of Newbury, Noyes of Wolcott, Beck of St. Johnsbury, and Campbell of St. Johnsbury

Offered by: Senators Kitchel, Benning, Rodgers, Starr, and Westman

Whereas, Mary Grant became a resident of Groton at 13 years of age, graduated from Bradford Academy, and earned a paralegal certificate at Vermont College, and

Whereas, she worked at the Central Vermont Community Action Council, serving as the organization's community service director, and was an innovative leader in developing housing and health care initiatives, and

Whereas, Mary Grant interrupted her role at the Central Vermont Community Action Council to serve as executive director of the Bennington–Rutland Opportunity Council, and

Whereas, at Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT), Mary Grant served as the assistant director beginning in 1999, as the executive director starting in 2003, and for five years as a board member, and

Whereas, under her leadership, RCT expanded its service area to cover communities in Caledonia, Essex, Lamoille, and Orleans Counties, and impressively, its combined trips in volunteers' vehicles, wheelchair accessible vans, and public shuttle and commuter buses were estimated to number three million and totaled nearly 60 million road miles, and

Whereas, RCT rides provide transportation to senior meal sites, for shopping, medical services, and other life-sustaining activities, and

Whereas, the now spacious 10,000-square-foot RCT headquarters in Lyndonville is supplemented with satellite offices in Morrisville and Newport, and Mary Grant also helped RCT increase its pool of drivers, fleets of wheelchair accessible vans, and bus routes, and

Whereas, among numerous other community leadership roles, Mary Grant served the town of Groton as a selectboard member, town auditor, and town moderator, represented her municipality and nearby towns in the General Assembly, and held the offices of secretary and treasurer at the Vermont Public Transit Association, and

Whereas, in January 2019, Mary E. Grant concluded her two decades of outstanding leadership at RCT and will be missed, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Representative and Groton Town Moderator Mary E. Grant for her exemplary career in community and public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mary Grant.