

No. R-83. House concurrent resolution honoring Vernon's extraordinary resident historian Barbara Ann Emery Moseley.

(H.C.R.65)

Offered by: Representative Coffey of Guilford

Whereas, Barbara Emery was born in 1928, representing the 10th consecutive generation of her family to reside in Vermont, and

Whereas, her first classroom experience was as a student at Vernon's one-room Pond School, and working in public education would become her life's vocation, and

Whereas, this traditional Vermont school provided a solid academic foundation for Barbara Moseley, whose postsecondary education included earning a bachelor's degree from Boston University and a master's degree from Wesleyan University in Connecticut, and

Whereas, early in her career, Barbara Moseley was employed as an art teacher and a school librarian in Massachusetts and Connecticut, and after her 1962 marriage to Roger Sterns Moseley, she returned to her hometown and became Vernon Elementary School's first art teacher, and

Whereas, following her husband's death, Barbara Moseley earned her school librarian's certification, and she assumed this new role at the Vernon Elementary School, continuing in the position until she retired in 1994, and

Whereas, Barbara Moseley has a special passion for preserving, writing about, and promoting the history of Vernon, and in 1968, she was a cofounder of the Vernon Historians Inc., an organization to which she has dedicated much time and love during the past half century, and

Whereas, Barbara Moseley adheres to the idea that "history doesn't have to be on a grand scale to be meaningful, important, interesting and useful to this day and age," and

Whereas, under the auspices of the Vernon Historians Inc., she transformed an 1848 one-room brick schoolhouse into a local history museum, which exhibits the original schoolroom, a farmhouse kitchen, farm tools, historic photographs, and local artifacts, and

Whereas, an associated project was the restoration of the Pond Road Chapel, the original 1860 home of an Advent Christian congregation, which is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and

Whereas, along with her roles as teacher and historian, Barbara Moseley has served as a Vernon Library trustee and town cemetery committee member, and she is a lifelong member of, and an organist at, the Vernon Union Church and is an accomplished artist, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vernon's extraordinary resident historian, Barbara Ann Emery Moseley, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Barbara Moseley and to the Vernon Historians Inc.