

No. R-105. House concurrent resolution honoring Cheryl White and the *Valley Voice* newspaper for outstanding community service.

(H.C.R.70)

Offered by: Representatives Smith of New Haven, Lanpher of Vergennes, Fisher of Lincoln, Jewett of Ripton, Nuovo of Middlebury, Ralston of Middlebury, Sharpe of Bristol, Stevens of Shoreham, and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, the White family has been associated with the *Valley Voice* since 1974, and for 39 years this journalistic enterprise has been distributed to readers throughout Addison County, sections of Chittenden, Rutland, Orange, and Washington counties, and in a number of New York communities along the Lake Champlain shoreline, and

Whereas, throughout nearly four decades, Cheryl White has directed the editorial and operational work of the *Valley Voice*, and

Whereas, the *Valley Voice* is a venue for both local advertising and the presentation of inspiring and uplifting stories on local people, projects, and traditions found in small-town Vermont, and

Whereas, Cheryl White has worked throughout her tenure to broaden the newspaper's readership, which now numbers 9,000, and to include in each weekly issue a balance of Yankee ingenuity, community products, community stories, and a reverence for celebrating life and all that is Vermont, and

Whereas, she has enabled aspiring journalists, especially young writers, to pursue their craft and see their articles published in the *Valley Voice*, and

Whereas, the White family tradition of publishing with loving care and pride is continuing, as the children and grandchildren of Cheryl White are actively involved in every aspect of the process, and

Whereas, in an era of instant media where standards are all too often discarded, the *Valley Voice* represents a traditional brand of quality journalism and historical continuity which readers on both sides of Lake Champlain have enjoyed for three generations, and

Whereas, Cheryl White is truly a caring and conscientious guardian of her family's commitment to journalistic excellence who intends to continue her stewardship of the *Valley Voice*, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Cheryl White and the *Valley Voice* newspaper for outstanding community service, and be it further

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