

**No. R-121. House concurrent resolution honoring Calais Town Clerk and former representative Eva M. Morse for her extraordinary civic service on behalf of the citizens of Calais.**

(H.C.R.83)

Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina

Whereas, for nearly half a century, the voters of Calais have placed their civic trust in their friendly neighbor, great conversationalist, and attentive listener, Eva Morse, and

Whereas, in 1964, the selectboard appointed Eva Morse as town clerk, and in 1965, following a floor nomination, the Calais town meeting attendees elected her to this office, and

Whereas, since 1965, Eva Morse has been the sole candidate for the voters' consideration as town clerk, and

Whereas, during her almost half-a-century tenure, Calais Town Clerk Eva Morse has witnessed dramatic changes in the operation and locale of her office, which for 42 years was situated in her home where, among a beautiful profusion of orchids, her many cats and she warmly greeted visitors arriving to transact official business or merely stopping by to say hello, and

Whereas, eventually, the wealth of records she had accumulated necessitated the construction of a town office in Gospel Hollow, and

Whereas, the breadth of her administrative and regulatory duties has increased enormously since the middle 1960s, and Eva Morse has always met the new challenges effectively and successfully, and

Whereas, the town of Calais has also drawn upon Eva Morse's administrative skills as justice of the peace, lister, and zoning administrator, and for a decade she represented her neighbors in the Vermont House of Representatives, gaining greater insight into the intricate relationship between state and local government, and

Whereas, Eva Morse has decided to conclude her 47 notable years as town clerk, and while the citizenry will miss an extraordinarily devoted public servant, her 14 cats will welcome the added attention, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Calais Town Clerk and former representative Eva Morse for her extraordinary civic service on behalf of the citizens of Calais, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Eva Morse in Calais.