

No. R-106. House concurrent resolution in memory of Lyndon Justice of the Peace Edith Bell-Brown.

(H.C.R.88)

Offered by: Representative Troiano of Stannard

Whereas, Edie Bell grew up in northern New Jersey, but in 1978 she decided to move to Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1984, at 37 years of age, Edie Bell decided to resume her previously interrupted college education, enrolling at Lyndon State College (LSC) as an English major, and she proved to be an excellent student, and

Whereas, at graduation, she delivered one of the commencement addresses and was granted membership into the Arthur B. Elliot Honor Society, the highest honor LSC bestows on a graduate, and

Whereas, while studying at LSC, she met and married professor Robin Brown, and when Southern Illinois University appointed him its art department faculty chair, the couple moved and

Whereas, Edie Bell-Brown took advantage of her new college abode, pursuing a master's degree in English, and she was presented an honors convocation award and inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and

Whereas, after her husband died in 1999, Edie Bell-Brown returned to Lyndon and embarked on a fulfilling two-decade odyssey of teaching, community service, and political activism, and

Whereas, she taught English part-time at LSC and tutored adult learners enrolled in Johnson State College's External Degree Program, and

Whereas, Edie Bell-Brown's love of literature and poetry proved ideal for her six-year tenure as president of the Friends of the Cobleigh Public Library in Lyndon, and

Whereas, since 2014, she had served as a Lyndon Justice of the Peace, and

Whereas, Edie Bell-Brown became an unabashed activist in the Democratic Party, serving as vice chair and treasurer of the Lyndon Town Democratic committee, in several posts on the Caledonia County Democratic committee, as Caledonia County's representative to the Vermont State Democratic committee, and she ran for her local seat in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, after a long battle with cancer, Edie Bell-Brown died at 71 years of age on December 11, 2018, leaving many close friends who now cherish her memory and her good works, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences on the passage of Edith Bell-Brown, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Edie Bell-Brown's dear friends, Christine Nicosia and Mildred LaBeur, and to the Caledonia County Democratic committee.