

No. R-197. House concurrent resolution honoring Rose Fowler for her innovative leadership at Greater Rockingham Area Services Inc.

(H.C.R.124)

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Partridge of Windham, Deen of Westminster and Mrowicki of Putney

Whereas, when Rose Fowler arrived in Bellows Falls, she accepted employment as an administrative aide in the office of Dr. David Stewart, and

Whereas, after several years working for Dr. Stewart, Rose Fowler joined the staff of the Rockingham Memorial Hospital in the accounting department, and

Whereas, when Rockingham Hospital incurred financial difficulties requiring its closure, she played a leading role in the hospital corporation's decision to retain its real estate in order to establish new health care related services at the site, and

Whereas, the general assembly adopted legislation designating the building as the Health Center at Bellows Falls, and a new nonprofit corporation, Greater Rockingham Area Services Inc., was created to manage all of the real estate operations, and

Whereas, state financial assistance was obtained in the form of a community development block grant for the purpose of converting the building into the new Health Center at Bellows Falls, and

Whereas, Rose Fowler took a direct role in the building's conversion process, even assuming personal responsibility for some of the wallpapering and painting that was required, and

Whereas, once the remodeling and renovation work was completed, the Springfield Hospital opened a branch outpatient clinic, bringing an important new primary health care resource to the community, and

Whereas, to complement the services that Springfield Hospital provided, Health Care and Rehabilitation Services became a tenant, and

Whereas, Rose Fowler urged the board of directors of the Greater Rockingham Area Services Inc. to purchase additional nearby real property in order to attract related and much needed health and community service providers to Bellows Falls, and

Whereas, this decision proved a wise one with a day care center being established, and

Whereas, the success of Greater Rockingham Area Services Inc., including the establishment of the dental clinic, is attributed in large measure to Rose Fowler's effective administrative skills, foresight, and perseverance, for which she deserves special recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Rose Fowler for her innovative leadership at Greater Rockingham Area Services Inc., and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rose Fowler at Greater Rockingham Area Services Inc.