

No. R-209. House concurrent resolution honoring Sue Duprat on her outstanding varsity athletics coaching and administrative career.

(H.C.R.170)

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, Sue Duprat's athletic life started as a high school basketball player in Burlington and continued as a three-sport athlete at the University of Vermont from which she graduated as a double major in political science and physical education, and

Whereas, in 1976, she embarked on a 27-year career at St. Michael's College, coaching the women's basketball team and guiding the development of a robust women's intercollegiate athletics program that expanded from three to 11 sports, and

Whereas, on her 2006 induction into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame, Sue Duprat expressed her greatest pride not on her record as one of only three New England women basketball coaches to have won 300 games, but rather on the 100 percent graduation rate for the four-year members of her basketball team and of her 15 former players who became coaches, and

Whereas, after 27 successful years at St. Michael's College, Sue Duprat opted for a new professional challenge as the athletic director of Harwood Union High School in Duxbury, and

Whereas, serving as a high school athletic director entails daily interactions with divergent and at times conflicting constituencies ranging from school administrators, coaches, and other faculty members to student athletes and their occasionally over-indulgent parents, and

Whereas, in her job, Sue Duprat works to ensure a proper balance is maintained in her students' academic and athletic lives, and

Whereas, she performs her duties using the right combination of discipline, encouragement, patience, and steadfastness, and

Whereas, under Sue Duprat's careful oversight, Harwood has won many team championships, but more importantly, she has instilled the values of good sportsmanship in the Harwood athletic community, and

Whereas, after 14 demanding but fulfilling years serving as its athletic director, Harwood will bid a fond farewell, with many thanks and much appreciation, to Sue Duprat at the close of the 2016–2017 school year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Sue Duprat on her outstanding varsity athletics coaching and administrative career, and be it further

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