

**No. R-271. House concurrent resolution honoring the professional achievements of child and victim advocate Sally Borden.**

(H.C.R.206)

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Berbeco of Winooski, Bluemle of Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Garofano of Essex, Headrick of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Krowinski of Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Logan of Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Stebbins of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, and Waters Evans of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Baruth, Chittenden, Gulick, Lyons, Ram Hinsdale, Vyhovsky, and Wrenner

Whereas, Sally Borden is a veteran advocate and leader at organizations advocating on behalf of the victims and survivors, and their families, of criminal acts, domestic violence, and child abuse and neglect, and

Whereas, she graduated with honors from the University of California at Davis and earned a master's degree from Cambridge College in Massachusetts, and

Whereas, her first professional role was as a victim-witness advocate at the Northwestern District Attorney's office in Northampton, Massachusetts, where she was subsequently promoted to a supervisory position, and

Whereas, Sally Borden's responsibilities as Director of Training at the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance entailed supervising statewide training for victim advocacy, and

Whereas, for several years, Sally Borden returned to California, where she served as the Executive Director of the Shelter Against Violent Environments Inc., an organization that provides support services for domestic violence victims and survivors and their children in Alameda County, California, and

Whereas, since 1998, Sally Borden has been associated with the KidSafe Collaborative in Burlington, which works to improve the response to child abuse and neglect, where she initially served as a project director, and, since 2001, as the organization's executive director, and

Whereas, Sally Borden has led or participated in many national and State panels and projects; is the recipient of several honors recognizing her professional excellence and exemplary community roles, including the Antonio B. Pomerleau Medal of Honor; and she is concluding her work at KidSafe Collaborative, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the professional achievements of child and victim advocate Sally Borden, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sally Borden and to the KidSafe Collaborative.