

No. R-310. House concurrent resolution honoring Ruth Levin for her community service in the town of Shaftsbury.

(H.C.R.226)

Offered by: Representative Miller of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Ruth Levin was raised in the American South, resided in New York City and, since the 1950s, has lived in Shaftsbury, where she raised her three children, Florence, Rachel, and Alexander, and

Whereas, she is one of the founding members of the Shaftsbury Historical Society and for 45 years has served as its faithful secretary and treasurer, and

Whereas, Ruth Levin is the author of *Ordinary Heroes*, the only published history of the town of Shaftsbury, and

Whereas, since moving to Shaftsbury in the early 1950s, she has always been generous in her concern for others, with no expectation of anything in return, and

Whereas, Ruth Levin has been a dedicated citizen of Shaftsbury and the greater Bennington community, having volunteered with the former Bennington League of Women Voters, and she has always spoken of the importance of citizenship, voting, and equality, and

Whereas, she studied writing on an informal basis and became an accomplished short story writer whose work appeared in various periodicals, including *Redbook* and the *Jewish Currents Reader*, and contributed numerous enlightening local history articles to the *Bennington Banner*, and

Whereas, her respect for the craft of jewelry, demonstrated as a co-founder in 1950 of the Ed Levin Arts Workshop in New York City with her former husband, was profiled in *Vermont Life* magazine, and

Whereas, Ruth Levin is now in her late 80s, and on April 13, the Town of Shaftsbury will honor her as its Ordinary Hero, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ruth Levin for her community service in the town of Shaftsbury, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ruth Levin in Shaftsbury and the Shaftsbury Historical Society.