

No. R-382. House concurrent resolution congratulating WCAX television news and reporter Kristin Carlson on receipt of a 2010 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award.

(H.C.R.241)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, in 1942, Jesse Ball duPont established the Alfred I.

duPont-Columbia University Awards “as a tribute to the journalist integrity and public-mindedness of her husband,” and

Whereas, these awards are considered the most prestigious honors in broadcast journalism, equivalent to the Pulitzer Prizes that the Columbia University School of Journalism also administers, and

Whereas, in 1999, shortly after graduating from the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University, Kristin Carlson joined the staff of WCAX television news, and

Whereas, the excellence of her work has been recognized as she is the recipient of three Edward R. Murrow Awards for local reporting, and

Whereas, in 2007, WCAX television news appointed Kristin Carlson as its Montpelier bureau chief, and

Whereas, in 2009, Kristin Carlson served as the reporter on a three-part investigative series entitled *Foreigners on the Farm*, and

Whereas, this series revealed the extent that Vermont dairy farmers hire, and are now reliant for their continued operations on, illegal workers, and

Whereas, Kristin Carlson featured interviews with both farmers and the illegal workers, and

Whereas, state and federal authorities were questioned, as part of the series, regarding their roles in enabling these illegal hires to occur, and

Whereas, the series did not assume either a pro or con position but offered a detailed view of the dairy farm labor situation in Vermont, and

Whereas, in recognition of the exemplary reporting associated with this in-depth investigative series, the duPont jury selected WCAX and Kristin Carlson as the joint recipients of a 2010 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award for excellence in broadcast journalism, and

Whereas, this award was formally presented to WCAX and Kristin Carlson at a ceremony held on January 21 at the Columbia University School of Journalism in New York City, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates WCAX television news and reporter Kristin Carlson on receipt of a 2010 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to WCAX television news and to Kristin Carlson.