

No. R-319. House concurrent resolution honoring international volunteer health care provider and former Civil Air Patrol leader Kathleen R. Fellows of Perkinsville.

(H.C.R.254)

Offered by: Representatives Christensen of Weathersfield and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, Kathleen Fellows was raised in England, and as a youngster she assisted family members performing volunteer work, and

Whereas, she trained to become a registered nurse in Liverpool, England, completed midwifery training in Alberta, Canada, and worked as a health care professional in the Canadian Arctic, and

Whereas, Kathleen Fellows married a Windham farmer, later worked and resided in Arizona for a decade, and for the past eight years has called Perkinsville home, and

Whereas, she earned a pilot's license, served as the Commander of the Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, and also earned a Federal Aviation Administration airplane mechanic's certification, and

Whereas, in recent years, Kathleen Fellows has embarked on a series of international, volunteer, health care services projects, and she derives a great sense of personal satisfaction helping her patients live healthier lives, and

Whereas, after the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Kathleen Fellows traveled to the island nation, assisting with the provision of health care services when Haiti's medical infrastructure was inundated and in need of external support, and

Whereas, more recently, Kathleen Fellows has repeatedly journeyed to Pokhara, Nepal, under the auspices of Dharma Khadka who provides free remote health camps, and she arrives at her clinic site in a four-wheel-drive vehicle, traversing a right-of-way she has described as "less than a road, more like a strip devoid of vegetation," and

Whereas, her grateful Nepalese patients refer to her as Amaah Kay, meaning "mother Kay," as the "th" sound does not exist in Nepalese, and

Whereas, Kathleen Fellows served as the de-facto Dharma Nepal Volunteers coordinator and earned the title of North America Coordinator, and

Whereas, she is a remarkable Vermonter, whose breadth of life experiences and dedication to serving humanity is most noteworthy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors international volunteer health care provider and former Civil Air Patrol leader Kathleen R. Fellows of Perkinsville, and be it further

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