

No. R-366. House concurrent resolution honoring Addison town clerk Jane Grace for her exemplary 40 years of public service.

(H.C.R.291)

Offered by: Representatives Clark of Vergennes and Lanpher of Vergennes

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, in a town with no town manager or administrator, a town clerk is the person directly responsible for the daily hands-on supervision of local government, and

Whereas, for 40 years, Addison town clerk Jane Grace has epitomized the ideal town clerk, performing her duties conscientiously, efficiently, and in a timely manner, and

Whereas, her parallel work as Addison town treasurer has been highly regarded, and

Whereas, her superb workplace skills have also been applied at Middlebury College and B.F. Goodrich, and

Whereas, in a different municipal role, since 1977 Jane Grace has served as an Addison fire department dispatcher, and

Whereas, the Addison selectboard chair, Jeff Kauffman, has stated “she is the town” of Addison, and

Whereas, the respect and esteem with which Jane Grace is held in her community easily explains why the voters of Addison have repeatedly reelected her to the office of town clerk, knowing that she undeniably has been the best person to whom to entrust the supervision of the town’s business, and

Whereas, this perfect electoral record over four decades has earned Jane Grace the distinction of serving as an Addison County town clerk for longer than any of her current colleagues, and

Whereas, each day Jane Grace comes into the office, there is always something different to do and boredom is never a problem, and

Whereas, although a new town clerk can learn the job's duties and manage the office, replacing Jane Grace will be attempting to replace a person who is essentially irreplaceable, and

Whereas, despite her true devotion to the office and the deep affection with which she is held in the town of Addison, Jane Grace has decided that at the 2012 Addison town meeting, she will not stand for reelection, and

Whereas, she is eagerly anticipating spending quality family time with her husband Phillip, her sons Michael and Christopher, her daughters-in-law Margo and Natalie, and her granddaughters Julie and Dagny, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Addison town clerk Jane Grace for her exemplary 40 years of public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jane Grace in Addison.