

No. R-386. House concurrent resolution congratulating Amy Rounds of Westminster on her selection as the 2018 Vermont State Mother of the Year.

(H.C.R.312)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Trieber of Rockingham, Deen of Westminster, and Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by: Senators Balint, White, and Branagan

Whereas, annually, American Mothers, Inc. names a Vermont State Mother of the Year, and

Whereas, Mary Jane Bosworth nominated Amy Rounds of Westminster describing her as a woman “who never lost her sparkle,” and the review panel concurred that Amy Rounds merited this honor, and

Whereas, when Amy Rounds’s son, Owen Jr., was only a year old, her husband, Owen Sr., a U.S. Department of Defense employee, was required to travel to Kuwait for nine months, and

Whereas, her husband’s extended work-related absences have remained a challenge for Amy Rounds in her role as a mother, and

Whereas, Amy Rounds’s daughter, Olivia, was born with Down syndrome, adding a new and unexpected development in the family’s life, and

Whereas, in 2014, Amy Rounds successfully persevered through a diagnosis of ovarian cancer and both surgery and chemotherapy treatments, and

Whereas, only a true supermom could have so effectively managed this unique combination of life factors, and

Whereas, Amy Rounds has become a passionate advocate for persons with disabilities and does not readily accept expert opinion that her daughter’s educational and vocational opportunities will be extremely limited, and

Whereas, to the contrary, she has researched information on Down syndrome and continuously seeks to broaden and maximize Olivia’s life choices, and

Whereas, aside from her demanding family responsibilities, Amy Rounds works 32 hours a week for a local physician, volunteers in the community, and for recreation both runs and cycles, and

Whereas, Amy Rounds’s dedication to her family and community and deep concern for all families that have children with disabilities signify her undeniable qualifications to serve as the 2018 Vermont State Mother of the Year, and she will represent Vermont at the national Mother of the Year conference in Washington, D.C., now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Amy Rounds of Westminster on her selection as the 2018 Vermont State Mother of the Year, and be it further

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