

**No. R-405. House concurrent resolution honoring Dawn Francis for her career achievements as a regional planner, municipal administrator, and public policy advocate.**

(H.C.R.331)

Offered by: Representatives Taylor of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, Dakin of Colchester, Bissonnette of Winooski, Canfield of Fair Haven, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Head of South Burlington, Macaig of Williston, McCoy of Poultney, Myers of Essex, Pajala of Londonderry, Pugh of South Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Townsend of South Burlington, and Turner of Milton

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, Dawn Francis graduated from the University of Vermont and continued on, earning a master's in natural resources planning, and

Whereas, her first professional position was as a planner for the Franklin-Grand Isle Regional Planning Commission, and

Whereas, for 19 years, she served Essex town government, first as a planner, then as director of community development, and ultimately as deputy town manager, and

Whereas, in 2004, Dawn Francis left municipal service to join the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce as its government affairs director, and

Whereas, in her advocacy role at the Chamber, Dawn Francis's policy portfolio focused especially on environmental, transportation, and workforce development matters, and she actively participated in the Leadership Champlain program that acquaints business officials with State government, and she also served during this time on the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, and

Whereas, members of the business community respected Dawn Francis's conscientiousness, congenial personality, and keen ability to work with elected officials, regardless of their partisan affiliation, and

Whereas, in 2013, the town of Colchester appointed Dawn Francis as its town manager, and

Whereas, she not only brought extensive municipal experience to her new job but also an in-depth knowledge of State government, and

Whereas, as in her prior jobs, she quickly earned the respect of her colleagues and constituents, and

Whereas, Dawn Francis served as a board member (2013–2018) of both the Champlain Housing Trust and the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI), including her chairing the CUSI board (2016–2018), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dawn Francis for her career achievements as a regional planner, municipal administrator, and public policy advocate, and be it further

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