

No. R-469. House concurrent resolution honoring Grace Worcester Greene of Berlin for inspiring children to read and discover their local public library.

(H.C.R.353)

Offered by: Representatives Gallivan of Chittenden, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Lewis of Berlin, and Mook of Bennington

Whereas, Grace Greene has two special passions in her life, a love of Vermont and a strong desire to encourage children to read, and

Whereas, her Vermont roots are centered in Peacham, and from an early age she was taught that living in Vermont was ideal, and

Whereas, Grace Greene's mother was a librarian, and Grace first worked in a public library at 13 years of age, and

Whereas, after graduating from the University of Vermont, Grace Greene earned a master's degree in library science from Simmons College and was employed as a children's librarian in the Boston area, and

Whereas, Grace Greene and her husband, Daniel, the librarian at U-32 high school, moved to Vermont, and she became the Director of Youth Services at the Department of Libraries, and

Whereas, although this job enabled her to promote children's literature and youth involvement at local libraries, Grace Greene did miss working with children on a daily basis, and

Whereas, she runs workshops and consults with librarians and educators across the State on topics ranging from story hours to summer reading programs, and

Whereas, each year, she reviews approximately 150 children's books to keep current on new publications, retaining the best for the Department of Libraries children's collection and distributing others to local public libraries, and

Whereas, a special role Grace Greene performs is to promote three children's book awards, including the Red Clover Award, the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Prize (DCF), and the Green Mountain Book Award, and young readers vote for the final winners, and

Whereas, Grace Greene recently hosted the four Vermont finalists for this year's DCF at Vermont Technical College, and 600 delighted children were in attendance, a dream occurrence for any children's librarian, and

Whereas, after 28 years of introducing children to the joys of reading and the wonders awaiting them at their local public library, Grace Greene will retire in June 2014, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Grace Worcester Greene of Berlin for inspiring children to read and discover their local public library, and be it further

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