

No. R-493. House concurrent resolution honoring the Reverend Kathryn Hult of Bellows Falls for her compassionate community leadership.

(H.C.R.361)

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, the Reverend Kathryn Hult of the United Church of Bellows Falls has devoted her life, in both her religious and nonsectarian endeavors, to serving individuals in need, and

Whereas, she earned an undergraduate degree in social work at the University of Wisconsin, and a decade later, Kaye Hult resumed her education at the Boston University School of Theology from which she graduated with a master's degree in divinity, and

Whereas, in 1984, Rev. Kaye Hult was ordained as a minister in the United Church of Christ and was associated with parishes in Ohio and on Cape Cod prior to serving at a pastoral counseling agency in New Bedford, Massachusetts, as a marriage and family therapist, and

Whereas, in May 1996, Rev. Kaye Hult was called to the pulpit of the United Church of Bellows Falls, where she has become a compassionate and programmatically creative advocate for both her own congregants' quality of life and that of the broader community, and

Whereas, Rev. Kaye Hult is one of the founders of the Greater Falls United Network, which is an amalgamation of churches and social service agencies that assist individuals in need of financial assistance to pay rent and electric bills, and

Whereas, her congregation's Board of Missions, working with the Partners in Service organization, has developed a special association with Mountainside in Ludlow, which provides temporary shelter for runaway teenagers, and

Whereas, Rev. Kaye Hult played a leading role, in coordination with representatives of the Our Place Drop-In Center and Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA), in the establishment of the Greater Falls Warming Shelter, and in recognition of her leadership, SEVCA is honoring her with its Community Catalyst Award, and

Whereas, perhaps the United Church of Bellows Falls' most ambitious and spiritually rewarding community project under Rev. Kaye Hult's leadership has been to spur the development and imminent construction of Marks Meadows, a new continuing care community in Westminster that is being brought to fruition in coordination with Westminster Cares and other like-minded organizations and individuals, and

Whereas, Rev. Kaye Hult passionately believes in offering loving inclusive hospitality and to do all that can be done to build people up, and

Whereas, in 2009, Rev. Kaye Hult marked 25 years as an ordained minister, and her many good deeds are truly praiseworthy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Reverend Kathryn Hult of Bellows Falls for her compassionate community leadership, and

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Reverend Kathryn Hult at the United Church of Bellows Falls.