

No. R-488. House concurrent resolution honoring the Reverend Kathy Wonson Eddy for her community leadership and spiritual guidance at Bethany Church and in the town of Randolph.

(H.C.R.377)

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph and Townsend of Randolph

Whereas, Rev. Kathy Eddy has served as a pastor at Bethany United Church of Christ in Randolph for 36 consecutive years, and

Whereas, a talent musician, Rev. Eddy is a composer of music for children and on women's themes, and her music has been performed at United Church of Christ conferences and congregations in the United States and internationally, and

Whereas, Rev. Eddy was instrumental in the creation of the Randolph Emergency Ecumenical Committee on Housing and the Randolph Food Shelf, which Bethany Church housed until 2010, and

Whereas, she encouraged her congregation to debate and adopt an open and affirming policy, ensuring that people of all ages, incomes, sexual orientations, races, and religious backgrounds are welcome at the church, and

Whereas, Rev. Kathy Eddy's sabbatical trip to serve in Ecuador led to the creation of a sister community relationship with San Cristobal, Ecuador, and

Whereas, the Bethany community which Rev. Eddy has shepherded has nurtured no fewer than ten individuals who have entered full-time ministries, and

Whereas, Rev. Eddy has actively encouraged the individual spiritual development of church members, and her leadership inspired Bethany members to hire a full-time youth pastor whose programs now attract well over 50 individuals, many of whom are not church members, and

Whereas, she has encouraged church members to recognize their individual potential to serve and has empowered people to travel to Ukraine, Ecuador, and Kenya, and to strengthen the fibers within the greater Randolph community, and

Whereas, Rev. Kathy Eddy has helped many to realize that our differences make us richer, and after 36 years of outstanding spiritual and civic leadership in Randolph, the Rev. Kathy Eddy is retiring, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Reverend Kathy Wonson Eddy for her community leadership and spiritual guidance at Bethany Church and in the town of Randolph, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Reverend Kathy Eddy at Bethany United Church of Christ in Randolph.