

No. R-33. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Shirley Arlene Brown for her over half century of outstanding community service in the town of Belvidere.

(S.C.R.7)

By Senator Westman,

By Representatives Hill of Wolcott and Noyes of Wolcott

Whereas, Shirley Eldred was born in Belvidere on December 10, 1934, and this Lamoille county town has always been her home, and

Whereas, she attended the Belvidere Central School, graduated from Cambridge High School, and briefly attended the former Johnson Normal School, and

Whereas, on September 3, 1955, Shirley Eldred and Larry Brown were married at the Belvidere Community Church, and they are the parents of eight children as well as grandparents and great-grandparents, and

Whereas, in 1961, Larry Brown was elected town clerk and appointed his wife as assistant town clerk, and

Whereas, their personal lives and Belvidere's municipal government became intertwined as both shared a house, a mailbox, and a phone number, and town clerk services were available anytime day or night, including for the sale of hunting licenses at 2:00 a.m., and

Whereas, after a number of years, Shirley Brown assumed her husband's role as Belvidere Town Clerk and continues to perform this role enthusiastically and effectively but now from a separate town clerk's office located near the Brown family's home, and

Whereas, Shirley Brown has seen her office evolve from the pen and paper era to the digital age, and

Whereas, the strict compliance with all legal and ethical aspects of election administration and other responsibilities of a town clerk's office are Shirley Brown's first priority and personal mandate, and

Whereas, Shirley Brown has provided outstanding leadership and guidance in venues beyond her office, including serving on the planning commission; at the Belvidere Community Club, especially in the acquisition of town recreation land; in the former school's Mother's Club; as an organizer of the town's library; and as a volunteer for the Rattling Brook Bluegrass Festival, and

Whereas, for over half a century, Shirley Brown has, in all her roles, served as an exemplary community leader and friend, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Shirley Arlene Brown for her over half century of outstanding community service in the town of Belvidere, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Shirley Brown and to the town of Belvidere.