

**No. R-469. House concurrent resolution honoring House Journal Clerk Cathleen M. Cameron for her extraordinary dedication to the people's house.**

(H.C.R.389)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, when Vermonters think of the House of Representatives, they usually focus on the 150 elected members and not the dedicated staff that serves this institution that epitomizes Vermont's representative democracy, and

Whereas, since 1995, Cathy Cameron has served in the indispensable role of House Journal Clerk, assuring that a copy of the prior day's proceedings is available for reading, in print and online, before the Speaker gavel the House into session, and

Whereas, Cathy Cameron began her employment in the Office of the Clerk of the House as the sessional Status Clerk at the start of the 1983–1984 Biennium, and

Whereas, in 1995, she transitioned to her current full-time position, and

Whereas, Cathy Cameron and the late former House Clerk Don Milne were an effective and congenial working team, which had great respect for the Legislative Branch of State government, and

Whereas, although the Office of the Clerk of the House was already computerized in 1995, the technology had not reached its current degree of sophistication, and

Whereas, paper forms were the exclusive means of tallying roll-call votes, and Cathy Cameron needed to then enter each member's vote into the journal document, and

Whereas, members do not always appreciate that when daily adjournment occurs, the staff in the Office of the Clerk of the House often has hours of work before concluding its day, and

Whereas, one of Cathy Cameron's special talents is deciphering member's remarks, often scribbled in haste during a roll-call vote, and

Whereas, throughout the summer, Cathy Cameron works proficiently and systematically to prepare the permanent journal for publication, and

Whereas, after 21 years of outstanding service as House Journal Clerk, Cathy Cameron, a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and an accomplished violinist who plays in two orchestras, will conclude her legislative employment this fall, and all her colleagues will miss her presence in the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors House Journal Clerk Cathleen M. Cameron for her extraordinary dedication to the people's house and extends to her best wishes and a fond farewell, and be it further

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