

No. R-336. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Mendon Town Clerk Helen Ruth Johnson Lawrence.

(H.C.R.271)

Offered by: Representative Harrison of Chittenden

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, Helen Johnson Lawrence was a native of Rochester and graduated from the town's high school, and

Whereas, after graduating from the Rutland Business College, she was employed at Provident Mutual Insurance Company, and

Whereas, for over half a century, Helen Johnson Lawrence served the Town of Mendon in a variety of leadership roles, initially starting in 1965 and continuing until 1978 as auditor, and

Whereas, in 1980, she was elected treasurer, and

Whereas, in 1981, Helen Johnson Lawrence assumed the companion role of town clerk and continued serving effectively in both positions until stepping down in 1996, and

Whereas, unlike the typical clerk-treasurer who advances in the job, Helen Johnson Lawrence immediately became the combined assistant clerk-treasurer in Mendon for a term that ended in 2001, and

Whereas, even after leaving these combined assistant posts, Helen Johnson Lawrence remained involved in Mendon municipal government until 2016 as an election official and also served on the New Town Office Committee, and

Whereas, Helen Johnson Lawrence volunteered for the Vermont Marine Corps League Toys for Kids, assisting in the distribution of Christmas gifts for needy children; the Rutland Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice; and the Mendon Historical Society of which she was a cofounder and the organization's first treasurer, and

Whereas, the 1995 Mendon Annual Report was dedicated in honor of Helen Johnson Lawrence and her husband, Leo, and in 2005, the New Town Office Committee was similarly recognized, and

Whereas, on June 3, 2017, Helen Johnson Lawrence died at 86 years of age, and the Mendon Selectboard is naming the town office's conference room the Helen Lawrence Conference Room, and

Whereas, her survivors include her husband of 65 years, Leo; her five children, Elaine, Doug, Dean, Brian, and Kevin; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends sincere gratitude and condolences to the family of former Mendon Town Clerk Helen Ruth Johnson Lawrence, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Helen Johnson Lawrence's family.