

NO. R-15. CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING COURT
ADMINISTRATOR AND VERMONT SUPREME COURT CLERK LEE SUSKIN.

(S.C.R.6)

By Senators Sears, Miller, Ashe, Ayer, Bartlett, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Choate, Cummings, Doyle, Flanagan, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, Maynard, Mazza, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Racine, Scott, Shumlin, Snelling, Starr and White,

By Representatives Atkins of Winooski, Clarkson of Woodstock, Consejo of Sheldon, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Flory of Pittsford, French of Shrewsbury, Grad of Moretown, Heath of Westford, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Komline of Dorset, Larson of Burlington, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, McDonald of Berlin, Nease of Johnson, Pellett of Chester, Scheuermann of Stowe, Smith of Morristown, Sweaney of Windsor, Townsend of Randolph and Wright of Burlington,

Whereas, although the chief justice serves as the state's most senior judicial officer, the daily management of the judicial branch is largely the responsibility of the Court Administrator who also serves as the Clerk of the Supreme Court, and

Whereas, for the past dozen years, Lee Suskin of Shelburne has served with great distinction in both these challenging roles, and

Whereas, Lee Suskin graduated from the University of Rochester and earned a law degree at Columbia University, and

Whereas, prior to his appointment as Court Administrator, Lee Suskin served first as the Vermont judiciary's director of planning and development, and then had excellent preparation for his most recent position by working as the trial court administrator, and

Whereas, during his tenure as Court Administrator, the judiciary has made enormous strides into the digital age, both in its internal operations and for the public on the World Wide Web, and

Whereas, several major court construction projects, including a new courthouse in Addison County and major renovations and additions to the courthouses in Chittenden and Rutland Counties, have been completed in recent years, and

Whereas, in implementing recent budgetary reductions, Lee Suskin's goal has been the efficient but responsible management of the courts while always safeguarding the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the judiciary, and

Whereas, Lee Suskin has served as an accessible and informative liaison to the General Assembly on the judiciary's behalf, and

Whereas, nationally, in 2007, Lee Suskin's professional colleagues demonstrated their respect for his administrative competence when they chose him as vice chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts and as president of the Conference of State Court Administrators, and

Whereas, following a stellar career as a judicial manager, Lee Suskin will retire as the Court Administrator and Supreme Court Clerk at the end of January 2009, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors retiring Court Administrator and Vermont Supreme Court Clerk Lee Suskin as an outstanding public servant,
and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lee Suskin in Shelburne.