

No. R-125. House concurrent resolution congratulating Janet Medston Perrigo Brown-Wolff of South Burlington on being named the 2009 Vermont Mother of the Year.

(H.C.R.96)

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Audette of South Burlington, Geier of South Burlington and Head of South Burlington

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Lyons, Miller, Racine and Snelling

Whereas, American Mothers Inc. (AMI) traces its origins to Anna Reeves Jarvis who organized a day of love and friendship across Civil War battle lines that eventually became Mother's Day, and

Whereas, in 1935, AMI began to honor extraordinary mothers as the Mother of the Year when Honorary Chair Sarah Delano Roosevelt, the mother of President Franklin Roosevelt, presented the first award, and

Whereas, since that inaugural presentation, AMI has annually named a Mother of the Year award in each state, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, and

Whereas, in 2009, AMI is pleased to honor Janet Medston Perrigo Brown-Wolff as the 2009 Vermont Mother of the Year, and

Whereas, she was married to Samuel G. Brown II and is the mother of four children, a grandmother of 13 grandchildren, and has one great-grandchild, and

Whereas, in 1997, she married John L. Wolff, Jr. and became the stepmother of his four adult children, and

Whereas, Janet Perrigo Brown-Wolff's professional career was devoted to caring for and nurturing others during her 44 years as a registered nurse and nurse educator, and

Whereas, she is the originator of the nurse practitioner program in Vermont, and

Whereas, her philosophy of parenting centers on "the need to develop an intimate connection with each child thus enabling the child to become their own person," and

Whereas, she also advocates that a parent must be a "protector, provider, disciplinarian, and nurturer," and

Whereas, Janet Perrigo Brown-Wolff's community leadership and role as a parent, stepparent, grandparent, and great-grandparent make her an ideal candidate for this special recognition, and

Whereas, the Vermont Mother of the Year award will be presented to Janet Perrigo Brown-Wolff at the First Congregational Church in Burlington on Saturday, April 4, 2009, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Janet Medston Perrigo Brown-Wolff on being named the 2009 Vermont Mother of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Janet Medston Perrigo Brown-Wolff.