

No. R-258. House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont State Representative Margaret Cheney and U.S. Representative Peter Welch on their recent marriage.

(H.C.R.178)

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford, Adams of Hartland, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Leriche of Hardwick and Nease of Johnson

Whereas, members of the Vermont General Assembly and the U.S. House of Representatives work hundreds of miles apart and have limited opportunities to become personally acquainted, and

Whereas, the geographic distance that frequently separates Vermont State Representative Margaret Cheney of Norwich from U.S. Representative Peter Welch of Hartland proved a challenging, but not insurmountable, barrier to their developing a friendship that evolved into a romantic relationship, and

Whereas, as their commitment to one another became an increasingly stronger bond, they decided to share their lives with one another, and these two lawmakers from Windsor County committed themselves to formalizing their partnership through the act of marriage, and

Whereas, on January 1, 2009, Vermont State Representative Margaret Cheney and U.S. Representative Peter Welch began the new year by exchanging vows of love and commitment at an intimate family wedding ceremony performed in her home with his sister, who is a member of the Ursuline Order of Roman Catholic nuns, serving as one of the officiators, and

Whereas, the couple's many friends on all sides of the political aisle were delighted to learn the great news and celebrated this new joyful union, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vermont State Representative Margaret Cheney of Norwich and U.S. Representative Peter Welch of Hartland on their recent marriage and proclaims its heartfelt best wishes for many wonderful years of life together, and be it further

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