

No. R-358. House concurrent resolution honoring Bonnie West and her family for their dedication to serving the citizens of Jamaica.

(H.C.R.259)

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Jamaica

Whereas, public service and the name West are synonymous in the town of Jamaica, and

Whereas, Bonnie and Gary West, their sons Dana and Dale, and their daughter-in-law Danielle (Danni) all have devoted countless hours to bettering the quality of life in their community, and

Whereas, Bonnie West first spent her time on town business during her three-year tenure as a town auditor beginning in 1973, and

Whereas, her duties reviewing town finances were excellent preparation for her next position as assistant town clerk, which she held from 1977 until 1992, and

Whereas, while working as assistant town clerk, Bonnie West began her duties as a library trustee, continuing to watch over this important town institution until 1995, and

Whereas, in 1992, after many years of stellar performance as assistant town clerk, Bonnie West was appointed Jamaica's town clerk and has performed the duties of this essential local administrative office ever since, and

Whereas, for much of her tenure as town clerk, Bonnie West has also been the Jamaica town treasurer and she also serves as the town agent to deed land, and

Whereas, when not working at town hall, Bonnie West might be found at the firehouse, where she is the treasurer of Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue, or at the scene of a fire, and

Whereas, her husband, Gary, has served for many years as an assistant fire chief, her son Dana is a rescue lieutenant, her son Dale is the assistant chief and training officer, and Dana's wife, Danni, is a fire department member, and the three younger members of the West family—Dana, Dale, and Danni—are each trained EMTs, and

Whereas, the 2007 Jamaica town report was dedicated to the extraordinary public service of the West family, and

Whereas, a chapter in the West family's legacy of serving the town of Jamaica will end on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, when Bonnie West concludes her 17 years of service as Jamaica town clerk, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Bonnie West on her retirement as Jamaica town clerk and the entire West family for their dedication to serving the citizens of Jamaica, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bonnie West in Jamaica.