

No. R-371. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Senator Nancy Chard.

(S.C.R.41)

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

By Representatives Miller of Shaftsbury, Milkey of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ancel of Calais, Aswad of Burlington, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Deen of Westminster, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, French of Shrewsbury, Grad of Moretown, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Helm of Castleton, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Larson of Burlington, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Maier of Middlebury, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Partridge of Windham, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Pugh of South Burlington, Rodgers of Glover, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of Morristown, Sweaney of Windsor, Webb of Shelburne, Winters of Williamstown,

Whereas, former Representative and Senator Nancy Chard was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, an active civic and community leader, a lifelong educator, and a respected political force in the state legislature, and

Whereas, she was an extremely intelligent woman who delighted in tackling a new challenge, and

Whereas, as a college classroom instructor, she taught in the fields of history and education at the University of Vermont, Johnson State College, and the Community College of Vermont (CCV), and

Whereas, Nancy Chard eventually moved from the classroom to the administrator's office, serving as an academic dean and pioneer leader at CCV, and she was a founding director of the Vermont State Colleges' Southern Vermont Education Center in Springfield, and

Whereas, in recognition of her expertise in postsecondary education, she was appointed as chair of the New England Board of Higher Education, and

Whereas, in 1990 and 1992, Brattleboro voters elected Nancy Chard, who had served in several municipal roles, to the House of Representatives, and in 1994, she won the first of four terms as a state senator from Windham County, and

Whereas, during the 1997 and 1999 biennia, she chaired the Committee on Education, and in the 2001 biennium, she chaired the Committee on Health and Welfare, and

Whereas, adoption reform, public education standards, long-term care, mental health parity, prescription drug assistance, the rights of the elderly, and welfare restructuring were all issues she championed as a legislator, and

Whereas, Nancy Chard's civic duties, beyond the town of Brattleboro and the General Assembly, centered on education, health care, and public affairs, and she had served on advisory or governing panels at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Grace Cottage Hospital, the Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, the University of Vermont's College of Education and Social Services, Vermont Public Television, and the Winston Prouty Center, and

Whereas, the life of this extraordinary educator, legislator, and civic leader ended on February 18, and

Whereas, her loving family, to whom she was greatly devoted, includes her husband, Dr. John Turner Chard, children, Sara, Joshua, and Burtis, and grandchildren, Victoria, Nicholas, John, Jackson, and Rachel, and

Whereas, throughout her life, she had close friends who became extended family and frequently gathered at the Chard home to eat, drink, and engage in robust and spirited discussions around the most important issues of the time, and

Whereas, former Senator Nancy Chard leaves a legacy of accomplishment in the world of higher education and an exemplary record of public service on behalf of all Vermonters, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its deepest condolences to the family and friends of former Representative and Senator Nancy Chard, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to the family of Nancy Chard.