

**No. R-442. House concurrent resolution honoring E. Anne Winchester's extraordinary public service as a legislative council drafter and policy analyst.**

(H.C.R.321)

Offered by: All Members of the House of Representatives

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Anne Winchester graduated from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec and earned advanced degrees at the University of Vermont and the University of California at Berkeley, and

Whereas, after working for a number of years as a secondary school biology teacher, she switched careers and became a public policy analyst, and

Whereas, in the 1980s, Anne Winchester joined the legislative council's drafting staff and drew on her academic knowledge of biology as the drafter for the committee on fish and wildlife, and

Whereas, in this role, she developed an expertise on the limitations of dogs pursuing black bears for hunting purposes and the regulation of wolf-hybrids, and

Whereas, for a number of years, Anne Winchester staffed the legislature's committees on health and welfare, and

Whereas, perhaps her most formidable task at the legislative council was serving for over a decade as the principal drafter for the house and senate committees on education, and

Whereas, while working with the committees on education, Anne Winchester was a primary drafter of education finance bills that included Act 60 in 1997, Act 71 in 1998, and Act 68 in 2003, and

Whereas, a Vermont legislative response to the impact of the federal No Child Left Behind law was a topic to which she applied her drafting skills, and

Whereas, as a change of pace, Anne Winchester more recently assumed a new portfolio and mastered the topics of bonding, the state's capital construction program, and Vermont's corrections policy as the drafter for the house and senate committees on institutions, and

Whereas, when the general assembly adjourns sine die in 2010, Anne Winchester will bid farewell to the legislative council and journey abroad with her husband who is an international energy policy consultant, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors E. Anne Winchester's extraordinary public service as a legislative council drafter and policy analyst and wishes her a wonderful retirement, and be it further

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