

No. R-73. Senate concurrent resolution honoring the visionary leadership of Tracy Gallo during her state government service.

(S.C.R.11)

By Senators Doyle and Cummings,

By Representative Kitzmiller of Montpelier,

Whereas, Tracy Gallo is a native Vermonter who graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in health education, and

Whereas, her academic concentration in health policy became a significant, but hardly the exclusive, basis of her dynamic career in the public and nonprofit sectors, and

Whereas, among the organizations that benefited from her expertise in health-related matters were the Lynn (Massachusetts) Community Center, the Vermont Department of Health, Planned Parenthood, the American Cancer Society, Kaiser Permanente, Pennsylvania State University, and the Massachusetts Department of Health, and

Whereas, during the past decade, Tracy Gallo assumed major program leadership and organizational responsibilities in Vermont state government, first at the Vermont Department of Education, and more recently, from April 2007 until July 2010, at the Department of Human Resources, and

Whereas, at the Department of Education, her duties extended beyond the traditional classroom environment as she directed a statewide HIV/AIDS education program designed to educate Vermonters in ways to prevent the spread of this serious form of infection, and

Whereas, after constructively contributing to the enhancement of HIV/AIDS education in the state, Tracy Gallo demonstrated her great versatility, assuming new responsibilities at the department, first overseeing career and technical education competency and development throughout the state, and then for three years directing the Division of Lifelong Learning which affects all educational sectors under the department's jurisdiction, and

Whereas, her outstanding work at the Department of Education attracted the attention of the Department of Human Resources which in 2007 hired her to serve as its Director of Workforce Development and Wellness, and

Whereas, under the broad rubric of Tracy Gallo's responsibilities in this key role was executive branch state employee training, including implementation of an online training program and coordination of the performance measurement program; creation of a succession planning project in anticipation of retiring baby boomer state employees; and drawing on her vast experience in health education, developing a highly praised wellness agenda for state employees, featuring free flu vaccinations and incentives to increase physical fitness activities, and

Whereas, she brought enormous enthusiasm and creative and innovative ideas to her work at the Department of Human Services, continuously earning the respect and admiration of her colleagues until concluding her state service in July 2010, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the visionary leadership of Tracy Gallo during her state government service, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tracy Gallo in Montpelier.