

No. R-124. House concurrent resolution honoring Monkton town clerk Carmelita Burritt for her exemplary civic service.

(H.C.R.87)

Offered by: Representatives Sharpe of Bristol, Fisher of Lincoln and Stevens of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, town clerks are true gems who provide institutional knowledge of a local community that benefits its citizenry on a daily basis, and

Whereas, one of Vermont's most respected and admired town clerks is Carmelita Burritt of Monkton who has served her constituents since March of 1973, and

Whereas, when Carmelita Burritt began her career, she worked from the stage of the town hall which relied on an old woodstove for heat and lacked toilet facilities, and in the wintertime, she relocated to a specially built office she had added to her home, and

Whereas, the town mothers and fathers came to recognize the value of Carmelita Burritt's services, and they equipped the town hall with modern conveniences and switched her compensation from a fee-based system to a standardized salary, and

Whereas, Monkton is an Addison County community which has experienced considerable population growth since 1973 as the voter checklist has increased from 500 to 1,400, and according to Carmelita Burritt, the introduction of voting tabulation technology has made election night easier, and

Whereas, the portfolio of her job changed when the town divided her original position of clerk-treasurer into two separate positions, and

Whereas, Carmelita Burritt's familiarity with Monkton's land records is so thorough that she can recite by heart many of the current parcels' owners as well as their predecessors, and

Whereas, the advent of the computer age brought technological changes to the town clerk's office which Carmelita Burritt mastered, despite her personal preference for the simpler days of conducting most transactions with pencils or pens and paper, and

Whereas, after 38 years of serving the town of Monkton efficiently, enthusiastically, and honorably as town clerk, Carmelita Burritt will conclude her tenure on Town Meeting Day 2011, but she will, for an interim period, assume the new role of assistant town clerk, assuring a smooth transition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Monkton town clerk Carmelita Burritt for her exemplary civic service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Carmelita Burritt in Monkton.