

**No. R-316. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Alice Cook Bassett.**

(S.C.R.34)

By Senator Lyons, Ashe, Baruth, Fox, Mazza, Miller and Snelling,

By Representatives Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette of Winooski, Donovan of Burlington, Lenos of Shelburne, Lorber of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington and Wright of Burlington,

*Whereas*, Alice McLaren Fisher was born in Lyndonville, graduated from Colby Junior College, and in 1944 married future University of Vermont (UVM) Vice President Clinton Dana Cook, and

*Whereas*, after her husband's death in 1969, Alice Cook returned to the classroom, earned a bachelor's degree at UVM, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in recognition of her academic excellence, and

*Whereas*, Alice Cook then served for a number of years as manager of the local Shakespeare Festival, and

*Whereas*, one of her passions was singing choral music, and as a member of the College Street Congregational Church Choir, she met fellow chorister and retired UVM history professor and archivist Tom Bassett, and their mutual love of canoeing, hiking, gardening, and, of course, music led to their marriage in 1979, and

*Whereas*, in 1982, with the combined encouragement of her father and her husband, Alice Cook Bassett sought a seat in the House of Representatives as a member from Burlington, and after campaigning enthusiastically and spending

the modest sum of \$51, she was elected for the first of five consecutive terms, and

*Whereas*, her passionate interest in the environment gained her a seat on the House Committee on Natural Resources (later Energy and Natural Resources), and

*Whereas*, Representative Alice Cook Bassett was a conscientious legislator who also served on the Friends of the State House Board of Directors and as a member of the Petroleum Cleanup Fund Advisory Committee, and

*Whereas*, she took great pride in her role in the development of the Burlington waterfront into a treasured community resource, and

*Whereas*, outside the State House, Alice Cook Bassett was a leader in environmental protection, music, and international peace activities, and

*Whereas*, former Representative Alice Cook Bassett, after living a fulfilling and rewarding life, died on December 28, 2011 at the age of 86, and her survivors include her five children, Dana, Allison, Polly, Tim, and Cindy, ten grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of its former colleague, Representative Alice Cook Bassett, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of her family.