

No. R-328. Joint resolution expressing sincere appreciation to Margaret Lucenti for her dedicated public service.

(J.R.S.45)

By the Committee on Judiciary,

Whereas, Margaret Lucenti is an ardent adherent to the principle that civic participation is a societal duty, and

Whereas, this commitment to social justice resulted in her appointment as the original volunteer chair of the Vermont Commission on Human Rights, and

Whereas, Margaret Lucenti's desire to improve society inspired her to pursue political and electoral paths as Vice Chair of the Vermont Democratic Party and as a candidate for a seat in the Vermont House and Senate and the United States Congress, and

Whereas, on the local level, she has served as a justice of the peace in Montpelier and over the years presided at many weddings, and

Whereas, Margaret Lucenti, who has a steel-lined stamina, wished to continue participating in the workforce and be a contributor to the public policy process, even after she reached the typical retirement age, and

Whereas, to fulfill this worthy ambition, Margaret Lucenti sought employment as a committee assistant at the General Assembly, and deemed eminently qualified for this position, she was hired to work with the Senate Committee on Judiciary, a fitting assignment for a woman dedicated to the rule of law as an avenue to achieve social justice, and

Whereas, Margaret Lucenti proved an excellent choice as she performed her duties with great competence and punctuality and won the respect of all senators, regardless of their partisan persuasion, and

Whereas, the administrative details associated with scheduling and preparing meetings and hearings of the Senate Committee on Judiciary were always in the best possible hands under Margaret Lucenti's careful scrutiny and supervision, and

Whereas, other legislative staff always found her to be an invaluable colleague, a great friend, and a marvelous story teller, and

Whereas, although the rumor has long persisted that Margaret Lucenti would staff the Senate Committee on Judiciary indefinitely, even after Senator Alice Nitka accidentally locked Margaret Lucenti in the Senate Judiciary Committee vault, this superb committee staffer has decided that her 90th birthday marks the moment to conclude her tenure to spend more time with her wonderful husband, Sal, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and she will be truly missed, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere appreciation to Margaret Lucenti for her dedicated public service, and wishes her all the best, *and be it further*

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