

**No. R-411. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Gloria Ann Conant of Richmond.**

(H.C.R.320)

Offered by: Representatives O'Brien of Richmond, Bartholomew of Hartland, Conquest of Newbury, Deen of Westminster, Emmons of Springfield, Heath of Westford, Helm of Fair Haven, Howrigan of Fairfield, Keenan of St. Albans City, Lawrence of Lyndon, McCullough of Williston, Partridge of Windham, Stevens of Shoreham, Taylor of Barre City, Toll of Danville, Winters of Williamstown and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, one of Richmond's leading civic and agricultural leaders was Gloria Conant, a Burlington Business College graduate who, with her husband, represented the fifth generation to serve as the proud stewards of Riverside Farms, and

Whereas, Gloria Conant, who died on March 11, 2012, had her life dramatically changed when her husband, Ransom Martin Conant, died in 1969 while five of their six children were still living on the farm, and

Whereas, committed to continuing the Conant family legacy, she ably assumed the agricultural operational reins of her late husband, and

Whereas, always a devoted mother, Gloria Conant's family was of great importance, as evidenced by her surviving six children, many grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren, the youngest of whom entered this loving family on the day before Gloria Conant's death, and

Whereas, she assured that Riverside Farms remained in good hands, and today her son, David, and grandson, Ransom, are the sixth and seventh generations of Conants to oversee this thriving agricultural establishment, and

Whereas, Gloria Conant chaired Richmond's zoning board and served on its planning commission and Republican town committee, and

Whereas, for two terms, 1979–1982, Gloria Conant was a member of the House of Representatives and sat on the committee on natural resources on which her agricultural expertise was most useful, especially during her service as vice chair, and

Whereas, she later served on the University of Vermont's Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, in the agricultural sector, Gloria Conant chaired the governor's agricultural advisory board, served on the board of directors of the Federal Farm Credit Banks, and as a director of the New England Dairy and Food Council, the Champlain Valley Milk Producers Cooperative, and the Milk Promotion Services Council, and as both a director and trustee of the Eastern States Exposition, and

Whereas, nationally, Gloria Conant's agricultural leadership was recognized in 1983 when she was named National Dairy Woman of the Year, and at home in 2003, Gloria Conant was especially honored to be an original inductee into the Vermont Agricultural Hall of Fame, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends sincere condolences to the family of former Representative Gloria Conant of Richmond, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to her son, David Conant, at Riverside Farms in Richmond.