

No. R-525. House concurrent resolution in memory of Edith Hunter of Weathersfield.

(H.C.R.409)

Offered by: Representatives Shand of Weathersfield, Martin of Springfield, Ancel of Calais, Dakin of Chester, Emmons of Springfield, Koch of Barre Town, Krowinski of Burlington, McAllister of Highgate and Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, the accomplishments of Edith Hunter as an historian, journalist, teacher, and writer reflected a life devoted to the written word and a never-ending sense of curiosity and wonder about the world in which she lived, and

Whereas, a proud citizen activist, Edith Hunter served on the Weathersfield School board and stood for election on her principles during an unsuccessful electoral quest to serve in the general assembly, and

Whereas, she was born in the Roxbury section of Boston and graduated from Wellesley College, and

Whereas, Edith Hunter enrolled at Union Theological Seminary in New York where she met fellow divinity student Armstrong Hunter, and

Whereas, they were married, and in 1969 they moved to Weathersfield to live on Armstrong Hunter's ancestral homestead, and

Whereas, the Hunters established a small weekly newspaper, the *Weathersfield Weekly* that between 1971 and 1986 reported bluntly, frankly, and honestly on events in the community with a level of journalistic

professionalism that earned Edith Hunter a national award for an in-depth article on Vermont dairy farming, and

Whereas, the *Weathersfield Weekly* was a mission of love for both the Hunters as Armstrong printed the paper on his own press and Edith wrote much of the copy, and their combined efforts garnered them the Horace Greeley Award, the top award of the New England Press Association, and

Whereas, Edith Hunter was a distinguished historical writer whose books included *Child of the Silent Night*, a biography of the first American deaf and blind child to be educated and *A Young Person's History of Weathersfield*, a book used in local schools, and

Whereas, most recently, she had completed a biography of Vera Gould Murray, a lifelong resident of Weathersfield who died at age 105, and

Whereas, in recent years, the observations of Edith Hunter became familiar to thousands of listeners through her thoughtful Vermont Public Radio commentaries on her life “on the Center Road,” and

Whereas, this remarkable Vermonter died at peace on April 28 in her Weathersfield home at the age of 92, and her survivors include her sons, Will and Charles, and daughter, Elizabeth, her grandchildren, and a great grandchild, and she was predeceased by her husband, Armstrong, and son, Graham, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Edith Hunter, and be it further

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