

No. R-529. House concurrent resolution honoring Marlene Velandar for her dedicated public service in the house clerk's office.

(H.C.R.3000+)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, at the start of the 1997 legislative session, Marlene Velandar joined the staff of the house clerk's office and quickly learned of the legislative phenomenon known as resolutions, and

Whereas, during her first session in the house, Marlene Velandar processed 106 resolutions, including many which were extended expressions of condolence or congratulations, and

Whereas, her intimate acquaintance with legislative resolving grew by a considerable magnitude once the general assembly established a separate concurrent resolution addendum calendar for all the commemorative (concurrent) resolutions and, in 2003, the first full session of the concurrent resolution addendum calendar's implementation, 141 concurrent resolutions were adopted, and

Whereas, by 2011, that number surpassed the 200 threshold for the first time, and

Whereas, Marlene Velandar maintained a large desk calendar to keep track of the schedule of concurrent resolutions to be read on the floor of the house, and

Whereas, she expertly created presentation copies of concurrent resolutions for each member of a school's sports team or other group being honored, and

on many a day, Marlene Velander could be seen busily working at the counter space in the cafeteria preparing resolution copies, and

Whereas, Marlene Velander recognized the importance of honoring each and every recipient with a perfect presentation copy, and her dedication embodies meticulous attention to the form and presentation of each resolution, and

Whereas, on those occasions when last-minute changes were required on resolutions, even when 20 copies had already been produced, Marlene cheerfully and willingly made the necessary changes, and

Whereas, she was always extremely helpful to members when they needed resolution assistance, especially when unexpected problems arose, and

Whereas, everyone in the state house could always find the hard-working Marlene Velander impeccably dressed and accessorized, often in her favorite color purple, and

Whereas, her quick wit often enlivened long and challenging days in the house clerk's office, and

Whereas, after processing over 3,000 resolutions during the last 15 years, Marlene Velander will be concluding her duties in the house clerk's office upon adjournment sine die 2012, and the members of the general assembly wish to express their special appreciation, and

Whereas, Marlene Velander will always be a cherished colleague and friend of all the members of the house clerk's staff with whom she has developed

warm and enduring friendships, and she will be missed by all who have had the pleasure to know and work with her, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Marlene Velander for her dedicated public service in the house clerk's office, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Marlene Velander.