

**No. R-132. House concurrent resolution congratulating Elizabeth Haggerty on her designation as the 2013 Vermont Mother of the Year.**

(H.C.R.94)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, Betty Haggerty was born in Northfield and graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in elementary education, and

Whereas, she has been a mother, early childhood educator, and community leader in Bellows Falls and has left her mark in many positive ways, and

Whereas, Betty Haggerty and her husband, Hugh Haggerty, are the loving parents of two children, Jennifer and Stephen, and the proud grandparents of Garrett and Adam, and

Whereas, she has contemplated carefully her perspective on motherhood which she compares to serving as a chief executive officer of her home and family life, and

Whereas, for her, motherhood involves being confident, well-organized, and valuing teamwork, and

Whereas, Betty Haggerty believes that setting priorities is key to motherhood's success, and

Whereas, parenting for Betty Haggerty is a role for which there cannot be a dress rehearsal, and she feels that parents must acknowledge and learn from their shortcomings and mistakes, and

Whereas, Betty Haggerty applied this to her role as an early childhood educator and administrator at the Falls Playschool where she worked from 1982 to 1999, and

Whereas, mothers, according to Betty Haggerty, instinctively provide food for their offspring, and

Whereas, she uses a similar analogy in her approach to her community involvement, describing volunteering with a day shelter and food shelf (Our Place Drop-In Center) as food for the body; working as a literary advocate tutoring children (Windham County Reads) as food for the mind; and being true to her faith in serving her church in many roles (United Church of Bellows Falls) as food for the soul, and

Whereas, in recognition of Betty Haggerty's extraordinary and admired accomplishments as a mother, American Mothers, Inc. selected her as the 2013 Vermont Mother of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Elizabeth Haggerty on her designation as the 2013 Vermont Mother of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Elizabeth Haggerty in Bellows Falls.