

No. R-176. House concurrent resolution in memory of Vermont senior forensic chemist Marcia J. LaFountain.

(H.C.R.124)

Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

Offered by: Senator Campbell

Whereas, Marcia LaFountain lived a busy professional and personal life and was known among her friends as an adventurous and creative individual, and

Whereas, she was born in Germany, where her father was stationed in the U.S Army, grew up in Calais, and graduated from U-32 High School, and

Whereas, after a brief sojourn to study at Colorado State University, Marcia LaFountain returned home to Vermont to earn an associate's degree in hematology, and then she headed to Boston for employment at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and

Whereas, while residing in Boston, Marcia LaFountain earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Massachusetts Boston and studied at the Boston Architectural Center, and

Whereas, after she and her future husband, Kurt Pettinga, returned to Vermont in 1991, Marcia LaFountain earned a master's degree in cellular and molecular biology from the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, with her enhanced academic specialization, she worked as a chemist at the Vermont Forensics Laboratory for 17 years and since 2011 as the laboratory's senior forensic chemist, and

Whereas, her special continuing personal project was the renovation of her home, an old Duxbury farmstead, drawing on her architectural knowledge, and

Whereas, when not focused on home improvements, Marcia LaFountain's many personal pleasures ranged from the athletic, including equestrian activities and snowboarding, to the more sedate, such as cooking, gardening, and knitting, and

Whereas, both she and her husband liked to travel to new and interesting destinations and had visited Africa, Central America, Europe, and Iceland, and

Whereas, Marcia LaFountain was a compassionate, fun-loving, and wonderful person whose life ended far too soon at age 55 on April 4, 2013 following a brief illness, and

Whereas, her survivors include her husband, Kurt Pettinga, her mother, Barbara LaFountain, her brother, Robert, her sister, Lisa, and extended family members, and all of them, along with many friends and colleagues, will miss her, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors and thanks Marcia LaFountain for her public service on behalf the State of Vermont and extends sincere condolences to her family, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to her husband, mother, brother, and sister.