

**No. R-302. House concurrent resolution in memory of Juanita Cook of Pownal.**

(H.C.R.219)

Offered by: Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Morrissey of Bennington, Browning of Arlington, Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Komline of Dorset, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Juanita Cook was born in Jamestown, NY, in 1936 and earned a master's degree in speech-language pathology from UVM, and

Whereas, she was a dedicated speech therapist, serving on the staff and Board of the Brandon Training School, and

Whereas, in later years, she worked with the public schools in Bennington County, the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, multiple rehabilitation facilities, home health agencies, and in private practice, and

Whereas, Juanita Cook was a founding director of Bennington Project Independence, a member of the Board of Directors of the Epilepsy Association of Vermont, and a gubernatorial appointee on the Vermont State Rehabilitation Council and the Vermont Statewide Independent Living Council, and

Whereas, she was a pioneering woman aviator who soloed as a teen, loved music and the outdoors, and was an accomplished musician, and

Whereas, Juanita Cook successfully and productively lived with an increasingly disabling physical condition, and

Whereas, she fervently advocated for the rights of persons with disabilities, and for the rights of all citizens to live independently and fulfill their true potential, and

Whereas, on March 2, 2013, Juanita Cook died after an extensive illness, and

Whereas, her survivors include a son, Daryl, of Pownal, and Kimberly, his companion, two grandsons, Dustin and Derek, a great-granddaughter, Alaina, and her companion of many years, Beth Cheadle, who died subsequently on Christmas night 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Juanita Cook, and be it further

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