

No. R-335. House concurrent resolution honoring Lexa Clark for her leadership as captain of the Jamaica Rescue Squad.

(H.C.R.240)

Offered by: Representative Goodwin of Weston

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, in the 1970s, Lexa Clark moved her family from Massachusetts to Jamaica, a town not near a hospital, and

Whereas, concerned that emergency medical aid was not close at hand, she enrolled in a CPR class and subsequently completed an EMT course, and

Whereas, Lexa Clark became one of the original volunteers on the Valley Rescue Service at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, and

Whereas, when Jamaica decided to establish its own rescue squad, Lexa Clark became a founding member, and her new colleagues chose her as the squad's captain, and

Whereas, in the beginning, Jamaica Rescue Squad members drove their own cars when called to respond, and

Whereas, the first squad vehicle was a used utility van, then came a hearse, and finally, after much anticipation, a brand-new rescue truck, and

Whereas, through all these vehicle upgrades and other improvements at the Jamaica Rescue Squad, Captain Lexa Clark kept close watch over the organization's administrative details, and

Whereas, Lexa Clark has been a dedicated EMT, traveling to accidents and other emergencies at all hours, and

Whereas, during Tropical Storm Irene, Lexa Clark and her Jamaica Rescue Squad crew made an extra effort to check on the well-being of their neighbors, and

Whereas, the psychological support Lexa Clark has given to victims has often proven as valuable as the medical attention her colleagues and she provide, and

Whereas, the Jamaica Rescue Squad's services are now provided through the combined Jamaica Fire and Rescue, and Lexa Clark has ensured that firefighters and EMTs work as a collaborative team, and

Whereas, in 2013, after three decades, Lexa Clark decided it was time to step aside from the captaincy, but she will remain an active member of the Jamaica Rescue Squad on which she has served with pride and dedication, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Lexa Clark for her leadership as captain of the Jamaica Rescue Squad, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lexa Clark in Jamaica.