

**No. R-383. House concurrent resolution honoring Joyce Pedone for her municipal public service in the town of Clarendon.**

(H.C.R.278)

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Malcolm of Pawlet, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Derby, Stevens of Shoreham, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Whereas, serving as a town clerk is a challenging responsibility, as one is at the center of municipal government management and must perform many important tasks for the local citizenry, and

Whereas, town clerks are the keeper of their community's history through the preservation of birth, marriage, death, and land ownership records, and

Whereas, Joyce Pedone of Clarendon has devoted three decades to working in municipal public service in Clarendon, and

Whereas, she started in 1984 as the assistant town clerk and administrative assistant to the town's selectboard, and

Whereas, her training period was not extensive as she was appointed Town Clerk in August 1986 upon the retirement of her predecessor, and

Whereas, on Town Meeting Day in 1987, Joyce Pedone was elected Town Clerk of Clarendon in her own right and has won the approval of the voters ever since, and

Whereas, under her direction, Clarendon has completed a major modernization of its record-keeping systems, and

Whereas, this modernization process has included scanning municipal land records and posting them online to make them more accessible, and

Whereas, the Clarendon Selectboard Chair has commented on Joyce Pedone's efficiency and helpfulness in assisting the panel in performing its duties, and

Whereas, she has served a key role in the orderly conduct of elections in Clarendon, be they on Town Meeting Day or in a presidential election year, and

Whereas, after 27 and one-half years of faithful service as Town Clerk of Clarendon, Joyce Pedone retired on Town Meeting Day 2014, and a farewell party with many expressions of thanks and good wishes was held on Sunday, March 8, 2014, and

Whereas, Joyce Pedone is looking forward to spending more time with her family, including her recently retired husband, and concluding her tenure as Town Clerk of Clarendon will be the start of a new chapter in her life, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Joyce Pedone for her municipal public service in the town of Clarendon, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joyce Pedone in Clarendon.