

No. R-221. House concurrent resolution in memory of Eleanor G. Haskin.

(H.C.R.167)

Offered by: Representatives Greshin of Warren and Grad of Moretown

Whereas, through her family's ownership of the Waitsfield-Fayston Telephone Company (the company), Eleanor Haskin was introduced to all aspects of independent telephone operations, and

Whereas, Eleanor Haskin graduated from the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music, and

Whereas, she and her husband, Dana Haskin, settled in Waitsfield after his military service, and she assumed a leadership role in transforming the Waitsfield-Fayston Telephone Company into an innovative organization, and

Whereas, Eleanor Haskin's reputation as an effective corporate leader led to her selection for many important independent telephone industry roles, and

Whereas, these industry positions included: board member and president of the Telephone Association of Vermont; first woman president of both the Telephone Association of New England, which elected her to its hall of fame, and the Organization for the Preservation and Advancement of Small Telephone Companies, which presented her its President's Award, the group's highest accolade; and board member of the Rural Telephone Bank, the National Exchange Carrier Association, and U.S. Intelco, and

Whereas, she served as the editor of the volume *Independent Telephony in New England, A History, 1876-1976*, and

Whereas, in memory of her mother, she established the Eunice B. Farr Foundation that awards scholarships to high school students, and

Whereas, her spirit of generosity now motivates the company to make local charitable donations and assist schools in updating their technology, and

Whereas, the Mad River Rotary Club honored Eleanor Haskin with both the Rotary Person of the Year Award for 1997 and a Paul Harris Fellowship, and

Whereas, because of Eleanor Haskin's effective leadership and futuristic outlook, the company, now Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom, is a thriving 21st-century telecommunications provider serving several Vermont counties, and

Whereas, Eleanor Haskin died on May 3, 2015, at 83 years of age, leaving her husband, Dana, sons Eric, Gregg, and Scott, as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Eleanor G. Haskin and to the staff of Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of her family and to Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom.