

**No. R-261. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Louise Bristol Ransom.**

(S.C.R.30)

By Senators Lyons, Ashe, Baruth, Sirotkin, Snelling, and Zuckerman,

By Representatives Lenes of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, and Webb of Shelburne,

*Whereas*, Louise Ransom considered being a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend as most rewarding, and

*Whereas*, she was born in 1921 in New York City and graduated from Vassar College, and

*Whereas*, her first foray into civic leadership was serving as the information officer for the exiled government of the Philippines during World War II, and

*Whereas*, in 1948, Louise Ransom and her husband, Robert Ransom, who died in 1986, settled in Bronxville, New York, where they raised six sons, and she served as a community leader and volunteer, and

*Whereas*, her oldest son, Robert Jr., was killed in 1968 while serving in the U.S. military in Vietnam, and

*Whereas*, Louise Ransom became a Gold Star Mother who advocated for peace and a universal amnesty for Vietnam-era draft resisters and at the 1976 Democratic National Convention, she delivered a vice presidential nominating speech on behalf of a draft resister, and

*Whereas*, the United Council of Churches (UCC) hired Louise Ransom to direct a federally funded program aimed at the employment difficulties incarcerated Vietnam veterans were encountering upon release from prison, and

*Whereas*, in 1980, Louise Ransom and her husband moved to Williston, and her prior UCC work was an excellent credential for her assignment as the Vermont Department of Corrections' director of volunteers, and

*Whereas*, in 1985, Louise Ransom, along with several friends, cofounded the Williston Whistle weekly newspaper, and

*Whereas*, a lover of history, she volunteered in the effort to open to the public the remains of Fort Independence, and sat on the Mount Independence Finance Committee and the Vermont Bicentennial Commission, and

*Whereas*, in 1990, Governor Madeleine Kunin recognized Louise Ransom as an Extraordinary Volunteer, and

*Whereas*, Louise Ransom was a founding member of Wake Robin, where she had resided since 2001, and

*Whereas*, this woman with an enduring social conscious and diverse interests died on December 10, 2015 at 94 years of age, and her survivors include her five sons, 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 Louise Bristol Ransom, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of Louise Ransom's five sons.