

No. R-471. House concurrent resolution honoring the ideal committee staffer, Shirley Adams.

(H.C.R.391)

Offered by: Committee on Commerce and Economic Development

Whereas, to the casual observer, singing a repertoire ranging from Gilbert and Sullivan operettas to choral masterpieces and ensuring that a legislative committee functions smoothly may seem topics bereft of commonality, and

Whereas, the friends and colleagues of the indomitable Shirley Adams knew each of those roles was one she always performed to rave reviews, and

Whereas, Shirley Adams was born (Shirley Ann Brimblecombe) in Vermont's capital city and graduated from Montpelier High School, and

Whereas, after sampling big city life as a student at Burdett Junior College in Boston, she opted for the potentially less hectic pace of Montpelier's golden dome and the applause of appreciative local Barre Players, Onion River Chorus, and Unadilla Theater audiences, and

Whereas, in November 1970, Shirley signed on as a "committee girl," as the committee assistants were then labeled, and was paid the magnificent sum of \$100.00 per week, and

Whereas, her original legislative staff service lasted for only one session, but her hiatus from State House employment was temporary, and

Whereas, in the ensuing six years, Shirley Adams worked at the Department of Public Safety, the Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, and the Vermont Comprehensive Employment and Training office, and

Whereas, in 1977, Shirley Adams returned to the General Assembly committee staff, working much of the time with the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, and she proved her administrative and organizational skills were impeccable, and

Whereas, in 1987, Shirley Adams was most deservedly promoted to supervise all the committee clerks, a role she maintained until 2010, and

Whereas, Shirley Adams was present for several generations of audio recording and computerization technology advancements, and

Whereas, in May 2016, Shirley Adams is concluding her four decades of legislative staff service and will be moving with her husband, Clinton Adams, to Virginia, to be closer to her daughter and grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the ideal committee staffer, Shirley Adams, and wishes her and her family every happiness in the years ahead, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Shirley Adams.