

**No. R-477. House concurrent resolution expressing appreciation for Evolve Rutland's honoring of accomplished Rutland area women.**

(H.C.R.397)

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Eastman of Orwell, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, McCoy of Poultney, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, Evolve Rutland is an organization that promotes the importance of women in the development of a successful Rutland economy, and

Whereas, on March 28, 2016, in commemoration of Women's History Month, the first Evolve Rutland Celebration of the Women of Rutland County was held at the Paramount Theatre at which several Rutland women trailblazers were honored, and

Whereas, Bethany Bosch of Wallingford is one of only 500 women to swim the English Channel alone, and

Whereas, this always challenging swim proved much longer for her because the current continuously pushed her off course, but she completed her athletic mission in 17 hours and 34 minutes, and

Whereas, the audience saw a film of this unusual swim, and Rutland City School Superintendent Mary Moran presented Bethany Bosch with Evolve Rutland's inaugural Trailblazer Award, and

Whereas, the evening continued with the honoring of an extraordinary mother and daughter, Mary Costello Wing and Joan Loring Wing, as posthumous Trailblazer Award winners, and

Whereas, Mary Costello Wing, who died recently at 89 years of age, was politically active for many years, starting with her work on the Gibson for Governor campaign in 1945, continuing with decades of service as a Rutland City Republican Committee member, and including a candidacy for the State Senate, and

Whereas, a proud mother of nine children, she was an avid tennis player who coached the girls' team at Mount St. Joseph Academy, and

Whereas, her daughter, Joan Wing, who died in a 2009 automobile accident, was an attorney who read for the bar, was a two-time recipient of the Vermont Bar Association's (VBA) President's Award for outstanding service, and represented the VBA on the Federal Judicial Nominating Advisory Committee, and

Whereas, several Wing family members, including Katrina Clark, accepted these well-deserved awards on their relatives' behalf, and

Whereas, the Evolve Rutland Celebration of the Women of Rutland County honored women who are community role models, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes Evolve Rutland for its honoring of accomplished Rutland area women, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Evolve Rutland, to Bethany Bosch, and to Katrina Clark.