

NO. R-51. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING THE
JUDICIAL CAREER OF BENNINGTON PROBATE JUDGE DORIS S.
BUCHANAN.

(H.C.R.30)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Hube of Londonderry, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Doris Buchanan has been a daily and welcome presence in the judicial system in Bennington County during an illustrious career that has spanned half a century, and

Whereas, a Bennington native, Doris Buchanan attended the Sacred Heart School and graduated in 1952 from the former Bennington High School, and

Whereas, in 1959, she embarked on her judicial odyssey when she began her role as a municipal court clerk while Judge Eugene Clark was presiding, and

Whereas, nine years later, as the Vermont municipal court system was coming to a close, Doris Buchanan transferred to the Bennington District Court where she assumed the role of district court clerk, a position she retained for the next 23 years, and

Whereas, she worked cooperatively and effectively for many district court judges beginning with Judge John P. Morrissey, and

Whereas, Doris Buchanan displayed great dedication and industriousness in performing her district court duties and when necessary did not hesitate to

work nights and weekends to assure that all of the administrative work was in order for the next sitting of the court, and

Whereas, as a keen observer of judicial process and proceedings, when Doris Buchanan retired in 1990 from her district court clerkship, she decided to stand for election to serve as Probate Judge for the Bennington Probate District, and the voters wisely elected her to a seat on the probate bench, and

Whereas, for the past 18 years, Judge Doris Buchanan has written judiciously rendered decisions that have promoted the causes of justice and equity in the probate court system, and

Whereas, on February 1, 2009 she will step down from the bench and conclude a judicial career that has spanned half a century, and

Whereas, while working in the courts, Judge Buchanan has found time to be a social member of the Moose organization and the Bennington Club, and

Whereas, Judge Doris Buchanan is a communicant of Sacred Heart-St. Francis Church and actively assists with many church community and social functions, and

Whereas, she remains physically active and is proud of her 600-workout certificate that the local health club, which she visits six days a week, awarded her in 2006, and

Whereas, Judge Doris Buchanan will be enjoying her retirement with her children, Laurie, Scott, John, and Amy, her seven grandchildren, and

especially her new husband, Christopher (Kit) Vail, who she married this past December 27 in Marietta, Georgia, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the judicial career of Bennington Probate Judge Doris Buchanan and extends best wishes on her recent marriage and for a happy retirement, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Probate Judge Doris Buchanan in Bennington.