

No. R-50. House concurrent resolution congratulating Barbara G. Rhoad as the winner of the 2014 Vermont Tree Steward Award for the Unsung Steward.

(H.C.R.34)

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor and Bartholomew of Hartland

Whereas, the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Council honors the champions of the State's community trees and forests with its annual Vermont Tree Steward Awards, and

Whereas, one of the awards presented is for the Unsung Steward that recognizes "an individual and/or team who work behind the scenes and consistently goes above and beyond to make a difference in their community's urban and community forest," and

Whereas, the 2014 Unsung Steward is Barbara Rhoad of Windsor, and

Whereas, although not a professional arborist, Barbara Rhoad is a dedicated organizer and participant in tree planting activities, and

Whereas, if there are not others to perform a task, she assumes direct responsibility for its completion, and

Whereas, Barbara Rhoad is responsible for the presence of the honey-locust and linden trees lining Windsor's Main Street, the sugar maples on the town common, and the shade memorial trees and liberty elms at the Windsor School complex, and

Whereas, the diverse trees adorning the Constitution House's grounds thrive on account of her special attention, and

Whereas, Barbara Rhoad monitors the grand old trees at the Old South and Ascutney cemeteries, and

Whereas, she has nurtured many local apple orchards and trees, and

Whereas, in 1979, Barbara Rhoad was a founding member of the Windsor Paradise Park Commission, and

Whereas, Barbara Rhoad's extensive work to beautify Windsor and make its trees stand strong made her an ideal choice as the 2014 Unsung Steward, and she was honored at a State House ceremony, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Barbara Rhoad as the winner of the 2014 Vermont Tree Steward Award for the Unsung Steward, and be it further

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