

No. R-114. House concurrent resolution congratulating Carol Willey on being named the 2015 Vermont Mother of the Year.

(H.C.R.81)

Offered by: Representatives Connor of Fairfield, Beyor of Highgate, Branagan of Georgia, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gamache of Swanton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Lenes of Shelburne, Murphy of Fairfax, Parent of St. Albans City, and Pearce of Richford

Offered by: Senators Degree and McAllister

Whereas, American Mothers, Inc. was established in 1935 and is “committed to valuing mothers through service and education,” and

Whereas, annually, American Mothers, Inc., the official sponsor of Mother’s Day, selects a National Mother of the Year, and

Whereas, each of the organization’s state affiliates, including Vermont Mothers, Inc., selects a Mother of the Year for its respective state, and

Whereas, on March 1, 2015, Vermont Mothers, Inc. announced that Carol Willey of Bakersfield is the 2015 Vermont Mother of the Year, and

Whereas, she and her husband, Lyle Willey, a church pastor, are the proud parents of four children and grandparents of seven grandchildren, and

Whereas, the term homemaker is most applicable to Carol Willey, as she and her husband constructed their own home from the foundation up, and

Whereas, Carol Willey regularly helps her husband in church-related activities and serves on its board, and

Whereas, for 17 years, she has worked at Ave Maria Community Care Homes and now holds the dual roles of activity director and staff trainer, and

Whereas, Carol Willey has a passion for helping others, as her volunteer work at the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging exemplifies, and

Whereas, when not being a wonderful and loving mother and grandmother, working, helping at church, or volunteering, Carol Willey is busily engaged in one of her many hobbies, and

Whereas, among these activities are cooking from scratch, decorating, gardening, painting, sheet rocking, singing, and practicing Tai Chi, and

Whereas, as the 2015 Mother of the Year, an honor that is extremely meaningful and special for Carol Willey, she will represent Vermont at the Mom to Mom Conference to be held in April in our nation’s capital, and

Whereas, in recognition of Carol Willey’s wonderful family mentoring and enthusiastic service on behalf of her church and community, the personal attributes that make her an ideal candidate for this award, a formal celebratory reception will be held on April 11, 2015, at Our Lady of the Meadows in Richford, which is one of the Ava Maria Community Care Homes and is the organization that nominated her for this honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Carol Willey on being named the 2015 Vermont Mother of the Year, and be it further

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