

No. R-218. House concurrent resolution honoring Mary Riley for her dedicated civic and community service in Woodstock.

(H.C.R.164)

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Mary Riley has served as a public official, community leader, and devoted parent, all roles she has performed splendidly, and

Whereas, as a public servant, her duties have included serving for one-quarter of a century as an administrative assistant for Woodstock's selectboard, village trustees, and municipal manager, and

Whereas, she was elected as a Woodstock justice of the peace in 1997, a position that includes service on the board of civil authority (BCA), and

Whereas, her BCA colleagues were so impressed with her fair and thoughtful deliberative contributions, they elected her as the board's chair, and

Whereas, Mary Riley is the mother of two children and is now a very engaged grandparent, and

Whereas, she has been described as the patron saint of every child in Woodstock, in recognition of her willingness to purchase items they are selling for school and community fundraising projects, and to instill in the child a sense of personal importance, and

Whereas, among the organizations that have benefited from Mary Riley's extensive volunteer work are the Cub Scouts, the Woodstock Child Development Center, and Zack's Place (a community enrichment center for people with special needs), and

Whereas, she is an active parishioner at Our Lady of the Snows Roman Catholic Church, and

Whereas, Mary Riley is the recipient of the Woodstock Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year Award for her outstanding community service and for her exemplifying the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self," and

Whereas, the *Vermont Standard*, Woodstock's local newspaper, presented Mary Riley its Municipal Mother award "for her outstanding contributions to life in Woodstock," now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Mary Riley for her dedicated civic and community service in Woodstock, and be it further

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