

No. R-253. House concurrent resolution honoring former Fletcher Town Clerk and Treasurer Elaine Sweet.

(H.C.R.189)

Offered by: Representative Connor of Fairfield

Whereas, in small Vermont towns, the town clerk and treasurer plays an especially important role as the municipality's primary administrator, and

Whereas, as an individual whose family roots in Fletcher date from 1782, Elaine Sweet has a special affinity for her hometown, and

Whereas, her grandfather, Raynold Sweet, served as Fletcher Road Commissioner, and her great great-uncle, Emerston Spaulding, represented Fletcher in the General Assembly, and

Whereas, Elaine Sweet attended elementary school in Fletcher and graduated from Bellows Free Academy-Fairfax, and

Whereas, she grew up on the family's dairy farm, where her parents, Catherine Rock Sweet and Ernest Elvin Sweet, instilled in her the importance of giving back to the community, and

Whereas, in March 1984, the voters of the town of Fletcher elected Elaine Sweet as their town clerk and treasurer and continued to retain her in this post each time she stood for reelection, and

Whereas, when individuals entered her office, Elaine Sweet greeted them on a first name basis and impressed visitors with a fiercely independent spirit and can do attitude, and

Whereas, she encountered local residents both paying their required property taxes and more joyfully acquiring marriage licenses, and

Whereas, Elaine Sweet's stellar reputation as a public official resulted in being honored on Channel 22 television's local hero series, and

Whereas, in her television interview, she commented perceptively that most researchers coming into a town clerk's office know not to "irk the clerk" if they desire to receive the information they really need, and

Whereas, her special hope for a new and larger town clerk's office space should be a reality in the spring of 2016, and

Whereas, Elaine Sweet's tenure in the combined roles concluded with her retirement on August 31, 2015, and

Whereas, Elaine Sweet looks forward to spending time with her children, Shad and Kristy, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, and in Florida's tropical winter climate, and

Whereas, her three decades of public service were celebrated at a community farewell party on August 22, 2015, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Fletcher Town Clerk and Treasurer Elaine Sweet, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Elaine Sweet and to the office of the Fletcher Town Clerk.