

No. R-295. House concurrent resolution honoring former Rockingham Zoning Administrator and Health Officer Ellen L. Howard for her outstanding public service.

(H.C.R.222)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, a municipal zoning administrator must develop an expertise on all aspects of a town's zoning ordinances, and

Whereas, this public official works closely with the local zoning and planning boards, both in the drafting of zoning ordinances and their application to specific requests for permits and variances, and

Whereas, since August 1979, Ellen Howard ably served as municipal zoning administrator, and

Whereas, when confronted with challenging issues, she addressed them in a professional and thoughtful way, and

Whereas, the Rockingham Zoning Board of Adjustment respected her opinions and high level of personal integrity, and

Whereas, concurrent with her service as Rockingham's Zoning Administrator, Ellen Howard also served as the town's Health Officer, and

Whereas, in this role, she was responsible for overseeing any health emergency in Rockingham, which often focused on rabies-associated issues, and

Whereas, during her tenure as Rockingham Health Officer, Ellen Howard acted conscientiously in reminding local residents that both wild and unknown domestic animals could be rabies carriers, and that it was imperative to protect and vaccinate pets, and

Whereas, Ellen Howard also served on many town committees and was instrumental in locating the Bellows Falls Waypoint Center, an outdoor gathering place and information center situated near the Connecticut River, in the Village of Bellows Falls, and

Whereas, after a career of exemplary work, Ellen Howard retired from the Rockingham town government in July 2015, and is being honored with a dedication in the 2014–2015 Town of Rockingham's Annual Report, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Rockingham Zoning Administrator and Health Officer Ellen L. Howard for her outstanding municipal public service, and be it further

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