

No. R-468. House concurrent resolution honoring Elaine Dufresne of Williamstown for her exemplary public service for the State of Vermont.

(H.C.R.388)

Offered by: Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock, Bartholomew of Hartland, Botzow of Pownal, Burke of Brattleboro, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of Montpelier, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Pugh of South Burlington, Ryerson of Randolph, Scheuermann of Stowe, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Balint, McCormack, Nitka, Sirotkin, and Zuckerman

Whereas, on May 3, 1989, after a career in public service, working first with the Vermont Department of Mental Health and then with the Vermont Department of Public Safety, Elaine Dufresne joined the staff of the Vermont Arts Council (the Council), and

Whereas, in the performance of her duties, Elaine Dufresne's colleagues at the Council recognized that she never met a procedure she couldn't master, a deadline she couldn't meet, a report she couldn't complete, nor an auditor who could find anything wrong with her work, and

Whereas, many of those she came in contact with at other agencies, both in Vermont and across the country, described Elaine Dufresne as kind, meticulous, creative, on top of things, a terrific partner to the National Endowment, and—most poignant—unruffleable, and

Whereas, Elaine Dufresne offered kind and patient guidance to others at the Council, especially when she saw potential that no one else could see, and

Whereas, she was always the first one in the office, making sure the lights were on and the water was hot, and

Whereas, Elaine Dufresne has always approached the challenges in her life with honesty, integrity, patience, and good humor; be it a difficult group of weeds in her garden or a difficult group of minds in her professional world, and

Whereas, she served as the financial officer and administrative director of the Council until September 30, 2015, a total of nearly 26-and-one-half years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Elaine Dufresne of Williamstown for her exemplary public service for the State of Vermont and extends to her best wishes in her future endeavors, and be it further

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