

No. R-71. House concurrent resolution honoring former Brattleboro Town Clerk Annette Cappy.

(H.C.R.48)

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Stuart of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, beginning in 1989, Annette Cappy served as the dedicated Brattleboro Town Clerk, and

Whereas, her resume of accomplishments is certainly impressive, and

Whereas, Brattleboro is home to the State's only representative town meeting, and Annette Cappy was responsible for the administrative duties associated with this annual municipal gathering, and

Whereas, Annette Cappy has issued thousands of birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, and dog licenses, and

Whereas, on July 8, 2000, Annette Cappy made history, issuing the first license for a civil union anywhere in the United States, and

Whereas, her willingness to conduct business in new ways has resulted in Brattleboro's frequent designation as the State's preferred test location for a proposed new municipal government procedure, and

Whereas, Annette Cappy is an ardent advocate for facilitating Vermonters in exercising their right to vote, and her enthusiastic support for Act No. 44 of 2015, the same day voter registration law, culminated in her traveling to Montpelier for the bill's signing ceremony, and

Whereas, beyond Brattleboro, Annette Cappy has chaired the Windham County municipal clerks and treasurers group, and served on the executive board of the New England Association of City and Town Clerks, the Vermont Commission on Democracy, and the Secretary of State's Clerks' Advisory Board, and

Whereas, Annette Cappy was a vigilant public official who alerted federal authorities when she correctly suspected a fraud-inspired international marriage scheme was seeking marriage licenses through her office, and

Whereas, in 2012, Annette Cappy was surprised and honored to be named the Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association's Town Clerk of the Year, and

Whereas, following nearly 29 years of exemplary municipal service, Annette Cappy retired in December 2016 but is remaining available to assist with the 2017 municipal elections, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Brattleboro Town Clerk Annette Cappy, and be it further

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