

No. R-147. House concurrent resolution congratulating Lise Gates of Enosburg Falls on being named a 2017 Mother of Achievement.

(H.C.R.113)

Offered by: Representative Weed of Enosburgh

Whereas, in 2017, American Mothers, Inc. chose Lise Gates of Enosburg Falls as one of only four National Mothers of Achievement, and

Whereas, she is a native of Enosburg Falls and a graduate of Enosburg Falls High School, and

Whereas, Lise Gates is the mother of Lesha, Luc (deceased), and Lynn, the stepmother and primary care provider for Israel, Isaac, and Irissa, and the grandmother of seven grandchildren with an eighth anticipated later this year, and

Whereas, when Lise Gates's son, Luc, died in 1996, she established the Luc Gates Foundation that has financed nearly \$400,000.00 in grants to area sports programs, to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and for scholarships to attend Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, a summer camp for children with cancer, and

Whereas, in 1986, she purchased from her father, Ralph Demers, the Dairy Center in Enosburgh, a complex consisting of a restaurant, a motel, a bowling center that hosts children's birthday parties, and a banquet center that is the site for weddings and other events, and

Whereas, Lise Gates is proud to be the first woman member of the Enosburg Falls Lions Club, and the organization's board of directors wrote of its "wholehearted unanimous approval" for her nomination to be named a Mother of Achievement, and further stated that "Lise is a walking, talking, living, and breathing example of a woman whose entire life has been spent helping and serving others," and

Whereas, her broad civic leadership has included chairing the Dairy Day Scholarship Pageant and Dairy Day Parade, serving as the executive producer of the Miss Vermont Scholarship Pageant, serving on the Enosburgh Ambulance Service, and working as the Enosburgh Human Services Secretary for the Salvation Army, and

Whereas, Lise Gates exemplifies the term Mother of Achievement and truly merits this special recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lise Gates on being named a 2017 Mother of Achievement, and be it further

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