

No. R-159. House concurrent resolution congratulating Elizabeth Ainsworth of Bellows Falls on being chosen the 2017 Vermont Mother of the Year.

(H.C.R.124)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Balint, Branagan, and White

Whereas, American Mothers, an organization that “champion[s] women by honoring, educating and serving mothers, at home, at work and in the world,” selects one woman from each state as that jurisdiction’s Mother of the Year, and

Whereas, the required criteria for this special recognition are being “the mother of one or more children ... exemplify[ing] the qualities of being a great mom ... and displaying the ability to strengthen family relationships,” and

Whereas, the 2017 Vermont Mother of the Year, whom the Vermont American Mothers nominated, is Elizabeth Ainsworth of Bellows Falls, and

Whereas, the United Church of Bellows Falls women’s group helped sponsor her candidacy, and

Whereas, she works from home as a vacation planner and is part of a strong family unit, and

Whereas, Elizabeth Ainsworth’s community activities, an important consideration in naming a Mother of the Year, include active membership in her children’s school Parent Teacher Organization, serving on the board of the Bellows Falls Community Alliance, and serving on the council for the Westminster-based Head Start Alliance, and

Whereas, at the United Church of Bellows Falls, Elizabeth Ainsworth serves as a deacon, works as an administrative assistant, and is active in the women’s group, and

Whereas, Elizabeth Ainsworth has met the challenges of 21st century motherhood, including co-parenting with her former partner, the father of her two older children and with her current partner, the father of her two younger children, and for a period of time was a single working mom, and

Whereas, being flexible and having a good sense of humor are qualities she cites as being important for successful motherhood, and

Whereas, Elizabeth Ainsworth was honored at the United Church on April 3 and hopes to attend the American Mothers National Conference in late April, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Elizabeth Ainsworth on being chosen the 2017 Vermont Mother of the Year, and be it further

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