

No. R-200. House concurrent resolution honoring Summer Stoutes of Tinmouth for her selfless generosity as a kidney donor and congratulating Brent Garrow on his successful transplant surgery recovery and resumption of his firefighting career.

(H.C.R.161)

Offered by: Representatives Burditt of West Rutland, Potter of Clarendon, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Fagan of Rutland City, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Howard of Rutland City, Keefe of Manchester, McCoy of Poultney, Norris of Shoreham, Shaw of Pittsford, Sullivan of Dorset, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, the donation of a kidney represents a unique gift of life on which a monetary value is not easily assessed, and

Whereas, this extraordinary act of human generosity is even more remarkable when a living donor and the recipient are strangers, and

Whereas, Summer Stoutes of Tinmouth had recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of her husband's successful kidney transplant when she noticed a heartrending Facebook post that she could personally identify with, and

Whereas, the mother of Rutland City firefighter Brent Garrow had posted a Facebook appeal on behalf of her son who required a kidney transplant, and

Whereas, Brent Garrow did not believe that his mother's Facebook post would produce a matching and willing organ donor as he doubted a sufficient number of persons would be interested in his medical condition, and

Whereas, not only did Summer Stoutes respond affirmatively and enthusiastically, but she proved a medically acceptable match, and

Whereas, a day after the successful surgery, Summer Stoutes and Brent Garrow met for the first time and are now friends for life with a strong personal bond, and

Whereas, as a result of the transplant surgery, Brent Garrow's health is greatly improved, he will soon be returning to his duties as a firefighter in Rutland City, and he looks forward to resuming his other first responder role as a police officer in Pittsford, and

Whereas, Summer Stoutes has been honored as a Red Cross Everyday Hero, a recognition she finds unwarranted and were she able to, Summer Stoutes would donate 30 more kidneys, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Summer Stoutes of Tinmouth for her selfless generosity as a kidney donor and congratulates Brent Garrow on his successful recovery and resumption of his firefighting and law enforcement careers, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Summer Stoutes and Brent Garrow.