

No. R-260. House concurrent resolution honoring Terri Hallenbeck for her skill and integrity as a great journalist.

(H.C.R.211)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, Terri Hallenbeck graduated from the University of Vermont and served in the Peace Corps before embarking on a journalism career at the *Evening Sun* in Norwich, New York and the *Daily Star* in Oneonta, New York, where she served in both reporting and editing roles, and

Whereas, in 1998, she joined the staff of the *Burlington Free Press*, working as a copy editor and assistant metro editor, and in 2005 transferred to the paper's Montpelier bureau, and

Whereas, Terri Hallenbeck could compile a story with a reporter's professionalism, encapsulating the essential facts into a concise and carefully crafted article, and

Whereas, she earned the respect of Vermont's legislators for her reportorial impartiality and ability to write clearly and informatively on the events transpiring under the golden dome, and

Whereas, when the *Burlington Free Press* introduced its online news site, she embraced the digital media era, and

Whereas, Terri Hallenbeck appeared on many television and radio news programs as a guest panelist, and

Whereas, in 2014, when she left the *Burlington Free Press*, Terri Hallenbeck found a new journalistic home at *Seven Days*, where she supplemented her weekly print stories and occasional columns with a regular flow of online reports, especially during the legislative session and political campaigns, and

Whereas, within the scope of her governmental, legislative, and political beat, Terri Hallenbeck's reportage covered a diverse range of topics, and

Whereas, in November 2017, Terri Hallenbeck filed her last story as she was bound for academia, accepting a position as a donor relations writer at the Middlebury College Advancement Office, and

Whereas, her departure from journalism will deprive Vermont of a reporter and editor of the highest order and her readers of a trusted source for news from the State capital, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Terri Hallenbeck for her skill and integrity as a great journalist and extends to her best wishes as she embarks on a new career at Middlebury College, and be it further

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