

No. R-276. House concurrent resolution honoring former Senator Elizabeth M. Ready for her dedicated leadership on issues pertaining to social justice.

(H.C.R.220)

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes, Baser of Bristol, Conlon of Cornwall, Norris of Shoreham, Scheu of Middlebury, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, Elizabeth Ready has dedicated much of her life to solving problems directly affecting some of the most underserved Vermonters, and

Whereas, after graduating from Burlington College, she taught basic literacy classes; worked as a consultant for the Department (now Agency) of Education, establishing new adult education programs; and served as a policy staffer for Governor Madeleine Kunin, and

Whereas, in 1989, Elizabeth Ready was elected to the first of six consecutive terms as an Addison County State Senator, chairing the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy for four years, and in 2000, she was elected to the first of two consecutive terms as Auditor of Accounts, and

Whereas, in 1989, Elizabeth Ready embarked on a parallel career as a nonprofit sector leader, founding, and then directing for 12 years, the Addison County Community Trust, an organization dedicated to providing affordable housing and preserving agricultural land in Addison County, and

Whereas, in 2005, Elizabeth Ready became the director of the John Graham Shelter (now known as John Graham Housing & Services) in Vergennes, and

Whereas, the organization provides food, shelter, and housing; services and support that help transform lives; and prevention and intervention in times of crisis, and

Whereas, immediate housing, food, and hope are offered at the John W. Graham Emergency Shelter in Vergennes, and transitional housing and longer-term support services are provided at the organization's four rapid-rehousing units, two in Vergennes and one each in Bristol and Middlebury, and

Whereas, Elizabeth Ready's compassionate and inspired leadership has brought immediate sustenance and shelter and in many cases brightened the housing or employability prospects of Vermonters and their families, and

Whereas, on January 1, 2018, Elizabeth Ready concluded her superb service as the director of John Graham Housing & Services and is continuing as its chief financial officer, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Senator Elizabeth M. Ready for her dedicated leadership on issues pertaining to social justice, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Elizabeth Ready and to John Graham Housing & Services in Vergennes.