

No. R-322. House concurrent resolution honoring former Caledonia County Victim Advocate Susan Carr.

(H.C.R.257)

Offered by: Representatives Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Conquest of Newbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Martel of Waterford, Quimby of Concord, Stevens of Waterbury, Toll of Danville, Troiano of Stannard, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, the original victims assistance program that the General Assembly adopted in 1986 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 2, now codified as 13 V.S.A. § 5304, came to fruition after a number of individuals, including Susan Carr, then a secretary in the office of the Caledonia County State's Attorney, visited Maine to examine that state's already operating victims assistance service, and

Whereas, this concerned group of Vermonters also reviewed similar laws enacted in other states and developed a proposal for which it advocated successfully at the General Assembly, and

Whereas, not only did Susan Carr help launch State-supported victim advocacy in Vermont, in 1990, she assumed the important role of victim advocate in the office of the Caledonia County State's Attorney, and

Whereas, she assisted thousands of victims in a professional manner and consistently demonstrated compassion and the ability to provide useful feedback, and

Whereas, Susan Carr offered victims necessary and appreciated guidance through the criminal justice system, directed them to various support services, and explained the restitution process, and

Whereas, she went above and beyond the call of duty, providing personal contact information that enabled victims to communicate with her outside regular business hours, and

Whereas, Susan Carr's history of State employment dates to 1974 and includes positions at the Agency of Transportation and the Department of Public Service, and

Whereas, her public service has extended beyond her job through her elected positions as a school board member and justice of the peace in the town of Burke, and she regularly volunteers for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and

Whereas, Susan Carr recently concluded her outstanding tenure as the Caledonia County Victim Advocate, ending a laudable 40-plus-year State employment career, and she looks forward to spending time with her four grandchildren and their many extracurricular activities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Caledonia County Victim Advocate Susan Carr, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Susan Carr in East Burke.