

No. R-407. House concurrent resolution honoring Karen Richard for her exemplary municipal public service career in the town of Colchester.

(H.C.R.333)

Offered by: Representatives Taylor of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, and Dakin of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, beginning in 1987, Karen Richard worked in Colchester's assessor's office, including eight years as an elected lister, becoming familiar with the municipality's land records and their challenges, and

Whereas, in 1998, the Colchester electorate selected Karen Richard as town clerk and treasurer, beginning an outstanding two-decade tenure, and

Whereas, one of her first objectives was replacing the town's antiquated and inadequate voting machines, resulting in more effective and reliable voting recordation and tabulation, and

Whereas, she implemented the digitization of Colchester's land records, and

Whereas, Colchester was one of the first Vermont municipalities to complete this historic conversion, making the records more easily accessible and increasing their physical protection, and

Whereas, beyond her official duties at the Colchester municipal office, Karen Richard served as clerk and treasurer of Colchester Fire District No. 3 and on the heritage project's governance committee, and

Whereas, for over two decades, Karen Richard has served as a Champlain Water District Commissioner, and

Whereas, Karen Richard earned her certification as a Vermont Municipal Clerk and Treasurer, improving her professional knowledge and skills, and

Whereas, she demonstrated strong leadership while chairing the Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association Legislative Committee and served as a member-at-large on the association's executive board, and

Whereas, Karen Richard has educated her colleagues, advocated on their behalf in statewide forums, and is the recipient of both the Clerk of the Year and Treasurer of the Year awards, and

Whereas, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Board of Directors greatly benefited from her membership on the panel, and

Whereas, in June 2018, this superb elected official and administrator is concluding her 31-year municipal career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Karen Richard for her exemplary municipal public service career in the town of Colchester, and be it further

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