

**No. R-431. House concurrent resolution congratulating Sister Janice Ryan on her receipt of the 2018 New England Board of Higher Education's Vermont State Award.**

(H.C.R.357)

Offered by: Representatives Miller of Shaftsbury, Ancel of Calais, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Belaski of Windsor, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bock of Chester, Botzow of Pownal, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buckholz of Hartford, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Fields of Bennington, Forguites of Springfield, Frenier of Chelsea, Gage of Rutland City, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Grad of Moretown, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Jessup of Middlesex, Jickling of Randolph, Joseph of North Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keefe of Manchester, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, Mattos of Milton, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nolan of Morristown, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans Town, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Rachelson of Burlington, Read of Fayston, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Taylor of Colchester, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wood of Waterbury, Wright of Burlington, Yacovone of Morristown, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Offered by: All Senators

Whereas, Sister Janice Ryan has combined her religious calling and secular pursuits to achieve goals that are highly admirable, and

Whereas, she was born on a Fairfield dairy farm, graduated from Mount St. Mary's Academy in Burlington and Trinity College, and earned a master's degree in special education from Boston University, and

Whereas, in 1966, Janice Ryan decided to devote her life to religious principles, taking vows as a new member of the Sisters of Mercy, and

Whereas, Sister Janice Ryan's teaching experience started at the Cathedral School in Burlington, teaching elementary and junior high school students; and continued at Trinity College, where she served as Director of the Diagnostic and Preschool Program for Handicapped Children and as a Professor of Education, and

Whereas, she stepped up to the challenge of leading Trinity College during her 17-year tenure as the College's distinguished president, and

Whereas, after leaving Trinity College, one of her posts was working for former U.S. Senator Jim Jeffords as his education policy director, and

Whereas, Sister Janice Ryan is a passionate advocate for improved special education services and assumed a major role in the development of Vermont's legislation on this subject, and

Whereas, the breadth of Sister Janice Ryan's career and advocacy roles reflects her religious beliefs and deep social justice concerns, and

Whereas, she held the post of Vermont's Deputy Commissioner of Corrections, seeking to improve the lives of the incarcerated, and

Whereas, Sister Janice Ryan served as the Director of Justice Education and Interfaith Relations for The Justice Project; directed the Catholic Campaign to Ban Landmines; and traveled abroad extensively on religious, educational, and friendship missions, and

Whereas, in recognition of her many contributions to the educating of Vermonters and individuals beyond the State's borders, Sister Janice Ryan is the recipient of the 2018 New England Board of Higher Education's Vermont State Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Sister Janice Ryan on her receipt of the 2018 New England Board of Higher Education's Vermont State Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sister Janice Ryan.