

No. R-456. House concurrent resolution recognizing the 2017 Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen Jenna Lawrence's work on behalf of Alzheimer's public awareness and eradication.

(H.C.R.382)

Offered by: Representatives Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donahue of Northfield, Gage of Rutland City, Graham of Williamstown, Harrison of Chittenden, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lewis of Berlin, Mattos of Milton, McCoy of Poultney, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nolan of Morristown, Norris of Shoreham, Quimby of Concord, Read of Fayston, Savage of Swanton, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Toll of Danville, and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Branagan, Bray, Brock, Brooks, Campion, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Flory, Ingram, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Pearson, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Soucy, Starr, and White

Whereas, on April 21, 2017, at a Vergennes Opera House ceremony, Jenna Lawrence of St. Albans was thrilled to be crowned the 2017 Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen, and

Whereas, her platform, the topic she promoted as Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen in personal appearances, is "I'll Remember for You: Alzheimer's & Dementia Advocacy & Awareness," and

Whereas, Jenna Lawrence's platform evolved from personal experience as, starting at five years of age, she watched as her grandmother's mental and cognitive capacity steadily declined due to Alzheimer's, and ultimately her grandmother died when Jenna Lawrence was 16 years of age, and

Whereas, in response to this personal tragedy, Jenna Lawrence has become a strong advocate on behalf of promoting the causes of supporting those with Alzheimer's and the search for a cure, and

Whereas, Jenna Lawrence has raised over \$25,000.00 for the Vermont Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association through fundraising events she has hosted in collaboration with the Franklin County Dementia Care Coalition, an organization she helped establish, and

Whereas, although her successful one-year reign as the 2017 Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen has concluded, Jenna Lawrence is personally dedicated to her Alzheimer's-related volunteer endeavors and will continue to promote public awareness of the challenges those who have the disease must endure and the urgent need for continued medical research in search of a cure, and

Whereas, Jenna Lawrence is completing her senior year of high school at BFA-St. Albans, and she is also enrolled at Vermont Technical College (VTC) where she is participating in the early college enrollment program, and

Whereas, in June 2018, Jenna Lawrence will graduate from both BFA-St. Albans and VTC's Vermont Academy of Science and Technology, and in the fall of 2018, she will continue her education as a sophomore at VTC, and

Whereas, Jenna Lawrence's being crowned the 2017 Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen and her endeavors on behalf of Alzheimer's awareness and research are highly commendable, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the 2017 Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen Jenna Lawrence's work on behalf of Alzheimer's public awareness and eradication, and be it further

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