

# State of Vermont

## Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

### Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senator Westman,

By Representatives Hill of Wolcott and Noyes of Wolcott

**S.C.R. 7.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring Shirley Arlene Brown for her over half century of outstanding community service in the town of Belvidere.

*Whereas*, Shirley Eldred was born in Belvidere on December 10, 1934, and this Lamoille county town has always been her home, and

*Whereas*, she attended the Belvidere Central School, graduated from Cambridge High School, and briefly attended the former Johnson Normal School, and

*Whereas*, on September 3, 1955, Shirley Eldred and Larry Brown were married at the Belvidere Community Church, and they are the parents of eight children as well as grandparents and great-grandparents, and

*Whereas*, in 1961, Larry Brown was elected town clerk and appointed his wife as assistant town clerk, and

*Whereas*, their personal lives and Belvidere's municipal government became intertwined as both shared a house, a mailbox, and a phone number, and town clerk services were available anytime day or night, including for the sale of hunting licenses at 2:00 a.m., and

*Whereas*, after a number of years, Shirley Brown assumed her husband's role as Belvidere Town Clerk and continues to perform this role enthusiastically and effectively but now from a separate town clerk's office located near the Brown family's home, and

*Whereas*, Shirley Brown has seen her office evolve from the pen and paper era to the digital age, and

*Whereas*, the strict compliance with all legal and ethical aspects of election administration and other responsibilities of a town clerk's office are Shirley Brown's first priority and personal mandate, and

*Whereas*, Shirley Brown has provided outstanding leadership and guidance in venues beyond her office, including serving on the planning commission; at the Belvidere Community Club, especially in the acquisition of town recreation land; in the former school's Mother's Club; as an organizer of the town's library; and as a volunteer for the Rattling Brook Bluegrass Festival, and

*Whereas*, for over half a century, Shirley Brown has, in all her roles, served as an exemplary community leader and friend, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors Shirley Arlene Brown for her over half century of outstanding community service in the town of Belvidere, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Shirley Brown and to the town of Belvidere.