

No. R-56. House concurrent resolution in memory of community volunteer and restorative justice advocate Susan Kendall Wishart of Waterville.

(H.C.R.44)

Offered by: Representatives Rogers of Waterville, Hill of Wolcott, Noyes of Wolcott, Patt of Worcester, and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, Susan Wishart was born in Evanston, Illinois, and graduated with a nursing degree from the University of Vermont, where she met her husband, Howard Duchacek, and they married in 1975, and

Whereas, while they lived in Seattle, she worked on the nursing staff of the Children's Orthopedic Hospital, specializing in pediatric oncology, and the empathy she gained from treating critically ill babies there became a cornerstone value in her subsequent professional and volunteer roles, and

Whereas, in 1981, Susan and Howard returned to Vermont, moving into a hillside farmhouse in Waterville, which proved an ideal location to conduct maple sugaring and raise their son and daughter, and

Whereas, Susan Wishart cared deeply about the health of the Lamoille County community, both as a visiting nurse who was employed for a quarter of a century at Lamoille Home Health and Hospice and as a volunteer who contributed countless hours to various local organizations, and

Whereas, the Waterville public schools, the Waterville town gardens, and the Waterville Historical Society each benefited from her volunteer services, and

Whereas, the Lamoille Restorative Center's mission of "fostering the dignity and resilience of individuals and families through restorative justice, relationship building and empowering self-sufficiency" was dear to her heart, and Susan Wishart devoted considerable energy and genuine enthusiasm to her service as one of the organization's volunteer leaders, and

Whereas, for three decades, Susan Wishart served on the Lamoille Restorative Center's board of directors, chairing the panel during the last ten years, and she offered leadership filled with warmth and a keen attention to detail, and

Whereas, today, February 14, 2019, the 40th anniversary of Vermont's Court Diversion program, the General Assembly honors Susan Wishart, who died at 68 years of age, in September 2018, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere sympathy to the family of Susan Kendall Wishart and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Susan Wishart's family and to the Lamoille Restorative Center.