

**No. R-149. House concurrent resolution honoring Sarah E. Carpenter for her outstanding leadership as Vermont Housing Finance Agency Executive Director.**

(H.C.R.123)

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Ancel of Calais, Birong of Vergennes, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Donovan of Burlington, Gamache of Swanton, Gonzalez of Winooski, Hango of Berkshire, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Johnson of South Hero, Killacky of South Burlington, Kimbell of Woodstock, Krowinski of Burlington, Long of Newfane, McCormack of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Smith of Derby, Sullivan of Burlington, Szott of Barnard, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, and Walz of Barre City

Whereas, the Vermont General Assembly established the Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) in 1974 Acts and Resolves No. 260, and its mission to “finance and promote affordable, safe and decent housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income Vermonters” includes the administration of single-family mortgage financing programs, multifamily loan programs, and the federal and State housing tax credit, as well as the development of options for housing for the homeless, and

Whereas, from 1998 until 2018, Sarah Carpenter served as VHFA’s effective and innovative executive director, and

Whereas, this lifelong Burlingtonian graduated from the University of Vermont and earned a graduate degree from Harvard University, and

Whereas, Sarah Carpenter previously served as Cathedral Square Corporation’s executive director, leading this nonprofit that specializes in the management of affordable housing and community support services for elder Vermonters and persons with disabilities, and

Whereas, as VHFA’s executive director, Sarah Carpenter developed expertise in all aspects of affordable housing policy and became a national leader among her professional peers, and

Whereas, members of the General Assembly relied on Sarah Carpenter for informative answers and thoughtful policy recommendations, and

Whereas, as a caring and forward-looking leader in the affordable housing field, Sarah Carpenter was a founding member of both Housing Vermont and the Burlington Community Land Trust, serving terms on each organization’s board of directors, and

Whereas, after a distinguished career at VHFA, Sarah Carpenter ended her admirable service in December, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Sarah E. Carpenter for her outstanding leadership as Vermont Housing Financing Agency Executive Director, and be it further

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