

No. R-216. House concurrent resolution in memory of Penny Walker-Reen of Morrisville.

(H.C.R.177)

Offered by: Representatives Scheuermann of Stowe, Noyes of Wolcott, and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, for the older Vermonters of Lamoille County, Penny Walker-Reen was a special friend and dedicated advocate, and

Whereas, Penny Walker graduated from Stowe High School and actively participated in the school's alumni association, most recently as its president, and

Whereas, as a child, she accompanied her older sister to her job at a nursing home, which instilled in Penny Walker the desire to pursue a career assisting elderly Vermonters, and

Whereas, after studying to become a licensed nursing assistant, Penny Walker opted for an alternative career path, joining the staff of the Central Vermont Council on Aging, commencing an emotionally rewarding 40-year career, and

Whereas, she started at the council as an assistant nutrition supervisor and progressed to the position of meal site manager, and

Whereas, in 1985, Penny Walker left the food management portfolio, becoming a senior advocate for older Vermonters, a job later titled case manager, and

Whereas, her advocacy was enthusiastic and heartfelt as she worked to meet the needs of her clients, endeavoring to enable them to remain in their own homes, and

Whereas, while on the council's staff, Penny Walker married John Reen, her devoted husband for the past 28 years, and

Whereas, beyond her professional duties, Penny Walker-Reen assisted Lamoille County residents as a volunteer for both Meals on Wheels and Lamoille Home Health and Hospice, and

Whereas, Penny Walker-Reed was an active member of the Stowe Community Church, and

Whereas, she greatly enjoyed playing softball and golf, and

Whereas, on April 25, 2019, this extraordinary advocate for older Vermonters, community leader, and devoted family member died at 62 years of age, and her survivors include her husband John, daughters, and grandson, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Penny Walker-Reen, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Penny Walker-Reen's family and to the Central Vermont Council on Aging.