

No. R-327. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative, Senator, and Commissioner of Employment and Training Sarah Goodwin (Thompson) Soule of Shelburne.

(H.C.R.270)

Offered by: Representatives Webb of Shelburne, Brumsted of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Baruth, Ingram, Lyons, Pearson, and Sirotkin

Whereas, Sarah Thompson (known since her youth as Sallie) graduated from Milton Academy and Smith College and earned a master's degree at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, she worked in the publishing industry in Manhattan and relocated to Rochester, New York, where she met her future husband, Gardner Northup Soule, and they were married in Charlotte, and

Whereas, after a decade working as a local journalist in the Rochester area, Sallie Soule and her family moved to Shelburne, where she managed a local nurse, and

Whereas, she was a cofounder and operator of the former Bygone Books used bookstore in Burlington, and

Whereas, in 1976, Sallie Soule was elected to the first of two terms as the member from Shelburne in the House of Representatives, and from 1981 to 1984, she represented Chittenden County in the Senate, and

Whereas, Sallie Soule's legislative tenure included appointments to committees on administrative rules, appropriations, energy, and natural resources, and upon her decision in 1984 to not seek reelection, the Burlington Free Press published an editorial entitled "A Champion Bows Out," honoring her stellar reputation for honesty and integrity, and

Whereas, in 1985, Governor Madeleine Kunin appointed Sallie Soule as Commissioner of Employment and Training, and she distinguished herself in this Executive Branch role, and

Whereas, this outstanding civic leader, avid lover of books, and outdoor enthusiast died at 91 years of age on June 11, 2019, and her survivors include children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere sympathy to the family of former Representative, Senator, and Commissioner of Employment and Training Sarah Goodwin (Thompson) Soule, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Sallie Soule's family.