

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 101

House concurrent resolution recognizing former Representative Ann Seibert of Norwich for her leadership in the enactment of anti-smoking legislation in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Lippert of Hinesburg, Ancel of Calais, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bates of Bennington, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Briglin of Thetford, Brownell of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Colchester, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Coffey of Guilford, Colston of Winooski, Conlon of Cornwall, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donovan of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Emmons of Springfield, Fegard of Berkshire, Forguites of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Grad of Moretown, Hashim of Dummerston, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Jessup of Middlesex, Johnson of South Hero, Killacky of South Burlington, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Notte of Rutland City, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Redmond of Essex, Rogers of Waterville, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Szott of Barnard, Taylor of Colchester, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, White of Hartford, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Greensboro

Whereas, at the start of the 1988 Vermont General Assembly session, Governor Kunin appointed Ann Seibert of Norwich, to a midterm vacancy in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, in March 1988, the Philip Morris Company sent every member of the General Assembly a calendar that pictured a man on the January page with a cigarette in the corner of his mouth, standing near a sign that read "Men's Club. Women, Dogs and Vagrants need not apply," and

Whereas, after receiving this personally offensive calendar, Representative Ann Seibert addressed the House in her maiden floor remarks: "How can we accept these gifts when lung cancer has passed breast cancer as the leading cause of death for women?" and she wrote a letter of complaint to Phillip Morris that over 60 legislators signed off on, accompanying a box of returned calendars, and

Whereas, Representative Ann Seibert's bold response to the calendar prompted the publication of a news article in the *New York Times* and became a moment of awakening for tobacco control advocates in Vermont, and

Whereas, anti-smoking legislation became Representative Ann Seibert's top legislative priority, and 1993 proved to be a momentous year for her cause, and

Whereas, in that year, Representative Ann Seibert was the lead on a bill that was enacted to prohibit the "possession of lighted tobacco products in any form...in the common areas of all enclosed indoor places of public access and publicly owned buildings and offices," and

Whereas, exceptions were provided for the facilities of fraternal, religious, or social organizations, for a space where a private function was being held, and in cabarets, which were entertainment establishments where sales of alcoholic beverages were greater than those of food, and

Whereas, in 2005, during Representative Seibert's last legislative term, she was a cosponsor of an enacted bill that eliminated nearly all of the exceptions to the 1993 no-smoking law, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes former Representative Ann Seibert of Norwich for her leadership in the enactment of anti-smoking legislation in Vermont, and be it further

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