State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

House Resolution

H.R. 24

House resolution expressing sincere appreciation for the extraordinary legislative staff support provided during the COVID-19 pandemic

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, during the COVID-19 pandemic and the transformation of the General Assembly into a virtual institution, the legislative staff marshalled its creative ingenuity and rose to overcome many monumental hurdles, and

Whereas, the Information Technology team, under the expert and steady leadership of Kevin Moore, designed, implemented, and managed a Zoom-You Tube interconnected video network, installed the House's Everbridge voting system, and prevented technological mayhem, and

Whereas, Luke Martland and all the General Assembly's remarkable attorneys, drafting technicians, and editors performed their roles expertly and with an amazing degree of logistical flexibility, and

Whereas, Mike Ferrant and the administrative staff assured that members had access to basic support services, and Peggy Delaney and her dedicated committee assistants facilitated the smooth functioning of committees, and

Whereas, Steve Klein and the Joint Fiscal Office provided wise financial guidance as appropriations measures of a previously unknown dimension were rapidly enacted, and

Whereas, House Clerk Bill MaGill and Senate Secretary John Bloomer and their staffs guided the temporary amending of the respective chamber's rules and assured the maintenance of virtual legislative decorum, and

Whereas, Sergeant at Arms Janet Miller and Capitol Police Chief Matt Romei were special guardians of the State House, monitored security concerns, and served as invaluable partners with the Information Technology team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the House expresses its sincere appreciation for the extraordinary legislative staff support provided during the COVID-19 pandemic, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each legislative staff office honored in this resolution.