

**No. R-243. House concurrent resolution honoring Alice Harter for her dedicated service as a long-term care ombudsman.**

(H.C.R.161)

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Garofano of Essex, Gregoire of Fairfield, McFaun of Barre Town, Noyes of Wolcott, Pajala of Londonderry, Rosenquist of Georgia, Small of Winooski, Whitman of Bennington, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, for three decades, beginning in 1991, Alice Harter worked as a Vermont long-term care ombudsman, initially as part of the State's long-term care ombudsman project, and then, for 28 years, she was employed at Vermont Legal Aid, and

Whereas, Alice Harter strove to end the Medicaid bed hold, and her successful strategy included bringing a nursing home resident to testify before a legislative committee, and, in her innovative and productive campaign to raise the personal needs allowance, she created a portfolio of videos and photographs that she presented as part of her legislative testimony, and

Whereas, as an expert administrator and superb long-term care ombudsman, she trained over 200 ombudsman staff members and volunteers, and

Whereas, for 16 years, starting at its inception in 1996, Alice Harter served on the National Association of Local Long-Term Ombudsmen's board, chaired the panel for three years, and, for many years, she also served as the organization's state coordinator, and

Whereas, Alice Harter is concluding her duties as a long-term care ombudsman, to which she brought extraordinary dedication and passion, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Alice Harter for her exemplary service as a long-term care ombudsman, and be it further

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