

**No. R-49. House concurrent resolution honoring Raymond and Joyce Ballantine for their enduring community service in the Town of Jamaica.**

(H.C.R.33)

Offered by: Representative Sibia of Dover

Whereas, for many decades and in myriad ways, Raymond and Joyce Ballantine have been civically engaged in the Town of Jamaica, and

Whereas, CAUSE (Children's Associates United for Special Education) was fortunate to avail itself of Joyce Ballantine's leadership as the school representative from Jamaica and as the organization's president, and

Whereas, for over three decades, Joyce Ballantine served as the reliable Jamaica Postmistress, was a Cub Scout leader, a public library trustee, and, for many years, actively participated in the community service organization now known as the Jamaica Benefit Society, and

Whereas, Raymond Ballantine's impressive resumé of volunteer activism included answering the alarm of the Jamaica Fire Department and, more recently, serving as the department's auditor; spearheading cable television access through his pioneering service on the Jamaica Cable Committee, which included personally removing snow from satellite dishes; serving as a Diversion Board member; volunteering as a Boy Scout leader; and being an active member of the Masons, and

Whereas, their joint community involvement was broad in scope and ranged from teaching ski lessons at Stratton, to membership on numerous committees at the Jamaica Community Church, where Joyce Ballantine taught Sunday School, to their Eastern Star bingo work, which financed scholarships for local students, and

Whereas, Raymond and Joyce Ballantine, who are each 92 years of age, will be joyfully and proudly recognized at the 2023 Jamaica Town Meeting for their innumerable special contributions to the community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Raymond and Joyce Ballantine for their enduring community service in the Town of Jamaica, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Raymond and Joyce Ballantine.