

No. R-140. House concurrent resolution honoring Karen Horn of Moretown for her exemplary leadership representing and strengthening local government in Vermont.

(H.C.R.114)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, Karen Horn's academic and professional journey, which led to her role as an informed municipal policy advocate at the Vermont State House, began when she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from McGill University and the University of Vermont, respectively, and

Whereas, earlier in her career, Karen Horn served as Director of the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development in Massachusetts, and she was subsequently an economic and community development specialist in the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs, and

Whereas, since joining the staff of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) in 1987, where she has served as Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, Karen Horn has advised U.S. Senators and Representatives, Governors, members of the General Assembly, and elected and appointed local officials on all aspects of municipal government, and

Whereas, Karen Horn's unique ability to track, prognosticate about, and guide legislation in every corner of the State House made the VLCT Weekly Legislative Report and every annual Legislative Preview and Wrap-Up must-read resources, and

Whereas, anyone who has worked with Karen Horn or heard her speak in a legislative forum knows that she approaches her advocacy work with dignity, honesty, and respect, and

Whereas, her tireless efforts on behalf of municipalities have resulted in the General Assembly's increasing transportation funding for local governments, expanding local option tax authority, amending dozens of municipal charters, and ensuring a municipal voice in all pertinent State House deliberations, and

Whereas, to satisfy her insatiable interest in local government, Karen Horn has served on Moretown's energy committee and planning commission, as well as its school board, and she is concluding her illustrious VLCT career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Karen Horn of Moretown for her exemplary leadership representing and strengthening local government in Vermont and extends best wishes for the future, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Karen Horn and to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.