

State of Vermont Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Concurrent Resolution

By All Members of the Senate,

S.C.R. 6. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Vanessa Davison for her extraordinary dedication as a staff member of the General Assembly.

Whereas, Vanessa Davison, a daily Hardwick-to-Montpelier commuter, has an abiding work ethic that is second to none, and she has always performed her legislative staffing duties courteously, effectively, and with the utmost professionalism, and

Whereas, in 1978, following her graduation from Hazen Union High School, she started her public service career in the General Assembly, reporting for work at the former Legislative Council, and

Whereas, during the next decade, Vanessa Davison assisted attorneys and support staff in myriad administrative and research tasks, eventually managing the Legislative Council's Wang computer system as the General Assembly entered the digital era, and

Whereas, a pivotal year for Vanessa Davison was 1988 when she embarked on a new career path as the Journal Clerk of the Vermont Senate, working collaboratively with Senate Secretaries Robert Gibson, David Gibson, and, since 2011, John Bloomer, and

Whereas, Vanessa Davison quickly mastered the intricacies required to prepare the daily and annual Senate Journals, and

Whereas, on occasion, she ferried text pages to a halfway point along I-89 in order to deliver them to a representative of the Burlington-based printer, and, on many nights, Vanessa Davison sat patiently at her desk while the next day's Journal slowly transmitted to the printer's office, a duty that improved technology fortunately eliminated, and

Whereas, senators knew they could rely on her discretion and knowledge in discussing parliamentary matters, and she had a great rapport with staff throughout the legislative branch, and

Whereas, during the past year, she has expertly trained her successor, ensuring that the high quality of the Senate Journal will continue, and

Whereas, in the spring of 2023, after 45 rewarding years on the staff of the General Assembly, including 35 years in the Office of the Senate Secretary, Vanessa Davison is concluding her legislative staff service, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vanessa Davison for her extraordinary dedication as a staff member of the General Assembly, *and be it further*

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