

No. R-96. House concurrent resolution honoring Robin Lunge for her dedicated public service in Vermont State government.

(H.C.R.76)

Offered by Representatives Houghton of Essex Junction, Black of Essex, and Scheu of Middlebury

Whereas, Robin Lunge's exemplary career across the three branches of Vermont State government has always epitomized the ideal virtue of public service, a selfless dedication to serving all Vermonters, and

Whereas, a graduate of Brattleboro Union High School, Robin earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz and a Juris Doctor cum laude at Cornell University Law School, and

Whereas, her first legal position was as a Vermont State trial court clerk, leading to several years of private law practice, and then she started the first of two terms (11/2003–6/2007) and (11/2008–1/2011) as a nonpartisan Legislative Counsel staff attorney where she provided legal support to legislators and legislative committees on matters pertaining to health care and international trade, and

Whereas, in the interlude between her legislative assignments, Robin Lunge was employed as a budget analyst at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington, DC, and

Whereas, upon departing the Legislative Counsel in 2011, Robin Lunge transitioned to a staff attorney role at the Department of Financial Regulation, but that assignment was short-lived, as Governor Peter Shumlin appointed her to the challenging task of serving as the Director of State Health Care Reform during the effort to introduce single-payer health insurance, and

Whereas, in November 2016, Governor Peter Shumlin appointed Robin Lunge to the Green Mountain Care Board, where her broad scope of health care experience, fine-tuned with a master's degree in health care science from Dartmouth College, has brought a singularly independent and informed thinker to the Board, and Governor Philip Scott extended her tenure, and

Whereas, despite her intensive professional life, Robin Lunge is an enthusiastic mountain hiker who even installed a climbing wall in her home, and after eight years at the Board, she is embarking on a new adventure as the Senior Outreach Representative for Health Care in the Burlington and Montpelier offices of U.S. Senator Welch, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Robin Lunge for her dedicated public service in Vermont State government, *and be it further*

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