

No. R-138. House concurrent resolution honoring Deborah J. Aldrich for 42 years of extraordinary municipal public service in the Town of Chester.

(H.C.R.114)

Offered by Representative Charlton of Chester

Offered by Senators Clarkson, Major, Vyhovsky, and White

Whereas, for over four decades, the citizens of the Town of Chester appreciated the outstanding job performance of its former Assistant Town Clerk and Town Clerk/Treasurer Deborah Aldrich, and

Whereas, in 1983, Chester Town Clerk Sandy Walker took a chance on an applicant for the position of Chester Assistant Town Clerk, named Deborah Aldrich, who, at 22 years of age, was untested but proved to be an ideal choice, and

Whereas, Deborah Aldrich consistently approached her work with a desire to be helpful; performed her duties in an efficient, knowledgeable, and timely manner; and was always good-humored, even when confronted with a less amiable individual at the town clerk's desk, and

Whereas, in 2005, the by-then highly experienced Deborah Aldrich successfully stood for election in her own right as Chester Town Clerk/Treasurer, and

Whereas, she brought 22 years of experience to her new job and, to no one's surprise, oversaw a well-managed town clerk's office, ensuring that election administration proceeded smoothly; deeds were recorded as required; and, most importantly for many, the trash ticket sales kept apace, and

Whereas, Deborah Aldrich has worked cooperatively and effectively with four town managers, a bevy of selectboard members, and perhaps more justices of the peace than are easily enumerated, and

Whereas, her career epitomizes the ideal Vermont Town Clerk/Treasurer, and she served as a great role model for her colleagues across the State, and

Whereas, on Town Meeting Day 2025, Deborah Aldrich concluded her service as Chester Town Clerk but, fortunately for the community, has agreed to continue serving as town treasurer, and in recognition of her stellar tenure, a glowing tribute was published in this year's Chester Town Report, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Deborah J. Aldrich for 42 years of extraordinary municipal public service in the Town of Chester, *and be it further*

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