

No. R-371. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Middlebury College Professor Jessica Holmes for her exemplary public service as a member and interim Chair of the Green Mountain Care Board.

(S.C.R.13)

Offered by Senators Lyons, Gulick, Baruth, Beck, Benson, Bongartz, Brennan, Brock, Chittenden, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Hardy, Harrison, Hashim, Heffernan, Major, Mattos, Morley, Perchlik, Plunkett, Ram Hinsdale, Vyhovsky, Watson, Weeks, Westman, and White,

Offered by Representatives Conlon of Cornwall, Houghton of Essex Junction, Black of Essex, Berbeco of Winooski, Cina of Burlington, Critchlow of Colchester, Demar of Enosburgh, Goldman of Rockingham, Lueders of Lincoln, Powers of Waterford, Soucy of Barre Town, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB) is charged with the critical role of regulating the delivery of health care services in Vermont, and the membership of the GMCB must be knowledgeable and effective, and

Whereas, a GMCB member who superbly exemplifies this standard is Middlebury College Professor Jessica Holmes, whom former Governor Peter Shumlin appointed in 2014 and Governor Philip B. Scott reappointed in 2020, and

Whereas, Jessica Holmes earned her bachelor's degree from Colgate University and both her master's and doctorate in economics from Yale University, and her academic portfolio at Middlebury College focuses on health economics and public policy, and

Whereas, as the recipient of Middlebury College's Gladstone Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Marjorie Lamberti Faculty Appreciation Award, Jessica Holmes's pedagogic excellence has repeatedly been recognized, and

Whereas, she is the coauthor of *Mastering Healthcare Regulation: A Comprehensive Case Study Approach*, an authoritative exploration of the topic intended for both specialists and general audiences, and

Whereas, Jessica Holmes has thoughtfully led GMCB transformative regulatory health care initiatives that promoted greater public access, improved quality, and reduced costs, and

Whereas, she twice stepped up as interim chair, ensuring continuity during periods of leadership transition, and has mentored staff members, and

Whereas, Jessica Holmes has been instrumental in addressing hospital wait times, sustainability, and resource planning, and as the GMCB dean (the longest serving member), she has served as an invaluable institutional resource, and

Whereas, with her GMCB tenure concluding, Jessica Holmes's presence will be truly missed, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Middlebury College Professor Jessica Holmes for her exemplary public service as a member and interim chair of the Green Mountain Care Board, *and be it further*

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