

# State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

## Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 205

Offered by House Committee on Appropriations

House concurrent resolution honoring Maria Blair on her exemplary career as a dedicated staff member at the Joint Fiscal Office

*Whereas*, Maria Blair graduated from Princeton High School in New Jersey and earned both her bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Vermont, and

*Whereas*, she pursued employment focused on fiscal and data analysis in both the public and private sectors, and

*Whereas*, in 1986, while employed at the former Department of Employment and Training, Maria Blair accepted a position with the General Assembly's Joint Fiscal Office, starting a Legislative Branch career that continued for nearly four decades, and

*Whereas*, beginning as a budget analyst, Maria Blair quickly demonstrated subject expertise, exceptional interpersonal skills, the capability to build strong relationships across all branches of government, and the ability to provide timely and highly valued advice and guidance for House Appropriations, for which she exhibited great flexibility, working with 11 appreciative committee chairs over the years, and for the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Joint Fiscal Office, and

*Whereas*, aside from her committee-related duties, Maria Blair developed an in-depth knowledge of the fiscal minutiae of many topics, including LIHEAP and weatherization programs, and

*Whereas*, in the early 1990s, Maria Blair's proven record of achievement and leadership resulted in her promotion to the rank of Associate Fiscal Officer, a senior position in the Joint Fiscal Office, and

*Whereas*, Maria Blair was instrumental in building Joint Fiscal Office camaraderie through her exceptional baking, her dedication to the porch flowers, and her ability to dispel stress through humor and storytelling, and

*Whereas*, Maria Blair is a genuine animal aficionado who formerly raised and tended to horses on her homestead, and, in more recent years, has adopted many dogs, sometimes up to five canine companions, who have brought comedy, exasperation, and joy to her life, and

*Whereas*, Maria Blair, an admired, astute, and congenial esteemed legislative staff member has concluded an amazing legislative staff tenure and anticipates enjoying time with her family, which includes her son, daughter, and daughter-in-law, and with friends; tending to her garden; and experiencing new life adventures, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors Maria Blair on her exemplary career as a dedicated staff member at the Joint Fiscal Office, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Maria Blair.