

No. R-14. House concurrent resolution congratulating Laura Ziegler of Plainfield on being named the recipient of the 30th annual David W. Curtis Civil Liberties Award.

(H.C.R.8)

Offered by: Representatives Ancel of Calais, Pugh of South Burlington, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Keenan of St. Albans City, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Lippert of Hinesburg, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Wolcott, McFaun of Barre Town, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Smith of Morristown, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Townsend of Randolph, Townsend of South Burlington, and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, Pollina, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Campbell, Collins, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Hartwell, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McAllister, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Sears, Starr, Westman, and White

Whereas, a central tenet of the mission of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is “to protect citizens’ constitutional rights,” and

Whereas, each year, the ACLU of Vermont presents its David W. Curtis Civil Liberties Award to an individual who demonstrates a special commitment to the protection of civil liberties, and

Whereas, in 2012, the ACLU of Vermont honored Laura Ziegler of Plainfield as the 30th recipient of the David W. Curtis Civil Liberties Award, and

Whereas, the ACLU of Vermont recognized Laura Ziegler “for protecting the rights of psychiatric survivors and people with disabilities and for her steadfast commitment to government accountability,” and

Whereas, in its citation, the award described Laura Ziegler as “a tireless self-appointed advocate for citizens who are frequently marginalized and unheard in our society,” and

Whereas, Laura Ziegler devotes countless hours to the promotion of legislation that seeks to address the legal barriers and dilemmas that persons with disabilities confront in their daily lives, and

Whereas, she is a familiar presence during the legislative session in the hallways and committee rooms of the State House, and

Whereas, members of the General Assembly have come to trust the integrity of this extraordinarily dedicated citizen advocate whose sole objective is to improve the life and dignity of persons who have psychiatric disabilities, and

Whereas, Laura Ziegler is a most deserved recipient of the 2012 David W. Curtis Civil Liberties Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Laura Ziegler of Plainfield on being named the recipient of the 30th annual David W. Curtis Civil Liberties Award, and be it further

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