

No. R-40. House concurrent resolution in memory of Margaret Munt of Williston

(H.C.R.16)

Offered by: Representatives Webb of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Lenes of Shelburne, and Miller of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Senator Lyons

Whereas, Margaret Munt was a preeminent teacher in the Williston School District, providing leadership to colleagues and outstanding compassion and pedagogical skill to students, and

Whereas, during the 28 years she taught in the Williston School District, Margaret Munt's students experienced unparalleled encouragement and skillfully designed learning opportunities as well as concepts presented in a tuneful and joyful singing voice, and

Whereas, Margaret Munt's initial introduction to her chosen profession was at age 17 and took place when she began work as a preschool teacher at The Children's School in Burlington, and

Whereas, she attended the University of Vermont and was enrolled in the American Primary Education Program (APEX), a specially designed four-semester humanistic curriculum for prospective teachers, and

Whereas, after graduation, she taught at The Schoolhouse parent cooperative before the Williston School District recruited her to join its faculty, and

Whereas, the house system of class organization at the Williston School District enabled Margaret Munt to continue with the same group of students for multiple grades which she viewed as educationally advantageous, and

Whereas, Margaret Munt along with Barbara Ellis also operated the Shelburne Farms Day Camp for 17 years, and

Whereas, Margaret Munt was diagnosed with cancer in June 2011 and took a leave of absence during the fall of that year, and

Whereas, in the spring of 2012, Margaret Munt resumed teaching on a part-time schedule to conclude her 28-year teaching career at the Williston School District on her own terms, and

Whereas, Margaret Munt died on May 31, 2012, leaving her husband, Michael Lyman; daughters, Evangeline Lyman-Munt and Vanessa Ajayi; son-in-law, Olufunto Ajayi; grandson, Asher Akintoye Ajayi; mother, former Senator Janet Munt; brothers, Plummer, Rick, and Newcomb; and the Williston School District community whose fond memories of Margaret Munt as an exceptional teacher and person will endure, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Margaret Munt, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of her family and to the Williston School District.