

**No. R-77. House concurrent resolution in memory of Marilyn Carlson Childs of Chelsea.**

(H.C.R.54)

Offered by: Representatives Frenier of Chelsea and Graham of Williamstown

Whereas, Marilyn Childs graduated from the Springfield, Massachusetts, public schools; earned a bachelor's degree from American International College; and pursued graduate studies at Springfield College and the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, her journalism career began at the *Springfield* (Massachusetts) *Union* in 1940, the same year she graduated from high school, and

Whereas, for many years, students at Chelsea High School knew Marilyn Childs as a respected educator who taught English, French, journalism, composition and speech; served as a guidance counselor and assistant principal; coached outstanding forensics teams that won 10 State championships and other debating honors; was twice named as Vermont Debate Coach of the Year; and taught her students to respect the power of the English language, and

Whereas, Marilyn Childs was a civic and political leader, serving as a Chelsea Justice of the Peace, chairing the town's Republican committee, and sitting on the party's county and State committees, and

Whereas, starting at nine years of age and for 60 years thereafter, Marilyn Childs was in the saddle or engaged in a variety of equestrian-related roles, including editing specialized periodicals, writing five topically related books, serving as a licensed judge and steward of the American Horse Show Association, and directing the American Morgan Horse Association, and she was 1975's Morgan Horse Woman of the Year, and

Whereas, Marilyn C. Childs died at 93 years of age on December 16, 2016, and her survivors include her sons, David, Robert, and Carl; six grandsons; two granddaughters; and a great-grandson, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Marilyn Carlson Childs of Chelsea, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Marilyn C. Childs's family.