

**No. R-123. House concurrent resolution honoring the civic service of Bennington Selectboard Chair Lodie Colvin.**

(H.C.R.86)

Offered by: Representatives Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Mook of Bennington and Morrissey of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Sears and Hartwell

Whereas, for the past 19 years, Lodie Colvin has served with distinction as a member of the Bennington Selectboard, and

Whereas, she demonstrated leadership potential that resulted in her selection as chair, and for 15 years she has successfully guided the selectboard through its deliberations with openness, transparency, and professionalism, and

Whereas, Lodie Colvin has been an advocate for fairness, especially in controversial hearings, and she always assured all sides on an issue were allowed to present their views, and

Whereas, her selectboard leadership included bargaining the renewal of four union contracts, during which Lodie Colvin had a reputation as a proponent for equitable policies with respect to workers' pay and benefits, and

Whereas, she treated fellow members of the selectboard with respect, always keeping her cool in tough situations, and

Whereas, Lodie Colvin led the town of Bennington through a series of successful development projects including the attraction of Plasan, Vermont Composites, NSK, Abacus, and Global Z, among others, and

Whereas, two rolling reappraisals, a grand list development, Bennington's first Capital Plan, establishing new planning goals, the adoption of changes to

two town charters, and the construction of new fire and police stations were among the highlights of her selectboard leadership years, and

Whereas, Lodie Colvin's commitment to Bennington's well-being is exemplified through her work in support of Bennington Project Independence, Bennington in Bloom, and the American Association of University Women, and

Whereas, for 30 years, when not involved in public policy discussions and civic activities, Lodie Colvin dedicated her days to teaching the future citizens of Bennington as a public school teacher, and

Whereas, Lodie Colvin has served as a role model for women in public service, and, as she leaves the Bennington Selectboard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the civic service of Bennington Selectboard Chair Lodie Colvin, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lodie Colvin in Bennington.