

No. R-179. House concurrent resolution in memory of youth mental health care leader Margaret Atkins Reilly Gannaway.

(H.C.R.134)

Offered by: Representatives Dolan of Essex Junction and Houghton of Essex Junction

Whereas, children's mental health care in Vermont had no more dedicated and passionate a leader than Maggie Gannaway, whose devotion to her life's calling never abated, notwithstanding a seven-year battle against colon cancer, and

Whereas, originally from Massachusetts, she earned her undergraduate degree and a master's degree in social work at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, during a stellar 35-year career, Maggie Gannaway served as a case manager and in several directorship roles at the Northeastern Family Institute, the Vermont Department of Mental Health, Casey Family Services, the Howard Center, and Otter Creek Associates, and

Whereas, this inspiring proponent for improved youth mental health care died on August 14, 2023, and her survivors include her parents; siblings; husband, Jim; daughter; stepdaughters; and step-grandchildren, who, along with many admiring friends, remembered her fondly at a memorial service held most fittingly at Camp Ta-Kum-Ta in South Hero, the location of her wedding and a special place where youngsters fighting cancer are afforded the joys of summer recreational opportunities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Margaret Atkins Reilly Gannaway, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Maggie Gannaway.