

No. R-301. House concurrent resolution honoring former Bethel Town Clerk and Treasurer Jean Burnham for her nearly half century of illustrious municipal public service.

(H.C.R.241)

Offered by: Representative Haas of Rochester

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, in 1970, Jean Burnham stood for election as Bethel Town Clerk and Treasurer in order to serve her community and, being well-known and respected locally, her electoral quest was successful, and

Whereas, the citizens of Bethel came to appreciate Jean Burnham's attention to administrative details, unwavering professionalism, and the high ethical standards that she applied in performing all her clerk-related duties, including the retention of public records and the administration of elections, and

Whereas, in her treasurer's role, Jean Burnham took great pride in overseeing the town's daily financial management accurately, responsibly, and in compliance with the financial standards that municipal governments are required to meet, and

Whereas, Jean Burnham greeted with a smile the public entering the town clerk's office and she created a friendly work environment for her staff, and

Whereas, since 1970, the Bethel Town Clerk and Treasurer's office has evolved into a far more technologically advanced environment, and Bethel's municipal land records' growth has progressed from 45 to 112 volumes, and

Whereas, the demands on town treasurers have become increasingly complex, as municipal and state taxation systems are now more closely intertwined, and

Whereas, as these changes occurred, Jean Burnham kept apace and ensured that the Bethel Town Clerk and Treasurer's office was current with the latest innovations and mandates, and

Whereas, Jean Burnham became a mentor for her newer colleagues across the State as an acknowledged expert on all facets of serving as a town clerk and treasurer, and

Whereas, after nearly half a century, Jean Burnham recently concluded one of the longest tenures of any town clerk and treasurer in Vermont, and she can be extremely proud of her accomplishments, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Bethel Town Clerk and Treasurer Jean Burnham for her nearly half century of illustrious municipal public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jean Burnham in Bethel and to the Bethel Town Clerk.