

**No. R-476. House concurrent resolution honoring former Director of Retirement Policy & Outreach Cynthia Webster.**

(H.C.R.250)

Offered by: Committee on Government Operations

Whereas, the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System (VSERS), the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS), and the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) provide financial support for thousands of retired public sector employees, and

Whereas, Cynthia Webster's long-standing presence in of the office of the state treasurer was essential to its successful operation, and

Whereas, in the 1970s, a young Cynthia Webster became an employee at the state treasurer's office working as an entry-level typist, and

Whereas, Cynthia Webster departed the office of the state treasurer to raise her family, but this departure hardly ended her association with these retirement systems, and her greatest managerial contribution was still ahead, and

Whereas, in 1985, when Emory Hebard was serving as state treasurer, Cynthia Webster resumed her employment and began her rise through the ranks, and

Whereas, her supervisors were continuously impressed with the caliber of Cynthia Webster's work and her dedication to making the VSERS, the VSTRS, and the VMERS the best possible public employee pension systems, and

Whereas, during her career, she was repeatedly promoted to positions of increasing responsibility, and

Whereas, by 1996, Cynthia Webster had been named the Director of Retirement Policy & Outreach, and in this role she supervised the daily management of the three systems under the direction of the state retirement board, including the counseling of prospective retirees, and

Whereas, in her director's position, Cynthia Webster developed a reputation among state legislators for sound judgment and impeccable character, and

Whereas, she played an instrumental role in the development of the 2005 legislation establishing the Vermont Pension Investment Committee to invest the systems' assets on a pooled basis, and

Whereas, each state treasurer for whom Cynthia Webster worked held her in extremely high regard, and her own recent retirement concluded a most successful career in state government, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Director of Retirement Policy & Outreach Cynthia Webster for her outstanding public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Cynthia Webster.