

No. R-399. House concurrent resolution honoring Patricia Palencsar for her leadership at Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center.

(H.C.R.289)

Offered by: Representatives Campion of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Patricia Palencsar trained as a nurse at Long Island College Hospital and earned a master's degree in human services administration at the Antioch New England Graduate School, and

Whereas, her career positions in Bennington County included adjunct faculty member at Southern Vermont College, previous owner of the Diet Center in downtown Bennington, area nurse manager for the Professional Nurses Association, and director of nursing at the Prospect Nursing Home, and

Whereas, in 1999, Patricia Palencsar became the executive director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Bennington County, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service's Senior Corps that matches volunteers 55 years of age and older with meaningful work at nonprofit organizations and municipalities, and

Whereas, in 2006, she helped merge the RSVP programs of Bennington, Windham, and Windsor counties into the unified Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center that now oversees over 1,000 volunteers at 234 work locations, and

Whereas, Patricia Palencsar has directed the combined RSVP programs with great success, and

Whereas, her colleagues recognized that Patricia Palencsar is an outstanding RSVP director when they selected her as the regional vice president, and

Whereas, Patricia Palencsar adheres personally to the volunteerism philosophy of RSVP, having served on the boards of a number of community organizations, including chairing the boards of the United Way of Bennington County, the Bennington Chamber of Commerce, and the Green Mountain Chapter of the American Red Cross, and

Whereas, she is now concluding her leadership role at Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center, and her colleagues and the volunteers she oversees will miss her wisdom and wise counsel, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Patricia Palencsar for her leadership at Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Patricia Palencsar and to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center.