

No. R-432. House concurrent resolution in memory of Jane Rinck of Pawlet.

(H.C.R.310)

Offered by: Representative Malcolm of Pawlet

Whereas, the town of Pawlet recently lost the friendship and enthusiastic civic and cultural leadership of Jane Rinck, who died in October 2009, and

Whereas, she graduated from Barnard College, The New York School of Social Work, and New York University Law School, and

Whereas, prior to her settling in Pawlet 25 years ago, Jane Rinck had worked as a social worker, including as an intern at the United Nations focusing on narcotics issues and in Newark and Philadelphia; as an academic researcher for think tanks associated with Columbia and Princeton Universities; and finally for many years as an attorney in Toms River, New Jersey, where she became that state's first woman law firm partner while practicing at Berry, Summerhill, Rinck, and Berry, and

Whereas, Jane Rinck was a talented violinist who played with the Garden State Philharmonic Symphony; skippered her ketch "Justice" on Barnegat Bay, Chesapeake Bay, and along the inland waterway to Florida; loved to ride her bicycle; and traveled widely, and

Whereas, once she was residing in Pawlet, Jane Rinck established the Pawlet Scholarship Fund with her own money, and this fund has donated \$250,000.00 in scholarships to 160 residents of Pawlet for college and trade school tuition and other postsecondary educational opportunities including midcareer training, and

Whereas, she volunteered at the Mettawee Community School's environmental learning group, and

Whereas, her enthusiasm for the violin and its music continued in Pawlet as she played the instrument at various Mettawee Community School events and started a sustaining fund that provides violins and free lessons, and

Whereas, over 100 students have availed themselves of this special gift, and some of the recipients of her musical generosity played their violins as a musical farewell at her memorial service, and

Whereas, Jane Rinck was an author who wrote the book "Vermont Mountain Air for People Stuck Inside" and wrote articles for the *Vermont News Guide* and the *Christian Science Monitor*, and

Whereas, she was a parishioner at and an active participant in the religious services and activities of nearby Trinity Episcopal Church in Granville, New York, and

Whereas, she held a firm belief that all persons should be able to pursue life's opportunities on a fair and equal basis, and

Whereas, her nieces Louise Roby of Grenoble, France, and Marcia Bravard of Boulder, Colorado, will miss their beloved aunt as will the town of Pawlet, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its regrets on the death of Jane Rinck, who left an enduring cultural and educational legacy to the town of Pawlet, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Pawlet Historical Society, the Mettawee Community School, and to each of Jane Rinck's nieces.