

No. R-90. Senate concurrent resolution honoring former Representative Jennifer R. Nelson of Ryegate for her exemplary career in public service and agriculture.

(S.C.R.9)

By Senators Kitchel, Ashe, Benning, Branagan, Brooks, Collamore, Degree, Mazza, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Starr, and Westman,

By Representatives Conquest of Newbury, Martel of Waterford, Batchelor of Derby, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Emmons of Springfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Higley of Lowell, Keefe of Manchester, and Lawrence of Lyndon,

Whereas, Jenny Nelson has devoted her professional life to serving other Vermonters on the municipal, State, and federal levels of government and working to improve, as well as personally participating in, Vermont's agricultural economy, and

Whereas, she graduated from Mt. Anthony Union High School and the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, although originally from southern Vermont, since marrying William Nelson, she has resided on the family's dairy farm, Home Acres Farm, in Ryegate Corner, and

Whereas, Jenny Nelson held a leadership position at Rural Vermont and was active on topics of concern to Vermont's farming community, and

Whereas, one of her agricultural endeavors was working as an editor of food-related publications, and

Whereas, she has served as a member of the Ryegate Board of Civil Authority, and

Whereas, during the 1997–1998 Biennium, Jenny Nelson served in the House of Representatives as the member from Ryegate and, not surprisingly, sat on the House Committee on Agriculture, and

Whereas, since 1999, she has served as an agricultural policy adviser for then U.S. Representative and now U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders' staff, working directly with farmers statewide but especially in the Northeast Kingdom, and her personal farming experience has proven invaluable, and

Whereas, although primarily focused on agricultural matters, Jenny Nelson has also addressed other public policy topics from U.S. Senator Sanders' St. Johnsbury office, and

Whereas, she proudly serves on the Board of Advisors of the University of Vermont's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and

Whereas, in 2017, Jenny Nelson is concluding her career as a congressional staffer, and her role in agricultural policy development in the State will not be filled easily, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Representative Jennifer R. Nelson of Ryegate for her exemplary career in public service and agriculture, *and be it further*

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