

**No. R-143. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Joanie Binns for her accomplishments as manager of the Quimby Country resort.**

(S.C.R.19)

By Senators Illuzzi and Starr,

By Representative Johnson of Canaan,

*Whereas*, Quimby Country in Averill is a shareholder-owned rustic resort that attracts guests from far beyond Vermont's borders who return annually to renew old acquaintances and enjoy the resort's warm hospitality and great outdoor activities, and

*Whereas*, this century-old recreational facility is situated adjacent to Forest Lake and Big Averill Pond, features a central three-story lodge and one-floor cabins, and is reminiscent of the sprawling north country summer camps of a bygone era, and

*Whereas*, the managerial oversight required for Quimby Country's successful operation must be attentive to the twin goals of providing a wonderful vacation experience for visitors and assuring shareholders they have invested in an efficiently and responsibly operated business, and

*Whereas*, for the last 17 years, Joanie Binns has served as Quimby Country's first-class manager and assumed myriad responsibilities she could never have envisioned would enter her portfolio of duties, and

*Whereas*, the scope of her job is as diverse as any comparable position in the hospitality industry, and

*Whereas*, as inn manager, Joanie Binns supervises Quimby Country's daily administration during the summer occupancy season, and even after the last guest departs, she has numerous tasks related to wrapping up the year and preparing for the next, and

*Whereas*, her culinary skills have been successfully tested and guest-approved as Joanie Binns has proven a pastry chef who can create delicious delights, and

*Whereas*, when Quimby Country installed a new septic system, Joanie Binns quickly mastered the technical intricacies to serve as the project's clerk of the works, and

*Whereas*, Joanie Binns has proven economically adroit, demonstrating a keen ability to maximize the value of each dollar and implementing downsizing initiatives to meet the limitations of current economic conditions, and

*Whereas*, she is widely viewed among the resort's guests and directors as a superb manager who has risen to every challenge and met it beyond anyone's expectations, and

*Whereas*, after 17 years of service beyond the call of duty as Quimby Country's manager, Joanie Binns has announced that her tenure at the resort is concluding, and replacing her will be a difficult task, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors Joanie Binns for her accomplishments as manager of the Quimby Country resort, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joanie Binns and to Quimby Country President Lewis Morse.