

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Resolution

By Senators Baruth, Bray, Brock, Campion, Chittenden, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Gulick, Hardy, Harrison, Hashim, Ingalls, Julow, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Norris, Perchlik, Ram Hinsdale, Starr, Vyhovsky, Watson, Weeks, Westman, White, Williams and Wrenner,

S.R. 19. Senate resolution honoring the distinguished Executive Branch and legislative public service of Senator Martha Jane Kitchel.

Whereas, prior to entering State government as a social worker in the former Department of Social Welfare, Jane Kitchel graduated from Danville High School and Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, Jane Kitchel's supervisors quickly recognized her personal compassion and dedication, which were tempered with strong doses of professionalism and common sense; and these qualities established a path leading to the positions of Deputy Commissioner and then, Commissioner of the Department of Social Welfare; and, ultimately, Governor Howard Dean appointed her Secretary of the Agency of Human Services, and

Whereas, in 2004, having completed her stellar career in the Executive Branch and desiring to continue in public service, Jane Kitchel, who had long been a community leader in the Northeast Kingdom, ran successfully for a Caledonia District Senate seat, and

Whereas, in 2005, in an unusual appointment for a new senator, the Senate Committee on Committees named Senator Martha Jane Kitchel as the Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations; and, having proven highly effective in this post from 2005 to 2010, in 2011, the Senate Committee on Committees elevated her to the position of Senate Committee on Appropriations Chair, and she has exercised her pivotal State budgetary leadership based on detailed fiscal analysis and thoughtful judgment, and

Whereas, as a member of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Senator Martha Jane Kitchel's keen eye has also reviewed the development of all forms of motorized travel in Vermont, and, as Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, she has been a strong supporter of financing the construction of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, and

Whereas, after two decades of legislatively serving her constituents, and all Vermonters, with distinction and grace, including in her newest assignment as a member of the Senate Committee on Committees, Senator Martha Jane Kitchel has announced that she will not seek reelection in 2024, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate of the State of Vermont honors the distinguished Executive Branch and legislative public service of Senator Martha Jane Kitchel, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Senator Martha Jane Kitchel.