

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 278

House concurrent resolution congratulating *Vermont Woman* on winning the 2007 New England Press Association's Newspaper of the Year Award and related honors

Offered by: Representative Pugh of S. Burlington

Whereas, in 2002, perceiving the strong need for a newspaper designed for women readers that men would also find informative, a daring group of Vermont women and men launched *Vermont Woman*, and

Whereas, thoughtful regular columns such as Eyes of Ceres and Older Wiser, informative articles written with great style and verve, an attractive layout, and well designed illustrations each contributed to *Vermont Woman's* rapid acceptance in the journalism fraternity, and

Whereas, in 2003, *Vermont Woman* earned its first award, a third-place prize from the Vermont Press Association (VPA) for general excellence, and

Whereas, in 2005, *Vermont Woman* won first-place honors from the New England Press Association (NEPA) in the general news story and feature photo categories, and, in 2006, the VPA awarded *Vermont Woman* first-place awards in feature-writing and headline-writing, and NEPA presented the paper a top prize for a human interest feature story, and

Whereas, these accolades along with a number of second- and third-place awards from both organizations further enhanced *Vermont Woman's* esteem among its publishing peers, and

Whereas, all of these honors were merely a prelude to the unexpected presentation to *Vermont Woman* of the NEPA's 2007 Newspaper of the Year Award in the biweekly-monthly publication category, a recognition that no Vermont publication, regardless of its frequency of issuance, has ever received, and

Whereas, a NEPA competition judge commented, "I can not imagine being a woman living in Vermont and not being a reader of *Vermont Woman*," and

Whereas, NEPA also recognized *Vermont Woman* with first-place prizes in the general news story category for Carrie Chandler's April 2007 cover story, "Inconvenient Choices: The Future of Vermont's Energy Supply & Demand," and in the feature photo category for editor Margaret Michniewicz's portrait of Monkton farmer Norma Norris with her two grandsons, as well as with additional second- (feature photo) and third- (general news story) place awards, and

Whereas, these prestigious 2007 regional journalism awards are an amazing accomplishment, and the entire staff of *Vermont Woman* can be extraordinarily proud, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates *Vermont Woman* on winning the 2007 New England Press Association's Newspaper of the Year Award and related honors, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to *Vermont Woman's* publisher, Sue Gillis.