

**No. R-155. House concurrent resolution honoring Stephen A. Klein for his dedicated leadership as the General Assembly's Chief Fiscal Officer.**

(H.C.R.102)

Offered by: Representative Hooper of Montpelier

Offered by: Senator Kitchel

Whereas, in 1991, the Joint Fiscal Office hired Stephen Klein, a graduate of the University of California at Berkley, the graduate school of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the Northeastern University School of Law, as the Senate's Fiscal Analyst, and

Whereas, although reserved in manner as an interviewee, his new colleagues quickly discovered that Stephen Klein was a highly enthusiastic, outgoing individual, whose appearance and manner were of entirely different sorts, and who became much beloved and admired by all he encountered, and

Whereas, Stephen Klein immediately mastered the fiscal specifics of Vermont State government and operations of the General Assembly, and

Whereas, he impressed Vermont's legislators with his adroitness in satisfying their fiscal inquiries, and, in 1993, the Joint Fiscal Committee appointed him as the General Assembly's Chief Fiscal Officer, and

Whereas, for the next 28 years, Stephen Klein performed this role in an exemplary manner, serving in leadership roles at the National Conference of State Legislators, and, in 2013, receiving NCSL's Stephen D. Gold award for his significant contributions to public financial management in intergovernmental relations, in addition to participating in regional and national associations of state fiscal officers, and

Whereas, Stephen Klein was honored by Representative Peter Welch in the *Congressional Record* on December 5, 2013, for his Stephen D. Gold award and for his exemplary service to the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, he selflessly devoted many volunteer hours to civic activities, including serving on the boards of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, and the New England Public Policy Center, serving as President of the Hunger Mountain Food Cooperative, and serving as treasurer of the Green Mountain Club, and the Beth Jacob synagogue, and

Whereas, Stephen Klein infused the Joint Fiscal Office with his larger-than-life persona, assembling a skilled staff while creating a work environment full of laughter and cohesiveness that defined the essence of the office during his tenure and beyond, and

Whereas, on August 11, 2021, current and former legislators and staff celebrated Stephen Klein's illustrious career at a rollicking farewell party on the State House lawn, as they bid him an appreciative and fond farewell, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Stephen A. Klein for his dedicated leadership as the General Assembly's Chief Fiscal Office and wishes him all the best in his future endeavors, and be it further

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