

No. R-151. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Raney Aronson-Rath on winning the 2015 Vermont Public Media Ambassador Award.

(S.C.R.16)

By Senator MacDonald,

By Representatives Davis of Washington and Graham of Williamstown,

Whereas, Raney Aronson-Rath grew up in the Orange County town of Washington and graduated from Chelsea High School, and

Whereas, she graduated from the University of Wisconsin, majoring in South Asian studies and history, and

Whereas, desiring to pursue a career in journalism, Raney Aronson-Rath earned a master's degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, and

Whereas, her stellar career as both a print and electronic journalist included positions at ABC News, the *Wall Street Journal*, and MSNBC, and

Whereas, in 2007, the PBS program *Frontline* hired Raney Aronson-Rath as a senior producer, offering her an exciting new opportunity for pursuing investigative journalism, and

Whereas, she oversaw the production of significant *Frontline* episodes including "News War," "The Last Abortion Clinic" and "Post Mortem," and

Whereas, the superb quality of Raney Aronson-Rath's broadcasts resulted in her 2012 promotion to the job of *Frontline*'s deputy executive producer, and

Whereas, under Raney Aronson-Rath's leadership, the program has won major broadcast journalism awards and gained new funding for *Frontline*'s investigative reporting capacity, and

Whereas, Raney Aronson-Rath has expanded *Frontline*'s digital footprint by launching a YouTube channel with original content and establishing other major interactive projects, and

Whereas, Raney Aronson-Rath was honored to be named as a 2014–2015 Fellow at the MIT Open Doc Lab, and

Whereas, she has spoken at many academic forums, including events at MIT, New York University, and Stanford University, and

Whereas, Vermont PBS has selected Raney Aronson-Rath as its 2015 Vermont Public Media Ambassador Award winner, in recognition of her contributions as a Vermonter to the evolution of public media, and

Whereas, this award will be presented to the honoree on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Raney Aronson-Rath on winning the Vermont PBS 2015 Vermont Public Media Ambassador Award, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Raney Aronson-Rath.