

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

FOR

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

The following joint concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Secretary's office and/or the House Clerk's office, respectively.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott,

By Representatives Koch of Barre Town and McFaun of Barre Town,

S.C.R. 1.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Barre Town Middle and Elementary School Co-Principal Dr. Theodore Riggen.

Whereas, for the past 22 years, the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School community, including students, faculty, staff, and parents, has been fortunate to have Dr. Theodore Riggen as one of the school's two co-principals, and

Whereas, Dr. Theodore Riggen's educational philosophy focuses on how each student learns best and features a comprehensive teaching approach that recognizes the importance of both the core curriculum and classes in art, music, and physical education, and

Whereas, his focus on state-mandated action planning has improved the quality of Barre Town School's classroom offerings, and

Whereas, technological advances have played a major role at Barre Town Middle and Elementary School, and early on, students are taught computer literacy, including mastery of the keyboard, and

Whereas, the importance of reading is now emphasized at Barre Town Middle and Elementary School through a mandate that Dr. Theodore Riggen developed requiring each student to read 25 books, and

Whereas, Dr. Theodore Riggen is a proponent of using hands-on activities as learning tools, and he oversaw the development of a school vegetable garden that has also introduced the students to healthy composting practices, making the concept of farm-to-school one with which they are well acquainted, and

Whereas, the success of the school's coordinated school health advisory council is in large measure due to his participation, and

Whereas, Dr. Theodore Riggen believes in the highest of grammatical standards for all involved in education, saying, "If a community cannot look to its school for perfect grammar, to whom can a community look?" and

Whereas, he maintains meticulous notes and records of his every interaction in order to serve each individual and the organization as a whole with the utmost efficiency, and

Whereas, students, teachers, boards, and the community have regularly benefited from his institutional memory on all matters of school life, and

Whereas, after over two decades of outstanding service as an outstanding education leader in Barre Town, Dr. Theodore Riggen will retire this spring, and everyone associated with the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School will miss his presence at the school, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to honor retiring Barre Town Middle and Elementary School Co-Principal Dr. Theodore Riggen for his significant contributions to public education in Barre Town, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Theodore Riggen at Barre Town Middle and Elementary School.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, MacDonald, McCormack and Scott,

By Representatives French of Randolph, Hooper of Montpelier, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Townsend of Randolph and Donovan of Burlington,

S.C.R. 2.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Stephen Metcalf as an exemplary public education leader in Vermont.

Whereas, Steve Metcalf is a public school educator who is "committed to improving public schools to serve their original purpose of preparing children to be capable involved citizens," and

Whereas, Steve Metcalf's own preparation to serve as an educator began at the University of Rochester, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history, and he subsequently earned graduate degrees at Keene State College and the State University of New York at Brockport, and

Whereas, after a distinguished career as a classroom teacher, in 1985, Steve Metcalf assumed the responsibilities of supervising principal in Randolph, a position he held for 20 years, and

Whereas, during this period, an impressive new elementary school building was constructed that has elevated the community's pride, and

Whereas, in June 2005, Steve Metcalf assumed a new public education administrative role as the Orange-Windsor Supervisory Union's superintendent, and

Whereas, in 2007, Steve Metcalf's innovative leadership in the Orange-Windsor Supervisory Union led to his appointment as Montpelier's new superintendent, and

Whereas, under his leadership, the Montpelier school system's administrative offices were relocated to the high school, and the concept of a service-learning community was introduced, and

Whereas, in December 2008, Steve Metcalf was diagnosed with stage-4 bile duct cancer, and he decided to use his condition as "a teachable moment about grief, disease and death," and

Whereas, he remained involved in school system matters until his decision to retire in early May, and

Whereas, throughout the winter and spring, his grown children, Alex, Ben, and Emily, have been his constant companions, having placed their own lives partially on hold to support their father and bring cheer into his life, and

Whereas, although Steve Metcalf has been hospitalized at Gifford Medical Center, he participated via computer video links in two community celebrations of his life: the first at Randolph Elementary School where 175 friends and colleagues spoke glowingly of his role at the school, dedicated the library in his honor, and presented a commemorative quilt of 35 squares, and

Whereas, he was similarly feted at festivities in Montpelier High School, where the establishment of a scholarship in his honor and the eighth grade class's \$1,000.00 donation were announced, and

Whereas, Steve Metcalf has been a model and mentor for many teachers and school administrators, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Stephen Metcalf as an exemplary public education leader in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Steve Metcalf, to each of his children, to Randolph Elementary School, and to Montpelier High School.

By Senators Sears and Hartwell,

By Representatives Miller of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Hube of Londonderry, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Mook of Bennington and Wilson of Manchester,

S.C.R. 3.

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Dr. Anna E. Worth.

Whereas, few persons are as passionate in protecting animals as was Dr. Anna Worth, a Shaftsbury veterinarian who was an international leader in the effort to promote their humane care, and

Whereas, Anna Worth's parents recognized her devotion to animals when they permitted their young daughter to bring her treasured pet donkeys into the family's living room in West Chester, Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, her abhorrence of animal cruelty coincided with her Quaker faith and its precepts that are premised on nonviolence, and

Whereas, compassion for animals was so deeply ingrained in Anna Worth's outlook on life that she focused her professional career on their welfare, earning a degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine following her graduation from Denison University, and

Whereas, she and her husband, Dr. Robert Bergman, a University of Pennsylvania classmate, practiced in Montana before opening the West Mountain Animal Hospital in Shaftsbury, and

Whereas, aside from operating an active veterinary practice, Dr. Anna Worth became a leader among her Vermont colleagues, serving as president of the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association, founding and editing the society's newsletter, and serving as the Vermont delegate to the American Veterinary Medical Association, and

Whereas, Dr. Anna Worth served on the board of the Bennington County Humane Society and chaired the Vermont Cruelty Task Force and the Vermont Animal Welfare Committee, and

Whereas, beyond Vermont, she was a key figure in the activities of the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA), an organization that develops standards and provides accreditation services for animal hospitals and that seeks to improve the quality of animal care internationally, and

Whereas, the level of respect she earned within AAHA made her a clear choice to serve as its representative on national task forces and to other similarly oriented organizations, and

Whereas, the AAHA entrusted her with its most important responsibilities when it selected her to serve as president for the 2008–2009 term and, ever the optimist, Dr. Anna Worth performed these demanding duties, including an active speaking and travel schedule that she continued to maintain, despite her valiant battle against cancer, and

Whereas, this internationally revered advocate for humane animal care, this wife, mother, and grandmother who loved outdoor hobbies, died in the presence of her family on May 16, 2009, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sympathies to the family of Dr. Anna E. Worth, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to her husband, Dr. Robert Bergman, daughter Sarah Bergman of Tucson, Arizona, and son Bo Bergman of Shaftsbury.

By Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka,

By Representatives Ainsworth of Royalton and Mitchell of Barnard,

S.C.R. 4.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Jenny Hewitt on her selection to attend the 2009 National Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy.

Whereas, in today's highly technological 21st century society, students require a sound foundation in math and science in order to succeed, regardless of their career choices, and

Whereas, this core educational prerequisite should be developed when students are in the elementary grades, and

Whereas, as a way to encourage excellence in elementary school math and science education, in 2005, the professional golfer, Phil Mickelson, and his wife, Amy, in collaboration with the ExxonMobil Corporation, established the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy, and

Whereas, with curriculum development and teaching support from the National Science Teachers Association and Math Solutions, the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy selects 200 outstanding third–fifth grade elementary school teachers from throughout the nation to participate in a

specially designed and fun week-long summer camp that bolsters their math and science teaching skills, and

Whereas, this all-expense-paid learning experience is conducted at the Liberty Science Center, a nonprofit corporation located across from the Statue of Liberty, in Jersey City, New Jersey that is “dedicated to offering exceptional science learning experiences,” and

Whereas, one of the fortunate teachers selected to attend the 2009 National Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy is Jenny Hewitt who teaches the fourth grade at the Pomfret School, and

Whereas, Jenny Hewitt’s teaching philosophy is one in which problem-solving is woven throughout the curriculum, and teaching students how to think is central to the education process, and

Whereas, she stresses both conceptual understanding and communication skills in her mathematics lessons and has centered her science instruction around the important topic of water, and

Whereas, her enthusiasm and creativity in presenting new material will make Jenny Hewitt an ideal participant in the 2009 National Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jenny Hewitt on her selection to attend the 2009 National Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jenny Hewitt at the Pomfret School.

House Concurrent Resolutions

H.C.R. 1

House concurrent resolution congratulating Tom and Sally’s Handmade Chocolates Inc. of Brattleboro on its recognition in the *Yankee Magazine* Travel Guide as the home of the “Best Sweets in New England”

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Burke of Brattleboro, Edwards of Brattleboro, Milkey of Brattleboro, O’Donnell of Vernon and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, nearly two decades ago, Tom and Sally Fegley abandoned New York City for the less hectic pace of southern Vermont, and

Whereas, their special dream was to make chocolate delights in the Green Mountain State, resulting in the establishment of Tom and Sally's Handmade Chocolates in Brattleboro, and

Whereas, the company's chocolate production factory is a fun place to work, produces its products in small batches using superior recipes with no preservatives, fillers, or waxes, and ships its merchandise worldwide, and

Whereas, the superior quality of Tom and Sally's Handmade Chocolates is attributable to the company's exclusive reliance on African cocoa beans, grown primarily in Ghana and the Ivory Coast, that are blended by expert chocolatiers in Belgium and France, and

Whereas, Tom and Sally Fegley and their employees have mastered the art of producing innovative and delicious chocolates of multiple types and varieties, and

Whereas, in the gourmet category, the product selection includes luxury chocolates, old-time almond toffee, and old-time peanut brittle, and

Whereas, children and adults love Tom and Sally's Handmade Chocolates' fun products, including old-time peanut candy, the chocolate girlfriend and boyfriend, pies and chips, fun candies, the cone collection, chocolate comforts, and chocolate CDs, and

Whereas, vegans can savor Tom and Sally's menu of lifestyle chocolates, 100 percent organic skinny bars, and handcrafted chocolate bars wrapped with vintage art, and

Whereas, brides and grooms can purchase chocolate cupids and heart lollipops to decorate their wedding table, and

Whereas, the creative entrepreneurship of Tom and Sally's Handmade Chocolates Inc. has recently been honored with *Yankee Magazine's* Travel Guide "Best Sweets in New England" designation, which will no doubt further spread the word about this unique chocolate confectionary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Tom and Sally's Handmade Chocolates Inc. of Brattleboro on its recognition in the *Yankee Magazine* Travel Guide as the home of the "Best Sweets in New England," and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tom and Sally's Handmade Chocolates in Brattleboro.

H.C.R. 2

House concurrent resolution honoring Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Bonnie Rutledge

Offered by: Representatives McDonald of Berlin, Westman of Cambridge, Aswad of Burlington, Audette of South Burlington, Brennan of Colchester, Burke of Brattleboro, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Howrigan of Fairfield, Lanpher of Vergennes, Peaslee of Guildhall, Minter of Waterbury and Stevens of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Mazza, Kitchel, Maynard, Scott and Shumlin

Whereas, the department of motor vehicles has a direct impact on the daily lives of the hundreds of thousands of licensed drivers in this state, and

Whereas, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Bonnie Rutledge has directed the department's operations since June of 2000, having served as acting commissioner for three months prior to assuming the position on a permanent basis, and

Whereas, Bonnie Rutledge was extremely well qualified to become motor vehicles commissioner as prior to her appointment, she spent over two decades working her way up the department's organizational ladder, and

Whereas, there are few jobs in state government that potentially place an individual in the direct firing line of criticism from the public and legislators as does this office, and

Whereas, Commissioner Rutledge has persevered through many high-profile and controversial issues, including the introduction, after much debate, of mandatory photos for newly licensed drivers, judicial challenges to the department's rejection of some requested vanity plate combinations of letters and numbers, new federally imposed requirements for drivers' licenses, questions of truck weight limits on interstate highways and, most recently, financially inspired proposals to change vehicle inspection schedules and eliminate one of the two plates currently required on all Vermont registered vehicles, and

Whereas, under her leadership, the department introduced online vehicle registration renewals and reached an agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that enabled Vermont to offer enhanced licenses that can be used in lieu of passports at the Canadian border pursuant to the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, and

Whereas, members of the general assembly have come to rely on Bonnie Rutledge's expertise and promptness when responding to their informational requests, and

Whereas, the longevity of her tenure and the fact that she was appointed by both Democratic and Republican governors is a special testament to the unusually high esteem in which she is held across the political spectrum, and

Whereas, she is highly respected and has been a leader among her colleagues nationwide who serve in similar roles, and

Whereas, after over 30 years on the staff of the department of motor vehicles and a far more impressive nine years as the commissioner, Bonnie Rutledge is retiring from state government, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Bonnie Rutledge on her superb public service on behalf of the citizens of Vermont and wishes her a most enjoyable retirement with her husband, Wesley Rutledge, children, and grandchildren, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Bonnie Rutledge.

H.C.R. 3

House concurrent resolution in memory of U.S. Army Cpl. Ryan Casey McGhee

Offered by: All members of the House

Offered by: All members of the Senate

Whereas, Ryan McGhee grew up in Springfield where he had many friends, and

Whereas, he had completed the ninth grade as a member of the class of 2006 at Springfield High School prior to his family relocating to Virginia, and

Whereas, Ryan McGhee graduated from Massaponax High School in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where as a senior he was selected as the friendliest and most charming member of the class, and

Whereas, following his high school graduation, he fulfilled a personal goal when he enlisted in the United States Army and completed the highly technical and demanding training that enabled him to become a U.S. Army Ranger, and

Whereas, in October 2007, Ryan McGhee was sent to Afghanistan for the first of three deployments, and

Whereas, most recently, Cpl. Ryan McGhee was deployed to Iraq as a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment, 3d Battalion based at Fort Benning,

Georgia, and he was a weapons squad team leader with the regiment's Company D, and

Whereas, on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, Cpl. Ryan McGhee was killed when his unit was subjected to small arms fire in central Iraq while in pursuit of a weapons provider and a suicide-bombing cell, and

Whereas, Cpl. Ryan McGhee was the recipient of numerous honors for his outstanding military service, including the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Gold Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with Combat Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutists Badge, and the Ranger Tab, and

Whereas, after leaving Vermont in 2003, Ryan McGhee remained in contact with a number of his Vermont friends and was communicating with them via his Facebook page until shortly before his death, and

Whereas, he had planned to renew the ties with his former Springfield High School classmates this summer when he was scheduled to visit Vermont and introduce them to his fiancée, Ashleigh Martin, and

Whereas, his father and stepmother, Steven and Kristie McGhee of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, his mother, Sherrie McGhee of Knoxville, Tennessee, his brother, Zachary of Stafford County, Virginia, and his fiancée, Ashleigh Martin, as well as his friends in Vermont, in Virginia, and in the U.S. Army were saddened to learn of his death while he was proudly serving his nation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere sympathies to the family of U.S. Army Cpl. Ryan McGhee, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send four copies of this resolution to his family.

H.C.R. 4

House concurrent resolution in memory of Rabbi Max Wall of Burlington

Offered by: Representatives Howrigan of Fairfield, Greshin of Warren, Koch of Barre Town, Lorber of Burlington, Minter of Waterbury, Ram of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington and Zuckerman of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Miller and Snelling

Whereas, Rabbi Max Wall's pastoral life spanned both sides of the Atlantic Ocean and encompassed both Jews and Christians under the most extraordinarily unimaginable circumstances, and

Whereas, he was born in Poland and immigrated to the United States with his family at the age of five, and

Whereas, Max Wall graduated from Yeshiva University and earned a master's degree and his rabbinical ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and

Whereas, the newly ordained rabbi enlisted in the U.S. Army, which deployed him to Germany where he ministered to both Jewish and Christian troops on the front lines of battle during the closing months of World War II, and

Whereas, after the military hostilities in Germany ceased, Rabbi Max Wall had conversations in Yiddish with the recently liberated Jews at the Dachau concentration camp, conducted an unusual Easter Sunday service in a Bavarian church, and led the first post-war Jewish services in the city of Munich, and

Whereas, in 1946, Rabbi Max Wall became the spiritual leader at the Yiddish-speaking Ohavi Zedek Synagogue in Burlington, which he guided for 41 years as the congregation made the denominational change from Orthodox to Conservative Judaism and the transition to prayer services led in English instead of Yiddish, and

Whereas, Rabbi Max Wall established a new interfaith dialogue in Vermont as the first person to teach Jewish studies at St. Michael's College, and

Whereas, his ecumenical activities also involved working with clergy of other faiths with whom he maintained many warm relationships, and

Whereas, he believed in lending an active helping hand to others facing difficult circumstances, including defending a University of Vermont professor under attack during the McCarthy era and traveling to the March on Washington in 1963 when the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech, and

Whereas, closer to home, he had served as a member of the Vermont Housing Authority, and

Whereas, Rabbi Max Wall, who was a compassionate, thoughtful, and scholarly spiritual leader and who expressed his desire to be remembered as a man who loved people, died at the age of 93, and

Whereas, his special life is one to celebrate, and his wife of 66 years, Miriam, three daughters, and five grandchildren will cherish the memory of a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Rabbi Max Wall and to the members of the Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Miriam Wall and to Ohavi Zedek Synagogue in Burlington.

H.C.R. 5

House concurrent resolution honoring Crossett Brook Middle School Principal Kenneth J. Page

Offered by: Representatives Minter of Waterbury and Stevens of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, Ken Page has written that his lifetime passion as a classroom teacher and school administrator has been to use his professional skills “to make a difference in education,” and this principle is reflected in his stated belief that a successful working relationship between educators and students is as important as the content of the material being taught, and

Whereas, Ken Page decided early on in college to become a teacher and graduated from the University of Vermont in 1973 with a major in English education, and then became a reading teacher at the Lebanon, New Hampshire Junior-Senior High School, and

Whereas, in 1975, he began a 13-year tenure as a high school language arts teacher at U-32 High School in East Montpelier, and

Whereas, Ken Page strengthened his own educational background, earning a master’s degree in reading and language arts in 1977 from the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, as a U-32 teacher, he helped initiate the school’s first interdisciplinary (CORE) program, combining language arts, science, social studies, and reading, and participated in the Vermont Council on Reading’s project to promote reading in schools, and

Whereas, based on his record of excellence and accomplishment at U-32, in 1988, Ken Page was selected as the first full-time principal of Calais Elementary School, and

Whereas, as principal of Calais Elementary School, Ken Page was successful in securing grants to introduce new technology, and he responded successfully to a doubling of the student population, and

Whereas, in 1996, Ken Page was offered the unusual opportunity to serve as the first educational leader (principal) of the Crossett Brook Middle School in the newly formed Waterbury-Duxbury School District, a position that included supervising all aspects of building and opening a new school, and

Whereas, his success in overseeing the planning and construction of the new school, hiring and leading the faculty, and developing innovative middle school programs in this new school district is reflected in the Crossett Brook Middle School's receipt of the Spotlight School Award from the New England League of Middle Schools, and

Whereas, Ken Page has been recognized as a leader among his peers, and during the 2008–2009 school year served as president of the Vermont Association of Middle Level Education, and

Whereas, after 36 years as an outstanding public school teacher and administrator, Ken Page retired as education leader at Crossett Brook Middle School in June 2009, but he intends to remain active in the field of public education, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Kenneth J. Page for his many contributions to elementary and secondary education in the state of Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ken Page in East Montpelier and to the Crossett Brook Middle School.

H.C.R. 6

House concurrent resolution welcoming the 56th annual Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Game and Pageant to Windsor, the birthplace of Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor, Adams of Hartland, Emmons of Springfield and Martin of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, the Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Game, now under the auspices of three Shrine centers, Mt. Sinai (Montpelier), Cairo (Rutland), and Bektash (Concord, NH), was established in 1954 as a fundraiser for regional Shrine hospitals and to enable all-star high school football teams representing New

Hampshire and Vermont to face each other in exciting gridiron competition, and

Whereas, the first game in this series was played on Labor Day 1954 at Holman Stadium in Nashua, NH and raised \$4,500.00 for Shrine medical care, and

Whereas, \$4.5 million has since been raised for the treatment of sick children, and the funds are directed to hospitals in Springfield, MA; Montreal; and Boston Burns, the Shrine health care facility in Boston that is dedicated to the treatment of children with burn injuries, and

Whereas, football is not the only aspect of the day as the festivities are inaugurated with a colorful parade of Shrine units from throughout the northeastern United States, now including the lively sounds of the Shrine All-Star Band, and

Whereas, although this thrilling day of high school athletic competition between football teams from the green mountain and granite states and festive Shrine entertainment has a tradition of over half a century, it has only once taken place in Vermont at Centennial Field in Burlington over 40 years ago, and

Whereas, this long-standing oversight is happily being corrected on August 1, 2009 when the Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl and Pageant will be held in Windsor, with the game being played at Macleay-Royce Field, and

Whereas, the New Hampshire team's head coach, Greg Husband, brings an added local tie to the event as he is a 1982 graduate of Windsor High School where he was a two-time all-state end, and his parents continue to reside in Windsor, and

Whereas, both Greg Husband, who is the head coach at Franklin High School, and the 2009 Vermont team's coach, Mike Hatt from Springfield High School, had undefeated 11-0 seasons and won state titles in 2008, and

Whereas, 2009 will mark the first Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl in which both head coaches' schools were undefeated in the immediately preceding football season, adding an exciting new element to the game, and

Whereas, the town of Windsor, the birthplace of Vermont, is honored to be the host community of the 56th annual Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Game and Pageant, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes the 56th annual Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Game and Pageant to Windsor, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Wayne Shepard, the general chairman of the Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl, Incorporated, to Greg Husband, to Mike Hatt, and to the Windsor town clerk.

H.C.R. 7

House concurrent resolution recognizing the journalistic contributions of retiring WCAX television news director Marselis Parsons

Offered by: All members of the House

Offered by: All members of the Senate

Whereas, during his successful quarter-century tenure as WCAX television's news director, Marselis Parsons has won numerous accolades for the station's news and public affairs programs, and

Whereas, among the honors bestowed on WCAX News under his leadership was the 2003 Radio and Television News Directors Association's Edward R. Murrow Award winner for the best television newscast in the United States in broadcast markets sized 50 and smaller, and the station has since won regional Edward R. Murrow Awards, and

Whereas, Marselis Parsons graduated from Lafayette College, and he was employed at several radio stations and a New Hampshire television station before beginning his 42-year career at WCAX, and

Whereas, he started at Channel 3 in 1967 as a general assignment reporter, and soon became the station's Montpelier correspondent, informing his audience on the happenings under the golden dome and throughout state government, and

Whereas, for seven years, he anchored the station's Nightbeat telecast, and

Whereas, in 1979, Marselis Parsons became the anchor and producer of a monthly news magazine known as *Dimension* that earned two New England Emmy awards and much laudatory recognition, and

Whereas, he was one of the producers of an in-depth 25-part series in 1983 titled *Patterns of Practice* that was presented with a prestigious Peabody Award for excellence in broadcast journalism, and

Whereas, although Marselis Parsons assumed the administrative duties of WCAX news director in 1984, he has continued to use his journalism skills on camera as anchor of the weeknight six o'clock news and the Sunday morning You Can Quote Me interview program, and

Whereas, after an illustrious career in broadcast journalism, Marselis Parsons will conclude his role as WCAX news director on May 31 and retire from his nightly anchor duties in August, but he intends to continue to file occasional interesting stories for telecast, and

Whereas, Vermonters will miss his informative weeknight television visits at the dinner hour, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the journalistic contributions of retiring WCAX television news director Marselis Parsons and wishes him a wonderful retirement that includes continued appearances on WCAX, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Marselis Parsons and WCAX television in South Burlington.

H.C.R. 8

House concurrent resolution congratulating Daniel French on being named the 2009 recipient of the Frederick H. Tuttle Superintendent of the Year Award

Offered by: Representatives Hube of Londonderry, Browning of Arlington, Komline of Dorset, Malcolm of Pawlet and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Sears, Hartwell, Carris, Maynard and Mullin

Whereas, the role of supervisory union superintendents is extremely challenging as they must oversee multiple schools and work with several school boards that do not necessarily share educational philosophies or budgetary priorities, and

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Superintendents Association (VSA) is pleased to present the Frederick H. Tuttle Award to one of its members in recognition of a superintendent who has made “outstanding contributions to educational leadership at the local, regional, and state levels and is committed to public education for the children of Vermont,” and

Whereas, the 2009 winner of this distinguished honor, which designates the Vermont Superintendent of the Year, is Daniel French, who is superintendent of the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, and

Whereas, Daniel French has inspired his colleagues to integrate technological advances into both administrative and academic activities, and

Whereas, he is a strong proponent of developing new assumptions for incorporating technology in the 21st century classroom, and

Whereas, prior to accepting his current position, Daniel French served as principal of the Canaan School, where he made innovative administrative choices to use distance learning technology in order to expand the curriculum of this small and geographically isolated rural school in the far corner of the Northeast Kingdom, and

Whereas, his professional colleagues have great respect for Daniel French's professionalism and foresight and selected him to serve as secretary of the VSA trustees and as chair of the association's technology task force, and

Whereas, Daniel French's vision of new technology advances in the field of public education could result in innovative approaches to teaching students in Vermont and elsewhere, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Daniel French on being named the 2009 recipient of the Frederick H. Tuttle Superintendent of the Year Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Daniel French at the administrative office of the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union.