

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Representative or Senator requests floor consideration before the end of Friday's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration must be communicated to the House Clerk's office or the Senate Secretary's office.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 9.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School Division I championship softball team

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dunn of Essex, Giambatista of Essex, and Houghton of Essex

Whereas, the undefeated Essex High School Hornets asserted their softball prowess in the playoffs, earning a berth in the Division I championship game played in Poultney, and the challenge of defeating the 2014 and 2015 champions, the Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots, and

Whereas, the Hornets, although playing one of the best softball teams in the State, were hardly deterred in their quest to win a seventh softball title, and

Whereas, although the Patriots jumped ahead on the scoreboard, the Hornets fought back and surged ahead with a two-run advantage during the fifth inning, winning the game 4-2 and clinching the 2016 Division I championship, and

Whereas, the Hornets' (19-0) 2016 success was the result of great team members Meghan Smith, Shannon Day, Victoria Bean, Allison Rutz, Skylar Gallagher, Sarah Dramstad, Makenna Thorne, Kylie Svarczkopf, Michelle Kent, Molly Kenny, Kaitlyn Butkus, Jamie Morin, Jordan Appenzeller, Sarah Knickerbocker, Emily Harvey, and Regan Day, and

Whereas, Head Coach Ashley Stebbins and assistant coaches Bernie Couture, Brent Farnham, and Mike Thweatt were effective advisors throughout the 2016 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Essex High School Division I championship softball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Essex High School.

H.C.R. 10.

House concurrent resolution honoring Richard Carter and Danby–Mt Tabor NOW for their innovative leadership in establishing the new Danby–Mount Tabor veterans memorial

Offered by: Representatives Sullivan of Dorset and Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, the neighboring Rutland County towns of Danby and Mount Tabor lacked a memorial honoring the military service and many sacrifices, including in some instances the lives, of the over 700 persons from these two communities who served in our nation’s Armed Forces during wartime, and

Whereas, in 2014, with the dual purposes of adding this critical landmark to the local vista and providing community programs, residents of both municipalities coalesced to establish the nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization known as Danby–Mt Tabor NOW and selected Richard Carter to chair its board, and

Whereas, there ensued information gathering, fundraising, and purchasing and demolishing the “Pink House,” located at the intersection of South Main Street and Mount Tabor Avenue in Danby, just 300 feet from the Mount Tabor line, to create a location for the new memorial, design work, and construction, and

Whereas, at the October 2016 dedication ceremony, U.S. Army veteran Kyle Aines, who served two tours in Iraq, spoke; Harvey Howard, who, in 1967 at 20 years of age, was the last Danby or Mount Tabor resident killed while serving during the Vietnam War, was honored; and the Brattleboro American Legion Band played music appropriate for the occasion, and

Whereas, a 20-foot wide by 14-foot high wall listing the honorees and a decorative wrought-iron sign and a medallion painted by Danby artist Diane Meitrott are prominent monument features, and

Whereas, names of the most recent Middle East combat veterans will be added to the wall, and

Whereas, the dedication and exemplary leadership of Danby–Mt Tabor NOW and especially of Richard Carter to the establishment of this veterans memorial have made this impressive civic edifice a reality, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Richard Carter and Danby–Mt Tabor NOW for their innovative leadership in establishing the new Danby–Mount

Tabor veterans memorial, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richard Carter, to Danby–Mt Tabor NOW, and to Diane Meitrott.

H.C.R. 11.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School State championship boys' rugby team

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dunn of Essex, Giambatista of Essex, and Houghton of Essex

Whereas, although not publicized as widely as in other nations, rugby has an enthusiastic following in the United States and in Vermont, and

Whereas, rugby can be a highscoring contest, offering fans many opportunities to cheer for their favorite team and player, and

Whereas, among Vermont's 2016 high school boys' teams, the Essex Hornets were among the most talented, and

Whereas, in an exciting State championship game played at the Tree Farm Recreational Facility in Essex Junction, the Hornets outscored the Burlington High School Seahorses 29–15, winning the 2016 State boys' rugby title, and

Whereas, the roster of Hornet rugby players, including Joshua Adams, Mark Audette Jr., Joshua Baker, Christopher Bird Jr., Calvin Burnett, Cameron Croft, Jared Doohen, Chase Dunbar, James Emery, Matthew Emery, Nathan Ertle, Robin Forcier, Evan Friedman, Jay Grant, Dylan Kinsley, Jason Mailman, Brendan McCormack, Nihad Medar, Kevin Otto, Jacob Parker, Calvin Powell, Alex Prim, Michael Prim, Kyle Riester, Isaac Vance, Jacob Vance, and Jordan Yandow constituted an impressive team, and

Whereas, Head Coach Brad Luck, a founding member of the school's original rugby club, served as a great teacher and guide for the players, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Essex High School State championship boys' rugby team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Essex High School.

H.C.R. 12.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School State championship Ultimate team

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dunn of Essex, Giambatista of Essex, and Houghton of Essex

Whereas, Ultimate is a game played with coed teams, and

Whereas, this relatively new sport is fast-paced and requires the participants to stay alert to the location of the constantly traveling disc, and

Whereas, in 2014, the Vermont Principals Association awarded exhibition (club) status for Ultimate competition in the State's high schools, and its many enthusiastic players and fans are optimistic it will eventually earn varsity recognition, and

Whereas, in the 2016 State playoff tournament, the Essex High School Hornets won their firstround contest against Bellows Free Academy Fairfax (15–7) and the championship game against Montpelier (15–10) to capture the 2016 State championship, and

Whereas, the victorious Hornets included Peter Barrows, Alexander Benevento, Nicholas Benevento, Stephan Bishop-Mercier, Elliot Boutin, Benjamin Centracchio, Jonathan Decatur, Eric Dewitt, Noah Kagan, Chloe Lemmel-Hay, Jonathan Maurer, Christopher Nuckols, Jacob O'Connell, Ryan O'Leary, Alexey Rizvanov, Danilo Salgado, Spencer Sochin, Kirk Teare, Aidan Travers, and Keegan Yao, and

Whereas, Head Coach Chas Legge's expertise was invaluable, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Essex High School State championship Ultimate team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Essex High School.

H.C.R. 13.

House concurrent resolution designating January 2017 as National Mentoring Month in Vermont

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, relationships with caring mentors offer youths valuable support to guide them toward making positive and healthy life choices, and

Whereas, the mentoring programs that Vermont's schools and youth organizations offer are effective at increasing student attendance and academic performance, and

Whereas, mentored youths are less likely to skip school, start using drugs and alcohol, or engage in violence and are more likely to attend college, and

Whereas, these young people exhibit improved self-esteem, have better relationships with family members and peers, and feel a greater connectedness to their community and schools, and

Whereas, partnerships between businesses, schools, and other youth service organizations and mentoring programs are an effective way for businesses to support youths within their communities, and

Whereas, collaborative mentoring programs that the entire community supports are able to serve more youths, and

Whereas, since 2013, Mobius has served as Vermont's mentoring partnership organization providing support for youth mentoring programs and volunteer mentors throughout the State, and

Whereas, Mobius, along with other public and private organizations, is committed to working to increase the number of quality mentoring matches statewide, and

Whereas, a mentoring relationship between peers, youths, or adults encourages learning and success for people of all ages, and

Whereas, hundreds of Vermont youths are waiting for mentors, and

Whereas, nationally, January 2017 is being observed as the 15th National Mentoring Month, and today, January 18, 2017, the General Assembly is celebrating the importance of mentoring, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January 2017 as National Mentoring Month in Vermont, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 14.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Robert McBride on receiving the 2016 Vermont Arts Council's Margaret L. (Peggy) Kannenstine Award for Arts Advocacy

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Arts Council presents the Margaret L. (Peggy) Kannenstine Award for Arts Advocacy to a Vermonter committed to furthering the arts in fields such as accessibility, administration, education, mentoring, philanthropy, or in other aspects of arts promotion, and

Whereas, the award's recipient must be a person currently residing in the State whom thirdparty reviewers have acclaimed and who has developed a significant body of work or record of service, and

Whereas, Robert McBride, the 2016 winner, has earned an exemplary reputation as a painter and arts administrator, and

Whereas, he earned a B.A. in painting from the University of California at Berkeley and an M.F.A. from Hunter College in New York City, and

Whereas, Robert McBride has described his colorful paintings as allowing him to "translate much of the stimulation (visual, audio, emotional) that I take in from living into tangible forms," and

Whereas, in 1995, Robert McBride's artistic life evolved in a new and exciting direction when he established the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP), and

Whereas, RAMP works to demonstrate that artists can play a significant role in the sustainability of rural communities culturally and economically, and

Whereas, the fruits of this highly successful artistic endeavor have included creating affordable live/work spaces for artists, public arts projects, and artist town meetings that directly engage artists in the community, and

Whereas, Robert McBride's varied community and public service roles have included serving on the boards of the Vermont Performance Lab, Friends of the State House, the Preservation Trust of Vermont, the Southern Vermont Regional Marketing Program, and the Windham Regional Planning Commission, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Robert McBride on receiving the 2016 Vermont Arts Council's Margaret L. (Peggy) Kannenstine Award for Arts Advocacy, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 15.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Eric Aho of Saxtons River on his selection as the winner of the 2016 Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, the Vermont Arts Council (VAC) presents the annual Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts to a current State resident who is strongly committed to Vermont and who has created a significant body of work that both artistic peers and the public have recognized as worthy of special recognition, and

Whereas, after a careful evaluation of potential honorees, the VAC chose painter Eric Aho as the 2016 recipient, and

Whereas, Eric Aho earned his B.F.A. degree from the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston, and he also studied at the Central School of Art and Design in London, England and the Instituto Superior de Arte in Havana, Cuba, and

Whereas, as the winner of a Fulbright Fellowship and a grant from the American-Scandinavian Foundation, he was able to complete graduate studies at the Lahti Institute of Design and Fine Arts in Lahti, Finland, and

Whereas, Eric Aho is best known as an abstract painter whose pictures evoke the natural landscape while conveying a fresh and contemporary perspective, and

Whereas, the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, California, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Massachusetts, and the Hood Museum of Art at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire each include his work in its collections, and

Whereas, his work has been shown internationally in Ireland, Cuba, Finland, Norway, and South Africa, and solo exhibits of Eric Aho's paintings have appeared at the New Britain (Connecticut) Museum of American Art, the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C., and the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, Eric Aho has won several major arts awards, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Eric Aho on his selection as the winner of the 2016 Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Eric Aho in Saxtons River.

H.C.R. 16.

House concurrent resolution designating January 2017 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Long of Newfane, Sibia of Dover, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Botzow of Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Gannon of Wilmington, Hebert of Vernon, Jessup of Middlesex, Jickling of Brookfield, LaLonde of South Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Ode of Burlington, Olsen of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Potter of Clarendon, Stevens of Waterbury, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Viens of Newport City, Weed of Enosburgh, and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

Whereas, the elected citizen members of Vermont's school boards are extremely dedicated public servants, and

Whereas, school board members devote countless hours to overseeing all local jurisdictional aspects of public education in Vermont and, at most, receive token monetary compensation, and

Whereas, they tackle education policy issues that are of enormous concern to school administrators, teachers, parents, students, and the citizenry at large, and

Whereas, certain matters confronting school boards may resonate strongly with a specific constituency—for example, whether a particular high school course will be offered or a varsity sport played, and

Whereas, school board members must occasionally decide potentially sensitive and divisive questions, such as whether to continue the tenure of a teacher, principal, or superintendent, and the individual whose job is in question may have both strong supporters and strong opponents, and

Whereas, although they are not the originators of State education laws and administrative directives, these locally selected public officials may experience public criticism regarding Vermont's education policies, and

Whereas, since the passage of 2015's Act 46, school board service has become more challenging, as it involves deliberations to determine the future composition of the State's school districts and boards, and

Whereas, school board members have labored with their communities many

additional nights and weekends, since Act 46 was enacted, to consider how to improve the educational opportunities for their students, and

Whereas, in facing these difficult and possibly conflicting demands, school board members receive far too little praise for their public service, and

Whereas, a number of states and local communities throughout the country observe January as School Board Recognition Month in order to honor the special work of school boards, and this honor to Vermont's school boards and their members is well deserved, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates January 2017 as School Board Recognition Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont School Boards Association in Montpelier.

S.C.R. 3.

By Senators Cummings, Brooks, and Pollina,

By Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Wood of Waterbury, and Donahue of Northfield

S.C.R. 3. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating radio station WDEV in Waterbury on its 85th anniversary.

Whereas, long before the arrival of FM radio and the introduction of digital technology or global HD streaming, listeners tuned in to AM radio, and

Whereas, on July 15, 1931, this still young medium found a home in central Vermont when radio station WDEV began broadcasting at 550 KHz from studios in Waterbury, and

Whereas, starting from its first minute on the airwaves, WDEV has offered a menu of locally focused informational and entertainment programs, and

Whereas, in 1935, Lloyd Squier, through his Radio Vermont Group, purchased the station, inaugurating long-term family ownership, which continued after his death in 1979 when his son, Ken Squier, an award winning broadcaster for the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, assumed this leadership role, and

Whereas, WDEV has always taken great pride in bringing its microphones to the people and places of Washington County, be they high school and college athletic contests, the Thunder Road racing oval, and the halls of the State House, including listener callin programs featuring legislators and other State officials, and

Whereas, recognizing that central Vermont is a vibrant part of Red Sox Nation, WDEV broadcasts the team's season of baseball competition, and

Whereas, WDEV is noted for its unique and eclectic local programs, including Music to Go to the Dump By, a regular Saturday morning feature, and

Whereas, in order to extend the range of its original AM signal, in 1991, WDEV-FM was established in Warren, and more recently additional FM relays have been added in Barre, Island Pond, and Montpelier, and

Whereas, 2016 marked WDEV's 85th anniversary of venerable broadcasting accomplishments, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates radio station WDEV in Waterbury on its 85th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ken Squier at radio station WDEV in Waterbury.

S.C.R. 4.

By Senators Cummings, Brooks, and Pollina,
By Representative Jessup of Middlesex

S.C.R. 4. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Katherine McCann on her selection as the 2017 Vermont Teacher of the Year.

Whereas, an exemplary mathematics teacher is an expert mathematician, is well-versed in pedagogic methodologies, and has developed an effective personal instructional style and rapport with students, and

Whereas, Katherine McCann epitomizes these attributes and has been recognized as a model secondary school mathematics teacher, and

Whereas, she earned both a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's in education and curriculum instruction from the University of Vermont (UVM), and

Whereas, 11 of Katherine McCann's 18 years of service as an innovative teacher have been spent as a U-32 Middle and High School faculty member, and

Whereas, the breadth of her course offerings at U-32 ranges from Algebra 1 to Advanced Placement Statistics, and

Whereas, Katherine McCann's desire to enhance her teaching skills and her students' classroom experience resulted in her becoming a nationally board

certified secondary school mathematics teacher, an important credential she believes more teachers should obtain, and

Whereas, in recognition of her leadership and planning skills, Katherine McCann's professional colleagues elected her as co-president of the Vermont Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and in that role she is serving as lead organizer of the 2017 State Math Fair to be held at UVM in March, and

Whereas, Katherine McCann is a past recipient of the prestigious Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), and

Whereas, the Agency of Education recently concurred with the PAEMST review panel that Katherine McCann is a teacher worthy of special recognition and selected her as the 2017 Vermont Teacher of the Year, and

Whereas, Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe presented the award to Katherine McCann at a surprise school assembly on December 20, 2016, and

Whereas, Katherine McCann is now the Vermont nominee for the coveted 2017 National Teacher of the Year award that the Council of Chief State School Officers will present this spring in Washington, D.C., *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Katherine McCann on her selection as the 2017 Vermont Teacher of the Year, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Katherine McCann and to U-32 Middle and High School.

S.C.R. 5.

By All Members of the Senate,
By All Members of the House,

S.C.R. 5. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Howard Frank Mosher, the Northeast Kingdom's special chronicler and literary ambassador.

Whereas, the fictionalized, but inherently authentic, stories and voices of Vermont's fabled Northeast Kingdom (NEK) are preserved in the writings of the author Howard Frank Mosher, and

Whereas, the three essential writing principles that his eighth grade teacher, Mrs. Earla Armstrong, taught him (to read the classics, revise your work, and write about what you know), have remained with him throughout his illustrious career, and

Whereas, in 1964, upon his graduating from Syracuse University, Howard Frank Mosher and his wife, Phillis, left their native upstate New York and headed for the NEK, which he immediately recognized as an author's gold mine of stories, and

Whereas, during his early years in Vermont, Howard Frank Mosher taught at the former Orleans High School and Lake Region Union High School, and

Whereas, in a collaboration with NEK filmmaker Jay Craven, four of Howard Frank Mosher novels, *Where the Rivers Flow North*, *A Stranger in the Kingdom*, *Disappearances*, and *Northern Borders*, have been transformed into movies, and

Whereas, Howard Frank Mosher's talent as a writer has been recognized through his receipt of a Guggenheim Fellowship, the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters Literature Award, the Vermont Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, and the New England Independent Booksellers Association's President's Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts. The Vermont College of Fine Arts' Howard Frank Mosher Short Fiction Prize is a lasting tribute to the author and his published works, and

Whereas, he has written that Kingdom Common, the quintessential NEK town central to much of his writing, is located approximately where Orleans is situated, although infused with elements from other NEK communities, and that his favorite protagonists, the Kinnesons, are based on his own "pretty strange outfit" of a family, and

Whereas, for 40 years, Howard Frank and Phillis Mosher have resided in Irasburg, and in December 2016, he donated his beloved personal book collection to Irasburg's Leach Memorial Library, writing in an accompanying Christmas letter, "I love to write...But I live to read," *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Howard Frank Mosher, the Northeast Kingdom's special chronicler and literary ambassador, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Howard Frank Mosher.