

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

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

Resolutions

H.C.R. 193.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Harold and Marion Grout of Springfield on their 70th wedding anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Springfield and Emmons of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, square dancing has long served as a cherished form of social entertainment in Vermont, and

Whereas, at a 1938 Londonderry square dance, Harold Grout spotted an attractive young lady across the room named Marion, and

Whereas, before the dance was concluded, he introduced himself, and a true bond of friendship and love evolved between them, culminating in their marriage on June 3, 1939, in a ceremony at Harold Grout's parents' Dorset home that featured a wedding processional through an arch of freshly picked wildflowers, and

Whereas, the newlyweds settled in Manchester until relocating to Springfield at the start of World War II when Harold Grout accepted employment at Fellows Gear Shaper, and he continued working at that company until 1971, and

Whereas, for over two decades, Marion Grout worked at the X-ray department of Springfield Hospital, and

Whereas, they are the parents of three daughters, Beverly, Yvonne, and Brenda, and

Whereas, despite describing themselves as total opposites, with Marion Grout being a more practical individual and Harold Grout the dreamer of the pair, they have proven to be a most compatible couple, and

Whereas, Harold Grout has stated the key to a successful marriage is to see beauty in your spouse that encourages her to feel special, and

Whereas, they both also agree that a secret to the success of their relationship is an ability to maintain the status quo over an extended period of time, and

Whereas, all of these attributes in their marriage are apparently ingredients resulting in marital harmony as Harold and Marion Grout of Springfield celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 3, 2009, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends congratulations and best wishes to Harold and Marion Grout on their 70th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Harold and Marion Grout in Springfield.

H.C.R. 194.

House concurrent resolution congratulating former Brandon volunteer fire department chief Charles Rivers on the 50th anniversary of his firefighting service

Offered by: Representative Acinapura of Brandon

Whereas, the town of Brandon, as do most Vermont municipalities, relies on the commitment and generosity of volunteer firefighters, and

Whereas, volunteer firefighters are extremely special individuals who are also often trained to perform other public safety roles in their respective communities, and

Whereas, the unusual hours and demanding duties that are fundamental to volunteer firefighting can deter individuals from remaining in this position for an extended duration, and

Whereas, a volunteer firefighter who has remained on the job for a half-century is an extraordinary individual who merits special praise and recognition, and

Whereas, Charles Rivers joined the Brandon volunteer fire department in June 1960, and

Whereas, his leadership skills became apparent to all, and he served the department as both a lieutenant and, for several years, as its much-admired chief, and

Whereas, Charles Rivers' work ethic and dedication to the firefighting fraternity have been major contributors to the success of the Brandon volunteer fire department, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Charles Rivers on the 50th anniversary of his service as a Brandon volunteer firefighter, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Charles Rivers at the Brandon volunteer fire department.

H.C.R. 195.

House concurrent resolution expressing regret for the sterilization of Vermonters pursuant to the Sterilization Act of 1931

Offered by: Representative Donahue of Northfield

Whereas, the state-sponsored sterilization of many Vermonters, based upon the false science and misguided social judgment that they were genetically inadequate and of poor heredity stock, is one of the most unfortunate chapters in our state's history, and

Whereas, in 1912, the General Assembly passed legislation to "authorize and provide for the sterilization of imbeciles, feeble-minded and insane persons, rapists, confirmed criminals and other defectives" which Governor John Mead vetoed on the advice of Attorney General R.E. Brown that the measure was unconstitutional in part due to its discriminatory intent and lack of due process, and

Whereas, the Senate overrode the governor, and although the House of Representatives upheld his veto after a successful Senate override, the idea of broadly based sterilization legislation was not permanently defeated, and

Whereas, Francis Galton, the cousin of Charles Darwin, coined the term "eugenics" meaning "the science of improving the genetic condition of the human race," and

Whereas, in 1925, UVM zoology professor Henry F. Perkins established the Eugenics Survey of Vermont with a stated mission to determine the extent of defective behavior and depraved immorality in the state by combining biology, education, and social work, and

Whereas, in 1927, when addressing a conference of social workers in Montpelier, Perkins reported his purportedly highly academic findings proving a blood or heredity foundation in the mental degeneration in classes of families he defined as pirate, gypsy, and chorea, and

Whereas, Perkins predicted that legislation, which he had assisted in drafting, providing for sterilizing the "socially inadequate" individuals would be introduced, and

Whereas, in Buck v. Bell, 274 US 200 (1927), U.S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes held that Virginia’s sterilization law was neither unconstitutional nor a denial of due process, and

Whereas, in 1931, as a result of the pseudoscience and hearsay that permeated the reports of the Vermont Eugenics Survey, as well as the establishment of the Vermont Commission on Country Life, that in part was an expansion of the survey’s activities, the General Assembly adopted Act No. 174, “An Act for Human Betterment By Voluntary Sterilization,” which was intended:

to prevent the procreation of idiots, imbeciles, feebleminded or insane persons, when the public welfare of idiots, imbeciles, feeble-minded or insane persons likely to procreate, can be improved by voluntary sterilization, and

Whereas, as a result of this legislation, a large number of individuals were subjected to this state-sponsored sterilization program, many without their knowledge or consent, and

Whereas, although the Eugenics Survey was ended in 1936, and the forced sterilizations ultimately halted, the damage to many Vermont families was widespread, and poor Irish and Italian immigrants, along with other persons in poverty, were among those targeted, and

Whereas, individuals diagnosed with mental disabilities and persons of French Canadian and Abenaki ancestry were disproportionately affected and harmed, and

Whereas, it is impossible for the General Assembly to undo the grievous damage that was inflicted on these persons and their families, but it can issue a strong statement denouncing this dark chapter in Vermont’s history to demonstrate the legislature’s resolve to guard against such events occurring in the future, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its profound sorrow and sincere regret that such a program of sterilizations was sanctioned under an act of this legislative body.

H.C.R. 196.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars Division I championship boys’ cross-country team

Offered by: Representatives O'Brien of Richmond, Frank of Underhill and Till of Jericho

Offered by: Senator Racine

Whereas, the 2009 season was slated as a rebuilding year, with a roster of many sophomore runners, for the boys' cross-country program at Mount Mansfield Union High School (MMUHS), and

Whereas, after MMUHS was the top-performing Vermont team at the Essex Invitational cross-country tournament early in the season, the prospect of MMUHS clinching the state championship emerged as a realistic team goal, and

Whereas, in the weeks following the Essex event, the Cougars cross-country team members focused on improving their speed and competitive edge for the decisive state championship meet at Thetford Academy, and

Whereas, on the morning of Halloween, the MMUHS Cougars won a well-earned and emotionally satisfying treat when they clinched the 2009 boys' cross-country championship with a 70-point scoring total, 24 points ahead of second-place Essex High School, and

Whereas, the Cougars victory resulted from a set of third, 11th, 15th, 17th, and 24th race placements that in combination created a meet-winning total, and

Whereas, MMUHS's reputation as the home of state cross-country championship runners was renewed with the school's fourth title in a five-year span, and

Whereas, the 2009 championship running Cougars were Trevor Bibb, Nick Marshall, Jason Hardacre, Chris Scanlon, Hayden Bove, Derrek Schultz, Nick Shallow, Ethan Self, Tom Kitsos, and Braden Yeates, and

Whereas, Coach Bill Eschholz trained his students to succeed on the running courses by instilling in them a sense of purpose and by providing valuable technical instruction, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars Division I championship boys' cross-country team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bill Eschholz at Mount Mansfield Union High School.

H.C.R. 197.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Essex High School Rebels Division I girls' championship track and field team

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, the Essex High School girls' track and field team displayed great confidence and skill at the 2009 Division I championship meet held at Burlington High School, and

Whereas, the Hornet girls demonstrated the breadth of their skills as they scored first place in five sports, including the high jump in which the Essex entrant cleared a height of five feet four inches, and

Whereas, the Hornet pole vaulter was first with a 10-foot clearance, and in the javelin, an Essex team member was the best with a throw of 123 feet one inch, and

Whereas, Essex won both the 100-yard hurdles with a time of 15:46 and the 300-yard hurdles at 46:40, and

Whereas, these event-winning performances, in combination with other upper tier finishes, enabled the 2009 Essex Hornets girls' track and field team to clinch its fifth consecutive Division I title, and its ninth in the last decade, and

Whereas, this impressive display of athletic skill can be attributed to the entire team roster, including Antonia Armstrong-Laird, Chinelo Asanya, Rachel Bambara, Izzy Bazluke, Julie Berardo, Isabella Blanchard, Callie Braceras, Nikki Braceras, Courtney Brooks, Lauren Carl, Jacqueline Caron, Hannah Cohen, Leah Conchieri, Julie Conlon, Katie Conlon, Kimmy Dirmaier, Melisa Dobraca, Casey Dubie, Kim Dvorak, Shina Ellis-Garcia, Bailey Farrell, Sarah Flaherty, Melissa Fontaine, Megan Fortin, Rosey Gallo, Katie Gilmond, Katie Greene, Stella Grenn, Anna Guthrie, Melissa Guziak, Kelsey Guziak, Shannon Heath, Summer Henderson, Angela Henry, Katie Holden, Narges Hussaini, Lindsey Judge, Hilary Keithcart, Monica Keithcart, Julia Kilcollins, Mary Krug, Stacy Lavallee, Natalie LeClair, Annie Levine, Kate Levine, Amanda Ligouri, Hannah Lumbr, Erin Marvin-Riley, Kara McNamara, Verity Mendes, Simone Mendes, Natalie Moffett, Leah Murdock, Clare Murphy, Sarah Nadeau, Abigal Nash, Trinh Nguyen, Lindsay Norris, Lexie O'Sullivan, Lindsey Paquette, Hannah Paroline, Katie Polakowski, Rehana Pothiwala, Taylor Reynolds, Ellen Rickes, Shivani Sharma, Sarah Sherman, Leah Skinner, Erin Storck, Anna Tallmadge, Katie Tallman, Leanna Taylor,

Elle Thomas, Elizabeth Tobey, Amy Wagoner, Kyla Ward, Maura Willey, and Paige Wood, and

Whereas, Head Coach Joe Gonillo and assistant coaches Jeremy Hammond, Dave Gomez, Leighton Walker, Eric Langevin, Tiffany Gilbert, Alison Duffy, and Chris Polakowski carefully advised the team members throughout the season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Essex High School Rebels Division I girls' championship track and field team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 198.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship softball team

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, as the Division I softball champions in 2007 and 2008, the young women who played for the 2009 Essex Hornets softball team were eager to take to the diamond and enthusiastically defend their title, and

Whereas, with a fantastic 2009 season of undefeated competition, the Hornets were sporting a great 18-0 record as they entered the penultimate playoff game, and

Whereas, this semifinal contest tested the Hornets' perseverance as they battled 4th-ranked Mount Mansfield through 12 challenging innings of top-notch, largely defensive, softball until an Essex double drove a Hornet runner across home plate for the tie-breaking run, and

Whereas, a highlight of the championship game, played at Poultney's Veterans Field against Mount Anthony Union High School, was the performance of the Hornet pitcher who worked the entire game and permitted only one hit, a bunt, and

Whereas, Essex saved its offensive punch for the sixth inning, and

Whereas, a Mount Anthony error opened the inning, allowing the lead-off Hornet to reach first base, creating an open invitation for Essex hitters who then followed with a solid single and a bunt to load the bases, and

Whereas, the next Essex batter hit into a field's choice play, enabling the Hornets to score the game's first run, and five more runs crossed the plate

before the sixth inning was over, based on a second Mount Anthony error and two more Essex singles, and

Whereas, when the game's final out had occurred, Essex was the proud owner of a 6–0 victory, its third consecutive Division I softball championship, and an undefeated 20–0 season, and

Whereas, all the 2009 softball-playing Hornets, including Regan Myrick, Olivia Horton, Bethany Falls, Sam Tavlin, Laura Neal, Alexis Perry, Hayley Eagan, Stephanie Frank, Hannah Puisto, Paige Samson, Emily Lounsbury, Lauren Cabanaw, and Ashley McLaren, played as true champions, and

Whereas, Head Coach Bill O'Neil and assistant coaches Randy Wells, Bernie Couture, and Brent Farnham were thrilled with the season's success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Essex High School Hornets 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 Bill O'Neil at Essex High School.

H.C.R. 199.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Essex High School Division I championship boys' golf team

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, as the 2008 defending Division I championship boys' golfing team, the Essex Hornets were well tested on the links, and

Whereas, the 2009 regular season was a low-scoring success for Essex as the Hornets averaged just over 300 strokes per round, and

Whereas, the Hornets traveled confidently to the Ralph Myhre Golf Course in Middlebury for the 2009 state championship golf tournament, and the great individual Hornet scores of 72, 77, 78, and 79 combined for a team total of 306, well below second place Hartford's 316 and Burlington's 317, and

Whereas, the complete roster of proficient and skilled golfing Hornets included Ryan Agan, Aaron Auger, Tyler Bittner, Corey Carlos, Aymeric Claude, Chase Congreves, Timothy Deschamps, James Girardin, Troy Goliber, Alex Herko, Adrian Ireland, Dale Lee, T.J. Maloney, Jake McGinnis, Stevie Mone, Jake Orr, David Ramada, Evan Russell, Aaron Taylor, Joe Thieret, and Charles Wood, and

Whereas, Head Coach Kim Perry instilled a love of the game in his team's members that will last long beyond their high school golfing careers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Essex High School Division I championship boys' golf team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 200.

House concurrent resolution congratulating U-32 Raiders boys' basketball coach Dan Gandin on his induction into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, McDonald of Berlin, Peltz of Woodbury and Smith of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, Dan Gandin has inspired a generation of U-32 boys' basketball players and teams to play their best and succeed on the hardwood court, and

Whereas, his career path on Vermont's interscholastic basketball scene began 37 years ago at Chelsea High School where he honed his basketball coaching wizardry, and

Whereas, Dan Gandin then headed north to Blue Mountain Union High School where he ably served as assistant basketball coach before assuming the head coaching job at Williamstown High School, and

Whereas, in 1978, when U-32 beckoned, Dan Gandin developed this relatively new school's boys' basketball program, and

Whereas, over the next three decades, Dan Gandin's teams won three state championships, and he compiled an impressive career record, and

Whereas, one of the highest tributes that the basketball fraternity can bestow on a high school coach is induction into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame located at the University of Rhode Island's Institute for International Sport in Kingston, Rhode Island, and

Whereas, the New England Basketball Hall of Fame honors exceptional "coaches, teams, administrators, referees, organizations and contributors to the game of basketball . . . who have distinguished themselves in competition or in service to the game," and

Whereas, among the coaches welcomed into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame at the October 2009 ceremony held at the Mohegan Sun resort in Connecticut was a surprised and thrilled Dan Gandin, and

Whereas, Dan Gandin, who is also a U-32 faculty member in the humanities department, looks forward to continuing his basketball coaching duties for many seasons to come, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates U-32 Raiders boys' basketball coach Dan Gandin on his induction into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dan Gandin at U-32.

H.C.R. 201.

House concurrent resolution congratulating John Barnes on the 50th anniversary of his service as a Brandon volunteer firefighter

Offered by: Representative Acinapura of Brandon

Whereas, the town of Brandon, as do most Vermont municipalities, relies on the commitment and generosity of volunteer firefighters, and

Whereas, volunteer firefighters are extremely special individuals who are also often trained to perform other public safety roles in their respective communities, and

Whereas, the unusual hours and demanding duties that are fundamental to volunteer firefighting can deter individuals from remaining in this position for an extended duration, and

Whereas, a volunteer firefighter who has remained on the job for a half-century is an extraordinary individual who merits special praise and recognition, and

Whereas, John Barnes joined the Brandon volunteer fire department in June 1960, and

Whereas, he would faithfully respond to the department's call to duty on a moment's notice, and

Whereas, in 2009, health reasons prevented John Barnes from continuing to report to a fire scene, but he continues to attend the department's meetings as often as possible, and his colleagues continue to consult him on firefighting matters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates John Barnes on the 50th anniversary of his service as a Brandon volunteer firefighter, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Barnes at the Brandon volunteer fire department.

H.C.R. 202.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Hannah Rowe of St. Johnsbury Academy on her interscholastic cross-country running accomplishments

Offered by: Representatives South of St. Johnsbury, Reis of St. Johnsbury and Crawford of Burke

Offered by: Senators Choate and Kitchel

Whereas, although cross-country runners are part of a team, each athlete remains an individual competitor striving to improve her performance each time she enters a meet, and

Whereas, one of the top participants in Vermont girls' cross-country competition in the past two seasons has been Hannah Rowe of St. Johnsbury Academy, and

Whereas, the culmination of the season is the state championship meet held each October on Thetford Academy's cross-country course, and

Whereas, to win an individual cross-country title is an athletic accomplishment that only a select group of runners ever achieves, and

Whereas, in 2008, Hannah Rowe earned the Division I girls' individual cross-country state championship, and

Whereas, in 2009, when the state championship cross-country meet was held on the morning of Halloween, Hannah Rowe was once again the first female runner in Division I, and

Whereas, she completed the Thetford course impressively in a time of 20 minutes and 10 seconds, a solid 27 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher, and

Whereas, in recognition of her outstanding results at the 2009 state championship cross-country meet, the Caledonian Record on November 5, 2009, named Hannah Rowe as its high school female athlete of the week, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Hannah Rowe of St. Johnsbury Academy on her interscholastic cross-country running accomplishments, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hannah Rowe at St. Johnsbury Academy.

H.C.R. 203.

House concurrent resolution in memory of retired Vergennes fire chief Ralph J. Jackman

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes and Clark of Vergennes

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, Ralph Jackman was born in Bristol, VT in 1924 and resided in Addison County his entire life except for college and military service, and

Whereas, he left his studies at St. Michael's College to serve in the U.S. military during World War II, fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and remained a member of the U.S. Army Reserve until 1972, and

Whereas, for 43 years, Ralph Jackman and his brother, Charles, owned Jackman Fuels, Inc., and

Whereas, Ralph Jackman joined the Vergennes fire department in 1947 and mastered the skills needed to extinguish blazes under all possible circumstances, and

Whereas, based on his strong leadership skills, in 1954, Ralph Jackman was selected as the department's chief, and retained his post for a remarkable 55 years until his recent retirement in November 2009, and

Whereas, while Ralph Jackman was chief, Vermont's smallest city's fire department constructed a new fire station, pioneered the use of a hose reel truck and a four-inch hose, and established the state's first fire cadet program, and

Whereas, statewide, his firefighting colleagues recognized his administrative capabilities and twice elected him president of the Vermont State Firefighters Association, and

Whereas, closer to home, Ralph Jackman served a term as president of the Addison County Firefighters Association in which he held a lifetime membership, and

Whereas, Ralph Jackman was the recipient of professional firefighting honors, including being named the Robert B. King Fire Chief of the Year and the Francis J. Shorkey Fire Chief of the Year, and in 2008, U.S. Senator Bernie

Sanders placed a statement on Ralph Jackman's accomplishments into the Congressional Record, and

Whereas, he actively worshiped as a parishioner at Saint Peter's Roman Catholic Church and participated in many civic organizations, and

Whereas, Ralph Jackman established a family tradition as three of his grandsons are career firefighters, and five great-grandsons volunteer in local departments, and

Whereas, this inspiring community leader and public servant died in the presence of his loving family on January 2, 2010, at the age of 85, and his survivors include his wife, Myrle, five daughters, Lynn, Catherine, Christine, Susan, and Carleen, his daughter-by-heart, Deborah Senesac, 12 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of retired Vergennes Fire Chief Ralph J. Jackman, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Myrle Jackman and each of her daughters.

H.C.R. 204.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Harwood Union High School Highlanders girls' and boys' Division II championship cross-country teams

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Minter of Waterbury, Grad of Moretown, Donahue of Northfield and Greshin of Warren

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott

Whereas, the Harwood Union High School boys and girls, who ran speedily on cross-country courses during the 2009 fall season, culminated their efforts with impressive performances at the state championship meet on October 31 at Thetford Academy, and

Whereas, the Highlanders employed no tricks at this Halloween event, but applied their many hours of training and practice runs to the best possible effect, and

Whereas, the girl Highlanders, all of whom finished among the top 20 runners, starting with fourth place, were way ahead of their nearest opponents, defeating the defending Division II champions from Burr and Burton Academy 39 to 73, and

Whereas, the young ladies running their best at Thetford for Harwood Union High School included Jill Mendes, Jamie Thomas, Kate Stevens, Olivia Nishi, Hannah Woodruff, Laurel Whitney, and Kelsey Bush, and

Whereas, the Harwood boy cross-country runners continued their enviable recent history, winning a third consecutive Division II title, their seventh in the past 12 seasons, and

Whereas, the Highlander boys outscored their nearest opponent, Montpelier, 60 to 98, and

Whereas, the boys' team claimed not only a first-place divisional standing, but also the division's individual winner who completed the 5-kilometer course in a time of 18:35, and

Whereas, the 2009 Vermont state cross-country title represented the ninth for the boys and fourth for the girls,

Whereas, the championship Harwood Highlander boys were Tim Shepard, Nick Wizniewski, Zachary Munro, Dylan Thompson, Nathan Cutler, Geordy Aitken, and Patrick Meany, and

Whereas, both the girls (4th), and boys (5th), were among the top six finishers among all three divisions, earning each team a slot at the New England high school cross-country championship meet that was held in Manchester, Connecticut on November 14, and

Whereas, the boys raced on a muddy course surface while the girls had to compete in the throes of a torrential downpour, and both teams finished above their seeding, and

Whereas, Coach John Kerrigan, who was extremely proud of both teams' exciting results at the 2009 state cross-country championship meet, has, in over 30 years coaching a variety of sports at Harwood, led his students to 25 state championships, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Harwood Union High School Highlanders girls' and boys' Division II championship cross-country teams, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Kerrigan at Harwood Union High School.