

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**February 26, 2010**

## **Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16**

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Representative requests floor consideration before the end of today's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the House Clerk's office.

### **Resolutions**

#### **H.C.R. 256.**

House concurrent resolution honoring family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's and related diseases on the 2010 Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the state house

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is a devastating form of dementia that deprives individuals of life memories and their ability to function independently in society, and

Whereas, despite the growing awareness of this malady, from which large numbers of mostly older Americans suffer, no medical cure has yet been discovered, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease incapacitates or greatly diminishes its victims' cognitive and motor skills, and

Whereas, families of Alzheimer's victims also are greatly affected as the families reach the inevitable decision of implementing an around-the-clock home care plan or institutionalizing their loved ones, and

Whereas, although the hoped-for medical breakthrough to treat Alzheimer's disease is still elusive, many programs have been developed to support those with Alzheimer's disease and their families, and

Whereas, in Vermont, these services include adult day programs that provide constructive activities and companionship for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, respite programs that offer essential intervals of relief for individuals who take care of a person with Alzheimer's disease on a continual basis, and mental health clinicians who are especially trained to assist older persons with age-related mental health challenges, and

Whereas, in order to educate legislators on the complex issues related to Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, family and professional caregivers

and service support specialists are gathering at the state house on February 23, 2010, and

Whereas, these individuals perform truly heroic roles either in helping loved ones who have Alzheimer's disease or as professionals working on a broader community basis, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes all of the providers of Alzheimer's disease support services on Alzheimer's Awareness Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the organizers of the 2010 Alzheimer's Awareness Day.

#### **H.C.R. 257.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Jim Matteau on his retirement from the Windham Regional Commission

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Deen of Westminster, Burke of Brattleboro, Edwards of Brattleboro, Maier of Middlebury, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Milkey of Brattleboro, Moran of Wardsboro, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Olsen of Jamaica and Partridge of Windham

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, Jim Matteau joined the staff of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) in 1985, beginning an illustrious career that continued for over two decades, and

Whereas, his first WRC position was to serve as director of the Council on Aging for Southeast Vermont, which at the time was a WRC unit, and

Whereas, the quality of Jim Matteau's job performance, overseeing seven senior centers in Windham and Windsor counties, impressed everyone, and in 1989, he assumed the role of WRC Associate Director, and

Whereas, a decade later, Jim Matteau was promoted to WRC Executive Director, and

Whereas, in his role as WRC Executive Director, Jim Matteau served many diverse roles such as: setting in motion solid waste planning that was implemented in every town under the commission's jurisdiction; playing an instrumental part in the establishment of Connecticut River Transit and on other transportation projects; overseeing regional planning updates; addressing Act 250 and Act 248 issues in a fair manner; and being active in energy-related issues, and

Whereas, Jim Matteau was actively involved in the Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies, and

Whereas, in 2001, the Northeast States Emergency Consortium honored Jim Matteau as its Vermont Emergency Manager of the Year, and

Whereas, Jim Matteau advocated actively and effectively on behalf of the WRC's member towns, and

Whereas, after 25 years on the WRC staff, and 11 as its executive director, Jim Matteau is now retiring from the commission, leaving an outstanding legacy of excellence, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Jim Matteau for his stellar public service at the Windham Regional Commission and wishes him a long and enjoyable retirement, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jim Matteau at the Windham Regional Commission.

**H.C.R. 258.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Peter S. Clark of Londonderry

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Jamaica

Whereas, Peter Clark grew up in Greenwich, Connecticut, and graduated from Cornell University, and

Whereas, upon moving to Vermont, Peter Clark became immersed in municipal government and served in many local and regional roles, both elected and appointed, throughout his adult life, and

Whereas, he first settled in Winhall, where he held the positions of auditor and lister, and after he relocated to Londonderry, Peter Clark assumed many leadership roles in that town, and

Whereas, one of his jobs was serving as the Londonderry zoning administrator during a time when the town was experiencing an increase in residential construction of both year-round and second homes due to the town's proximity to ski resorts, and

Whereas, Peter Clark's zoning expertise was also put to good use while he served on the zoning board of adjustment, and he repeated his role as a lister which he had performed so well in Winhall, and

Whereas, for a remarkable 40 years, Peter Clark was a Londonderry justice of the peace, and while also serving on the board of civil authority, as does every justice of the peace, he chaired that panel for a period of time, and

Whereas, Bennington and Springfield called upon Peter Clark's knowledge of municipal finance and taxation when he served terms as tax assessor in each town, and

Whereas, Peter Clark became a respected authority on the assessment of land valuation for purposes of municipal taxation, and the Vermont Division of Property Valuation and Review (PVR) selected him as a district advisor, and in this role, he provided much-appreciated training and assistance to listers in 64 towns, and

Whereas, Peter Clark proudly exercised his best independent judgment on issues before him, and

Whereas, other PVR district advisors and listers throughout his district found Peter Clark to be a wonderful mentor and teacher, and he had a calming impact at difficult moments, and

Whereas, Peter Clark actively participated in Town Meeting Day activities, and for relaxation played golf and skied, and

Whereas, in his personal life, he was married to his wife, Sandra, for 41 years, and they were the parents of three sons, Douglas, Peter Jr., and John, and two daughters, Lisa and Heather, and were the proud grandparents of 10 grandchildren, and

Whereas, his life of public service ended on November 17, 2009, with his death at the age of 79, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of Peter S. Clark on the passing of this much-respected Vermonter, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sandra Clark in Londonderry.

#### **H.C.R. 259.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Bonnie West and her family for their dedication to serving the citizens of Jamaica

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Jamaica

Whereas, public service and the name West are synonymous in the town of Jamaica, and

Whereas, Bonnie and Gary West, their sons Dana and Dale, and their daughter-in-law Danielle (Danni) all have devoted countless hours to bettering the quality of life in their community, and

Whereas, Bonnie West first spent her time on town business during her three-year tenure as a town auditor beginning in 1973, and

Whereas, her duties reviewing town finances were excellent preparation for her next position as assistant town clerk, which she held from 1977 until 1992, and

Whereas, while working as assistant town clerk, Bonnie West began her duties as a library trustee, continuing to watch over this important town institution until 1995, and

Whereas, in 1992, after many years of stellar performance as assistant town clerk, Bonnie West was appointed Jamaica's town clerk and has performed the duties of this essential local administrative office ever since, and

Whereas, for much of her tenure as town clerk, Bonnie West has also been the Jamaica town treasurer and she also serves as the town agent to deed land, and

Whereas, when not working at town hall, Bonnie West might be found at the firehouse, where she is the treasurer of Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue, or at the scene of a fire, and

Whereas, her husband, Gary, has served for many years as an assistant fire chief, her son Dana is a rescue lieutenant, her son Dale is the assistant chief and training officer, and Dana's wife, Danni, is a fire department member, and the three younger members of the West family—Dana, Dale, and Danni—are each trained EMTs, and

Whereas, the 2007 Jamaica town report was dedicated to the extraordinary public service of the West family, and

Whereas, a chapter in the West family's legacy of serving the town of Jamaica will end on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, when Bonnie West concludes her 17 years of service as Jamaica town clerk, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Bonnie West on her retirement as Jamaica town clerk and the entire West family for their dedication to serving the citizens of Jamaica, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bonnie West in Jamaica.

**H.C.R. 260.**

House concurrent resolution commending Jennifer Clark for her nursing work in Haiti

Offered by: Representative Donahue of Northfield and Grad of Moretown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, Jennifer Clark of Northfield is an intensive care unit (ICU) nurse at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, a team of the hospital's personnel, including Jennifer Clark, other nurses, and doctors, recently completed an 11-day special mission to Haiti where it provided urgently needed health care services to the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck the Caribbean island nation on January 12, 2010, and

Whereas, the Dartmouth team flew on a privately provided airplane, directly from the West Lebanon airport to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and then proceeded by land to the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince, and

Whereas, once they arrived at their destination, a large hospital complex that once served the city, the team was appalled at the extent of the devastation and human suffering, and

Whereas, because of the earthquake's severity, much of the hospital was unusable, and the Dartmouth team offered its medical support services from a large tent that housed 20 to 26 patients at a time, and

Whereas, the Dartmouth team also included personnel, such as a nurse anesthetist, who worked in the hospital's still usable operating room together with doctors from other major medical centers in the United States, and

Whereas, Jennifer Clark was amazed at the emotional encouragement that the patients, who had never met before arriving at the hospital, provided to each other as they began often difficult recovery regimens from injuries sustained in the earthquake, and

Whereas, her 11 days in Haiti were personally fulfilling and satisfying as Jennifer Clark brought her professional expertise to patients who are in dire need of extensive medical attention, and

Whereas, were it not for the willingness of health care professionals, such as Jennifer Clark, to travel to Haiti and work under the most demanding and difficult conditions, these earthquake victims would not have been afforded the chance to receive the medical care necessary to maximize their chances of resuming even a semblance of normal life, and

Whereas, Jennifer Clark exemplifies the most admirable attributes of a health care professional, and she has expressed willingness to return in the future to Haiti in order to offer her medical expertise, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends Jennifer Clark for her nursing work in Haiti, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jennifer Clark in Northfield.

**H.C.R. 261.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Jamaica selectboard member David L. Hamilton

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Jamaica

Whereas, David Hamilton was a hard-working Vermonter who served his hometown in many ways and cared deeply about the well-being of his community, and

Whereas, he was born on April 11, 1941, and resided in Jamaica all of his 68 years, and

Whereas, for a decade, David Hamilton was the caretaker and handyman at the home of the author Pearl Buck, and

Whereas, as a small businessman, he owned an excavation company for over 20 years, and

Whereas, an entrepreneurial and industrious individual, David Hamilton would work as an excavator for local contractors while also providing caretaking, lawn mowing, and snowplowing services for individual customers, and

Whereas, another of his jobs had been as a local school bus driver, and

Whereas, when not performing any of these jobs, David Hamilton had a parallel career as a leading local official in the town of Jamaica, and

Whereas, for 23 years, David Hamilton sat on the Jamaica Selectboard, and

Whereas, as a selectboard member, he gave thoughtful consideration to the important policy issues and financial matters that were before him for consideration, and

Whereas, his role on the selectboard also required him to serve on the board of civil authority where he was responsible for reviewing property tax appeals and supervising many aspects of the electoral process, and



Whereas, David Hamilton held a seat on the town's cemetery commission, and his expertise was called upon when he was temporarily asked to perform the duties of Jamaica's road commissioner, and

Whereas, for 15 years, David Hamilton chaired the annual Vermont Green Up activities in Jamaica, and

Whereas, he served as a member of the nearby Stratton Fire Department, and

Whereas, he derived great pleasure and satisfaction from his fraternal association with the Masons and was an avid hunter, and

Whereas, in 1972, David Hamilton, who was one of seven siblings, married Janet Bell, and the Hamiltons' two children are James and Darlene, and

Whereas, on February 15, David Hamilton's life ended, tragically and prematurely, when he was killed in a logging accident in the woods of Jamaica, and

Whereas, David Hamilton's family will miss him very much, and he leaves a lasting legacy of friendship and goodwill in his community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of former Jamaica selectboard member David L. Hamilton, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to his wife, Janet Hamilton, and children, James and Darlene Hamilton, in Jamaica.

**H.C.R. 262.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Chester selectboard chair Richard Jewett

Offered by: Representative Pellett of Chester

Whereas, Richard Jewett of Chester was employed for 17 years at Gurney Brothers in Springfield and established his own business, Jewett Concrete Foundations, and

Whereas, as an employer, he hired several local youths to give them a solid beginning in their working careers, and

Whereas, he is an avid snowmobiler who, as a member of the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, has groomed many trails in Chester and served as a local officer in the organization, and

Whereas, for 14 years, 1995–2010, when not at work or out on the trails, Richard Jewett served on the Chester selectboard, and

Whereas, while a member of the selectboard, he strongly advocated for improved maintenance of the town's roads and bridges, and

Whereas, Richard Jewett proved to be a natural leader and, in 2004, his fellow board members chose him to serve as chair, a role for which he was eminently suited, and

Whereas, having served as the chair of the Chester selectboard for five years, and as a member for 14 years, Richard Jewett will conclude his public service role in March 2010, and as the father of three sons and grandfather of three grandsons and two granddaughters, he will greatly enjoy the added time he can devote to his family, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Richard Jewett for his exemplary public service as a member and chair of the Chester selectboard, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richard Jewett in Chester.

**H.C.R. 263.**

House concurrent resolution honoring George Cook for his civic and community leadership in the town of Chester

Offered by: Representative Pellett of Chester

Whereas, George Cook came to Chester in 1967 and for the next 31 years was a banker on the staff of First Vermont Bank, and

Whereas, as a leading local businessman, he was a member of the Chester Rotary Club, and

Whereas, for many years, he has been an active and enthusiastic leader in the civic life of Chester, and

Whereas, he has served on several municipal panels, including the town budget committee, on which he sat for 24 years from 1977 to 2001, and

Whereas, for an equal period of time, from 1981 to 2005, George Cook was a trustee of municipal funds, and

Whereas, his belief in the vital importance of public libraries led to his service as a trustee at Chester's Whiting Library from 1985 to 1993, and

Whereas, recognizing that the local availability of high-quality public schools is central for educating the youngest generation of Vermonters, he served on the Chester school board from 1997 to 2008, and

Whereas, George Cook drew on his knowledge of local real estate when he served as a Chester lister from 1997 to 2010, and

Whereas, along with his wife, Cheryl, he is a parishioner of the Chester Congregational Church, and

Whereas, in all of his many endeavors, George Cook has tirelessly contributed to making Chester the best town possible, and

Whereas, his record of community service is worthy of legislative commendation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors George Cook for his civic and community leadership in the town of Chester, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to George Cook in Chester.

#### **H.C.R. 264.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Irene Wood for her public service on behalf of the town of Chester

Offered by: Representative Pellett of Chester

Whereas, for 22 years, the town of Chester was most fortunate to have Irene Wood on the municipal payroll, and

Whereas, her meticulous attention to detail and the courtesy she always demonstrated in her dealings with the public contributed to her outstanding reputation among the town's citizenry, and

Whereas, Irene Wood began her career in Chester town government in the dual roles of bookkeeper and assistant town clerk, and

Whereas, she performed the duties associated with each of these positions efficiently, effectively, and honestly, and

Whereas, the voters of Chester recognized that Irene Wood's experience, knowledge, and personal integrity made her an ideal candidate to serve as town treasurer, and she was elected to this office in 2005, continuing to serve until her retirement in 2009, and

Whereas, Irene Wood has a special love of miniature horses and her pet dogs, and

Whereas, her affection for equestrian-related activities has made her an enthusiastic member of the Colonial Miniature Horse Club, and one of her favorite pastimes is to go horseback riding around Chester, and

Whereas, her retirement marked the conclusion of a stellar career in municipal government, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Irene Wood for her public service on behalf of the town of Chester, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Irene Wood in Chester.

### **H.C.R. 265.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Chester town auditor Richard Higley

Offered by: Representative Pellett of Chester

Whereas, during his career as a Manhattan commercial banker, Richard Higley worked in the nation's financial hub, facilitating transactions involving large sums of money, and

Whereas, after retiring from this exciting and demanding profession, he sought the less hectic and quieter pace of life the town of Chester afforded to his family and him, and

Whereas, in 1996, Richard Higley agreed to apply his professional financial expertise in service to his new hometown, accepting the position of town auditor, and

Whereas, for the next 13 years, the citizens of Chester knew the auditing of the town's financial activity was performed with great competence and thoroughness under the ever-attentive Richard Higley's direction, and

Whereas, in March 2010, following 13 years of outstanding public service and preparation of auditing reports that are a model for other towns, Richard Higley will conclude his tenure as Chester town auditor and enjoy spending more time with his wife, five children, and eight grandchildren and skiing, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Richard Higley of Chester for his outstanding public service as town auditor for Chester, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richard Higley in Chester.

**H.C.R. 266.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Linda Ralph and honoring her proprietorship of the Danby Four Corners Store

Offered by: Representatives Komline of Dorset and Olsen of Jamaica

Whereas, Linda Coburn was the oldest in a family of seven children that included siblings Marty, Billie, Kathy, Carol, Mary, and David, and

Whereas, her family had owned the historic Danby Four Corners Store since the 1970s and proudly continued this ownership until the family closed the store, seemingly forever, in 2009, and

Whereas, her sister, Marty, and, earlier, her mother, Margaret, had served as the store's owners, and

Whereas, Linda Coburn married Butch Ralph, and their two children are Harry and Judy, and

Whereas, starting in the middle 1980s, Linda and Butch Ralph assumed joint managerial responsibility of the Danby Four Corners Store, and

Whereas, their joint management was truly a business partnership of equals, and Linda developed a reputation as a shrewd businesswoman who effectively and successfully continued the family's role of providing Danby residents an unusually broad variety of goods for purchase even by the standards of a Vermont general store, and

Whereas, among the items available for purchase at Danby Four Corners Store were groceries, beer and wine, gas and kerosene, ammunition, soft-serve ice cream, clothing, stringed musical instruments such as Martin guitars, banjos, and fiddles along with guitar strings, snowsuits, and boots, including LaCrosse and Sorel brands as well as western riding boots and the belts to accompany them, and

Whereas, most appealingly for local youngsters, the Danby Four Corners Store was one of the last places where penny candy could still be admired and purchased as it sat on the oak and glass-enclosed counters, and

Whereas, the Danby Four Corners Store was also a department of fish and wildlife agency for the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and served as the local video rental center, and

Whereas, the Ralph family, including Linda, Butch, their son Harry, and friends Tom Griffith and Steve Thurston enjoyed a musical camaraderie as members of a country and bluegrass band, "Family and Friends," that often played at local benefit concerts, and

Whereas, Linda Ralph was a woman of boundless energy and generosity who baked birthday cakes for local residents who lived alone and created Easter baskets for families that could not afford to purchase them for their children, and

Whereas, Linda Ralph died of pancreatic cancer on December 18, 2008, and a family tradition that had lasted over three decades ended when the Ralph family shuttered the Danby Four Corners Store in 2009, and

Whereas, her family members and many friends miss Linda Ralph and her vibrant role in Danby, and

Whereas, the Danby community has been excited to learn of plans to revive the Danby Four Corners Store under new ownership, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences on the death of Linda Ralph and recognizes her family's long and successful proprietorship of the Danby Four Corners Store, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Butch Ralph and Margaret Coburn in Danby.

#### **H.C.R. 267.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Vermont Prudential Spirit of Community Award winners

Offered by: Representatives Frank of Underhill, Smith of Mendon, Till of Jericho, Bohi of Hartford and Clerkin of Hartford

Whereas, since 1995, Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals have presented The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards to locally nominated middle and senior high school students in each state whose volunteer projects have exhibited a special commitment to community service, and

Whereas, in 2010, Colton Blackman, an 18-year-old senior at Woodstock Union High School (WUHS), and Alec Grab, a 12-year-old seventh-grader at Browns River Middle School (BRMS) in Underhill, are the Vermont winners, and

Whereas, Colton Blackman organized a unified snowshoe team, consisting of WUHS students and local special-needs individuals, that participates in Vermont Special Olympics (VSO) competitions, and

Whereas, the organization of the team developed when Colton Blackman learned his school did not participate in the VSO unified team program, and

since its inception two years ago, he has assumed the administrative duties and served as the team's assistant coach, and

Whereas, Alec Grab's volunteer service is also associated with the VSO as he organized a six-week bike-a-thon that raised \$3,400.00 for the organization, and

Whereas, he obtained the necessary local and state permits to conduct the bike-a-thon and personally rode his bicycle 658 miles, raising over \$1,500.00, and

Whereas, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards judges recognized Hannah Cerasoli, a 17-year-old senior at Hartford High School, and Rachel Fifield, a 17-year-old senior at Mount Mansfield Union High School, as the Vermont distinguished finalists, and

Whereas, Hannah Cerasoli developed a program that encourages elementary school students to study foreign cultures, and she regularly visits local schools to speak with students, and

Whereas, Rachel Fifield led a community service and youth literacy program at the Jericho Town Library, and she tutors third- and fourth-graders in reading and writing, and

Whereas, Colton Blackman and Alec Grab will be presented cash awards of \$1,000.00 and an engraved silver medal and will travel on an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., where they will compete for national recognition and the opportunity to designate a nonprofit charitable organization as the recipient of a \$5,000.00 award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Vermont Prudential Spirit of Community Award winners, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 268.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Norton selectboard chair Franklin D. Henry for over a half-century of outstanding public service

Offered by: Representative Johnson of Canaan

Offered by: Senators Illuzzi and Kitchel

Whereas, one of Norton's leading citizens is Franklin Henry, and

Whereas, for 28 years as the Norton postmaster, he assured that the town's mail was delivered through the rain, hail, sleet, and especially snow to its intended destination, and

Whereas, this federal office is an extremely important position for citizens in a town where many goods and services are not locally available, and

Whereas, Franklin Henry's superb job performance extended over his 28 years as the Norton postmaster, and

Whereas, aside from his federal career, Franklin Henry served his fellow citizens in Norton as a respected municipal official who participated in many aspects of local government, and

Whereas, Franklin Henry was appointed the Norton town service officer, and his duties assisting persons at times of personal financial need drew on the administrative and problem-solving skills he perfected as postmaster, and

Whereas, his ability to act in a law enforcement capacity was demonstrated during his tenure as Norton's second constable, and

Whereas, the voters of Norton elected Franklin Henry as a justice of the peace, and in this position, he served on the board of civil authority assisting in the administration of elections and reviewing tax appeals, and

Whereas, serving in these local offices familiarized Franklin Henry with the operation of Norton town government, and he brought his firsthand knowledge to the table upon election to the Norton selectboard, and

Whereas, his fellow selectboard members recognized that Franklin Henry possessed outstanding leadership skills and chose him to be their chair, and

Whereas, after exceeding his constituents' and selectboard colleagues' high expectations, Franklin Henry is ending his tenure as a member and chair of the Norton selectboard, and

Whereas, the town of Norton will express its appreciation to Franklin Henry for a job well done during over 50 years of public service at a reception to be held preceding the 2010 town meeting on the evening of March 1, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Norton selectboard chair Franklin D. Henry for over a half-century of outstanding public service, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 269.**



House concurrent resolution congratulating Hannah Kearney on winning the 2010 women's skiing moguls Olympic gold medal

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, in a thrilling moment in the history of women's Olympic moguls skiing, 23-year-old Hannah Kearney of Norwich, a 2004 Hanover High School graduate, fulfilled her dream of becoming an Olympic gold medalist as she sped and jumped her way to a stupendous victory through fog, rain, and sleet down the 827-foot moguls course at Cypress Mountain near Vancouver, British Columbia, and

Whereas, this triumph was the product of nearly two decades of training and grueling practice that started at the age of six, and

Whereas, by the age of 12, Hannah Kearney was a top-level regional skier, and she became a national competitor the following year, and

Whereas, 2002 was an eventful year in her budding moguls-skiing career as Hannah Kearney won not only the eastern and junior national moguls crowns, but even more impressively, she clinched the duals and moguls gold medals at the Junior World Championship, and in the following year, exuding great confidence, she repeated her 2002 accomplishments, and

Whereas, proceeding fully into adult moguls competition, at age 19 she won the prestigious women's moguls world championship title, and

Whereas, although Hannah Kearney earned a coveted spot on the 2006 United States Winter Olympics team, her 22nd-place performance was personally disappointing, but this daughter of Norwich recreation director Jill Kearney and local carpenter Tom Kearney was not easily deterred, and

Whereas, the path to Cypress Mountain was laden with dangerous obstacles as Hannah Kearney had sustained multiple injuries since 2006, and

Whereas, in order to overcome her injuries, she battled back with unbelievable stamina, completing 1,000 jumps into the Lake Placid water pit and then spending six weeks in intensive snow training, and

Whereas, her efforts were rewarded with a berth on our nation's 2010 Olympic team as she won the U.S. trials, and then she sharpened her competitive edge with a victory in a World Cup event, and

Whereas, Hannah Kearney completed the qualifying round at Cypress Mountain in first place slightly ahead of her nearest rival, Canadian Jennifer Heil, and

Whereas, after her final run, Jennifer Heil was momentarily in the lead with 25.69 points, but Hannah Kearney immediately responded with her own powerful final run, a tightly controlled performance punctuated with perfect jumps that so impressed the judges they immediately awarded Hannah Kearney sufficient points to bring her total score to 26.63 points and assure that she would bring the 2010 women's moguls gold medal home to Vermont, and

Whereas, in celebration, she triumphantly danced around the finish area bedecked with an American flag, joyously accepting congratulatory good wishes including those of her extremely proud parents, and she has earned her place among the elite of American winter Olympians, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Hannah Kearney on winning the 2010 women's skiing moguls Olympic gold medal, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hannah Kearney in Norwich.

**H.C.R. 270.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Representative Martha P. Heath as a recipient of the New England Board of Higher Education's 2010 David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship

Offered by: Representatives Frank of Underhill, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Acinapura of Brandon, Ancel of Calais, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Clarkson of Woodstock, Crawford of Burke, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Head of South Burlington, Helm of Castleton, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Larson of Burlington, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Maier of Middlebury, Manwaring of Wilmington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Obuchowski of Rockingham, Partridge of Windham, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor and Winters of Williamstown

Whereas, the esteemed chair of the House Committee on Appropriations, Representative Martha Heath of Westford, is an enthusiastic advocate on behalf of Vermont's system of public education, and she previously chaired the House Committee on Education, and

Whereas, outside the legislature, Representative Martha Heath has dedicated considerable time to educational governance, starting with her membership on the Westford School Board, and

Whereas, Representative Martha Heath's commitment to improving elementary and secondary education for all children has continued with her membership on the boards of the Chittenden Central Supervisory Union school district and Camp Thorpe, which serves children who are physically, emotionally, or developmentally challenged, and

Whereas, on the postsecondary level, Representative Martha Heath served for a dozen years as a trustee of the University of Vermont and served on many important committees, including the Vermont Agricultural College Board of Trustees, and she played a major leadership role in the search that resulted in Daniel Fogel becoming president of the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, since 1997, Representative Martha Heath has sat on the board of directors of the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation and is currently its vice chair, and

Whereas, in recognition of Representative Martha Heath's extraordinary contribution to postsecondary education in Vermont, University of Vermont President Daniel Fogel, Vermont State Colleges Chancellor Timothy Donovan, and Vermont Student Assistance Corporation President Donald Vickers jointly nominated her for the New England Board of Higher Education's 2010 David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship, and

Whereas, the distinguished panel reviewing the nominees concurred that Representative Martha Heath merits this award, and she will be presented this prestigious honor at the organization's awards banquet on Friday evening, March 5, 2010, in Boston, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Representative Martha P. Heath on her winning the New England Board of Higher Education's 2010 David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship, and be it further

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