

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

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**of**

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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. 273.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 U-32 Raiders Division II championship boys' basketball team

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, the U-32 boys' basketball team played steadily in the closing weeks of the 2009–2010 season, capturing eight consecutive game victories immediately prior to the commencement of postseason play, and

Whereas, the team's impressive late season surge earned it the third seed in Division II playoff competition, in which the Raiders continued to display their winning ways, gaining a berth in the championship game and the opportunity to play the fourth-seeded Missisquoi Thunderbirds, and

Whereas, the Thunderbirds celebrated their first-ever boys' basketball championship appearance with a 9–5 first-quarter lead, but the scoring advantage was short-lived, and

Whereas, awakened to Missisquoi's basketball playing prowess, U-32 assumed a more offensively effective playing style in the second quarter, starting with a 6–0 opening exhibition, and left the floor at halftime with a 22–16 lead, and

Whereas, U-32 quickly learned it could not rest on its past laurels as Missisquoi's third quarter was its best with 15 points, and the Raiders barely maintained their scoring advantage with a fragile 32–31 lead, and

Whereas, the fourth quarter would prove decisive as U-32 drew on all of its skill and put on a great basketball performance, including a 17–6 run that culminated in a 52–43 victory, and won the 2010 Division II championship, and

Whereas, Raiders Jack Shea, Carter Austin-Bradley, Trevor Cote, Nathan Magne, Ryan Shea, Sam McArdle, Watumbe Noble, Brian Pellegrini, John Helme, Nolan Callahan, Zeb Bolduc, and Clark Stridsberg played wonderfully, and manager Chad Ducas fulfilled his supporting role with great competence, and

Whereas, Head Coach Dan Gandin oversaw his fourth U-32 championship squad, and his great assistant coaches Chris Hudson and Mike Macke were invaluable in the 2010 boys' basketball campaign, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 U-32 Raiders Division II championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 274.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Lamoille Union High School Lady Lancers Division II championship girls' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Nease of Johnson, Howard of Cambridge and Martin of Wolcott

Offered by: Senator Bartlett

Whereas, in 2008, the Lamoille Union High School Lady Lancers progressed to the Division II girls' basketball championship but, despite a great effort at that championship game, the Lady Lancers came up short when they faced the Milton High School Yellowjackets, and

Whereas, these two teams again dominated Division II girls' basketball 2010 competition, and the Lancers' only regular season loss was to Milton, and

Whereas, Lamoille was ranked the No. 2 seed for 2010 postseason play while Milton was assigned the top rank, and

Whereas, their inevitable 2010 showdown championship game at the Barre Auditorium seemed, for much of the contest, headed for a similar conclusion, and

Whereas, when the teams stopped for the midgame break, Milton held a narrow 26–25 lead, and the score was 36–34 as the third quarter ended, and

Whereas, with so much sweat and effort, the Lady Lancers had harbored hopes of earning the 2010 Division II championship, and with only eight minutes of regulation play remaining, an immediate and game-reversing turnaround was imperative, and

Whereas, during an amazing fourth quarter, all of Lamoille's best basketball ingenuity and skill emerged as the Lady Lancers opened the quarter with a stunning 25–5 run, becoming a rejuvenated team, and

Whereas, Lamoille scored 28 points in the final quarter, just six shy of the team's total for the prior three quarters, and

Whereas, this nearly unbelievable fourth-quarter display of offensive muscle enabled the Lady Lancers to win a solid 62–49 victory over the Yellowjackets and clinch the 2010 Division II girls’ basketball championship, and

Whereas, Lady Lancers Shaunna Haley, Erin Stokes, Nikki LaFreniere, Ashley Jones, Emily Slayton, Jillian Emery, Ashley Vanat, Katie LaFreniere, Carly Ackley, Chelsea Dunham, Alyssa Machia, Alex Cattelona, and Annie Wells celebrated this joyous finale to their 2009–2010 season, and

Whereas, head coach Tim Messier and assistant coaches Greg Stokes and Mark Cattelona worked diligently all season with victory in mind, as did team program assistant Stacy Stokes, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Lamoille Union High School Lady Lancers Division II championship girls’ basketball team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 275.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Senator Justin Smith Morrill, the father of America’s land-grant colleges

Offered by: Representatives Cheney of Norwich and Masland of Thetford

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, Justin Smith Morrill, the son of a blacksmith, was born on April 14, 1810, in Strafford, Vermont, and

Whereas, after his formal education ended at age 15, he entered the world of commerce, and

Whereas, Justin Smith Morrill retired from business at age 38 to live the life of a gentleman farmer in Strafford, and

Whereas, in 1854 he was elected to represent Vermont’s Second Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives, serving a total of six terms in that chamber, and

Whereas, in 1857, when higher education was generally restricted to the teaching of theology, medicine, and philosophy to affluent white men, Representative Morrill introduced a bill in Congress that changed the course of American higher education, and

Whereas, his legislation created a national system of land-grant colleges to teach subjects related to agriculture and mechanical arts to Americans from all walks of life, as Representative Morrill explained, “in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes,” and

Whereas, the University of Vermont is one of the nation’s leading land-grant colleges, and

Whereas, since the passage of the Land-Grant College Act in 1862, more than 23 million students have graduated from the 105 land-grant colleges it spawned, and

Whereas, in 1866, the Vermont General Assembly elected Justin Smith Morrill as a United States senator from Vermont, an office to which he was re-elected five times for a combined total of 43 years representing Vermont in the two houses of Congress, and

Whereas, before being elected to Congress, Justin Smith Morrill designed his Gothic Revival house in Strafford and its experimental gardens, which are its centerpiece, and

Whereas, in 1960, the United States secretary of the interior designated the Morrill Homestead as the first National Historic Landmark in Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1969, the Justin Smith Morrill Homestead was donated to the State of Vermont to be open to the public as a Vermont historic site, and

Whereas, today, April 14, 2010, marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Justin Smith Morrill, the father of America’s land-grant colleges, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of U.S. Senator Justin Smith Morrill, the father of America’s land-grant colleges, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Strafford town clerk, to the Friends of the Morrill Homestead, to the Strafford Historical Society, and to the Vermont division for historic preservation.

**H.C.R. 276.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the federal TRIO programs in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Jerman of Essex, Andrews of Rutland City, Atkins of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Brennan of Colchester, Burke of

Brattleboro, Cheney of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lorber of Burlington, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McNeil of Rutland Town, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, O'Brien of Richmond, Pellett of Chester, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Mendon, South of St. Johnsbury, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Toll of Danville, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, promoting the academic success of students who come from families with minimal economic resources and who aspire to be the first members of their family to attend college is the laudable goal of the federal TRIO programs, and, in Vermont, these important academic preparatory programs serve students at seven colleges and through the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, and

Whereas, Upward Bound, the original federally financed college incentive program for disadvantaged students, was established in 1965 under the auspices of the federal Office of Economic Opportunity, and, in coordination with the later-established Upward Bound Math Science, helps secondary school students from financially disadvantaged families prepare for college, and

Whereas, the Talent Search Program, initially authorized in the Higher Education Act of 1965, assists students early in the college admissions and financial aid process, and

Whereas, the federal Education Amendments of 1968 reauthorized these two original programs, established Special Services for Disadvantaged Students, and united all three under the umbrella of the federal Office (now Department) of Education, and

Whereas, this threesome of special programs for students from low income backgrounds became known informally as TRIO, and

Whereas, over the ensuing decades, additional programs such as Veterans Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers, and the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program have all been added to the TRIO mix, and

Whereas, in 1992, Congress renamed and combined all of the programs as the federal TRIO programs, and

Whereas, in the state of Vermont, Project TRIO is now serving 12,531 students and \$8,401,715 in federal dollars supports this worthy education program, and

Whereas, the federal TRIO programs continue to be a special gateway for financially disadvantaged students to achieve their higher education hopes and dreams, and

Whereas, students and administrators representing the federal TRIO programs in Vermont are visiting the state house today, Friday, March 19, 2010, and their visit provides an opportunity to recognize the important educational and societal roles of the federal TRIO programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to honor the outstanding work of the federal TRIO programs in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Assistant Director of TRIO/SSS/Learning Co-op Dr. Harri Williams at the University of Vermont.

**H.C.R. 277.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Williamstown Blue Devils Division IV championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representative Winters of Williamstown and Davis of Washington

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, Williamstown High School won its prior boys' basketball championship in 1986, and

Whereas, 2009–2010 was an exceptional season for the Blue Devils as they advanced through the playoff competition and confronted the Proctor Phantoms, who were seeking to match the Vermont record, in any division, of five consecutive boys' basketball championships, and

Whereas, with the support of a large local crowd of fans watching at the Barre Auditorium, the Blue Devils took to the hardwood floor ready to demonstrate their basketball prowess, and

Whereas, the Blue Devils quickly assumed command with a 7–0 lead, but it soon vanished as the Phantoms pushed ahead 15–14 at the first quarter’s conclusion, and

Whereas, in the second quarter, Proctor continued to surge ahead, building a 22–14 lead that also proved fleeting when the Blue Devils rebounded with an 11–2 run that enabled Williamstown to achieve a slight but emotionally satisfying 25–24 halftime lead, and

Whereas, in this game of continual role reversal, Proctor regained its confidence and ended the third quarter one precious point ahead at 35–34, and

Whereas, the last eight minutes would truly be the decisive quarter, and Williamstown played as a winner worthy of the championship designation, and

Whereas, early in the fourth quarter, a Blue Devil completed a three-pointer to place Williamstown on top, and the Blue Devils would not be toppled again from this preferred place on the scoring hierarchy, and

Whereas, although Proctor made one last attempt to reclaim the lead, narrowing the Williamstown margin to 45–41, a Blue Devil stole the ball, and with only 45 seconds remaining, he scored a pivotal layup to give his team a grand 47–41 win and the 2010 Division IV boys’ basketball championship, and

Whereas, Blue Devils Ramon Burgos, Johnny Earls, Troy Laughlin, Nick Gagnon, Steven Manwaring, Logan Clark, Mitchell St. Onge, Kyle Benway, Justin Beaudet, and John Scholtz and their great team manager, Chelsea Brennan, were thrilled, as were the Williamstown fans, and

Whereas, Head coach Jack Carrier and assistant coaches John Pellegrini, Kellen George, and Nick Dubois were all proud of their team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Williamstown Blue Devils Division IV championship boys’ basketball team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 278.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 U-32 Raiders Division II championship girls’ ice hockey team

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, girls' ice hockey was a story of continual success for the 2009–2010 U-32 Raiders as they skated across the state's frozen arena surfaces to a nearly undefeated season, having lost only once, narrowly, to the Rutland High School Raiders 1-0, and

Whereas, when the U-32 Raiders skated onto the ice at Kreitzberg Arena for the Division II championship game, their inevitable opponent was the other Raider team that had prevented U-32 from playing a perfect season, and

Whereas, in the scoreless first period, Rutland forestalled a U-32 shot on goal until the last three minutes, but that defensive accomplishment was negated as U-32 easily thwarted a series of repeated Rutland scoring attempts, and

Whereas, despite possessing a 5–3 player advantage for a 31-second stretch early in the second period, the Rutland Raiders still failed to score a goal, setting the scene for a decisive two-pronged U-32 offensive drive, and

Whereas, U-32's scoring success started when one team-member took a breakout pass in the neutral zone and maintained control of the puck until she slid it as a backhanded shot into the net, and

Whereas, almost miraculously, just 19 seconds after the post-goal faceoff, a U-32 team player circled in a full 360-degree turn and executed a forehand shot that sent the puck back into the net, and

Whereas, after two periods of play, this all-Raider Division II girls' ice hockey championship contest's score was 2–0 in favor of U-32, and

Whereas, U-32 scored one last goal at 11:27 of the third period, providing the final assurance it would skate away as the game's 3-0 winner, and

Whereas, the U-32 Raiders' first girls' ice hockey championship occurred due to the great season-long play of each team member, including Ashley Vincent, Paige Schneider, Metta Sairs, Esther Peterson, Emily Aylward, Katie Kreis, Jyneva Pickel, Milinda Sterling, Caroline Pettinato, Kasey Donna, Erika Gonyaw, Alicia Danyew, Gabrielle Coletti, Briana Breer, Claire Puleio, Zoe Myers, Tara Fitzgerald, Brianna Gowans, and Hallie Haupt, and

Whereas, head coach Dave Pickel and assistant coaches Chris Kane, Larry Smith, and Emilie Clark were great leaders, and team managers Abigail Staab and Cheyenne Smith were always ready to lend their assistance, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 U-32 Raiders Division II championship girls' ice hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dave Pickel at U-32 High School.

**H.C.R. 279.**

House concurrent resolution designating October 16, 2010, as Vermont Pumpkin Carving Day

Offered by: Representatives Wilson of Manchester, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Olsen of Jamaica and Komline of Dorset

Whereas, the carving and displaying of pumpkins are nearly as symbolic of October in Vermont as the countryside's colorful pageantry of leaves, and

Whereas, in October 2006, the first Vermont Pumpkin Carving Day was conducted in Manchester and, in 2007, 2008, and 2009, the general assembly renewed its official recognition of each year's festive fall gathering, and

Whereas, after several successful pumpkin carving celebrations in the town of Manchester, it is now an ideal time to extend statewide this exciting prelude to the holiday season, and

Whereas, the Manchester and the Mountains Regional Chamber of Commerce is inviting every Vermont town to stage a pumpkin carving event that will serve as a substantial local economic driver, and

Whereas, in order to celebrate the art of pumpkin carving, and as an incentive to encourage the economically important Columbus Day holiday weekend visitors to linger in Vermont just a little longer, a mid-October statewide pumpkin carving day would encourage other communities to conduct pumpkin carving festivities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Saturday, October 16, 2010, as Vermont Pumpkin Carving Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Executive Director Berta Maginniss of the Manchester and the Mountains Regional Chamber of Commerce, President Betsy Bishop of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director Steven Jeffrey of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Secretary Roger Allbee of Agriculture, Food and Markets, and Commissioner Bruce Hyde of Tourism and Marketing.

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Executive Director Berta Maginniss of the Manchester and the Mountains Regional Chamber of Commerce, President Betsy Bishop of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director Steven Jeffrey of the

Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Secretary Roger Allbee of Agriculture, Food and Markets, and Commissioner Bruce Hyde of Tourism and Marketing.

**H.C.R. 280.**

House concurrent resolution designating March 25, 2010, as Afterschool Program Day at the state house

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Andrews of Rutland City, Bohi of Hartford, Burke of Brattleboro, Davis of Washington, Donahue of Northfield, Edwards of Brattleboro, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, O'Brien of Richmond, Orr of Charlotte, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Smith of Mendon, Waite-Simpson of Essex and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, in the state of Vermont, before-school, afterschool, and summer programs keep more than 20,000 children engaged in the hours outside the school day with innovative learning experiences and positive youth development opportunities, and

Whereas, studies have found that children who attend high-quality afterschool programs report good relations with friends, healthy emotional adjustment, stronger conflict resolution skills, and better grades and behavior in school, and

Whereas, Vermont's afterschool programs keep children safe and in structured, stimulating, and productive programs during the time of day that juvenile crime hits its peak and when youths are at greater risk of being involved in crime and substance abuse, and

Whereas, afterschool programs build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, and

Whereas, the Afterschool Alliance reports that for most families there is an "after school gap" of 15–25 hours per week when parents are still at work, and quality afterschool programs help sustain Vermont's working parents' productivity, and

Whereas, according to the JC Penney Afterschool Fund, 92 percent of Vermont parents are satisfied with their children's afterschool program, and the America After 3pm survey found high support among Vermont adults for post-school day organized youth programs, and

Whereas, among the Vermont Afterschool programs are: Healthy Choices and Math can be Fun (Newark Street School); Pillows for Haiti and Community Questing Adventures (Putney Central School); Journaling and

Reading Club (Enosburg); Tech Club and Self Defense Class (Vergennes); Slimy and Scaly Class and Dance Troupe (East Haven); World Drumming (Alburgh Community Educational Center); Core Support classes in science, math, and Spanish (Winooski High School); math and reading tutoring (South Royalton School); swimming lessons (Rutland); fencing, rowing, and homework help (Burlington High School); and other options include: 4H programs, the Iron Chef competition, school garden projects, skiing and snowshoeing, music programs, theatre projects, community service, painting and pottery, math clubs, chess clubs, literacy programs, and book clubs, and

Whereas, 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool programs in Vermont employ over 1,700 paid staff and create over 290 school-community partnerships, and they provide programming for students in schools and communities where at least 40 percent of the student population qualifies for free or reduced-price meals, and

Whereas, afterschool directors, advocates, partners, and students are gathered today, March 25, 2010, in Montpelier to celebrate these programs' success and promote the importance of their continuance, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 25, 2010, as Afterschool Program Day at the state house, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Partnership for Afterschool Excellence.

#### **H.C.R. 281.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division II championship boys' ice hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Savage of Swanton, Consejo of Sheldon and McAllister of Highgate

Offered by: Senators Brock and Kittell

Whereas, the No. 2-seeded Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds boys' ice hockey team, including a dozen seniors, faced the No. 1-seeded Stowe High School Raiders in the 2010 Division II (Lake Division) boys' ice hockey championship game at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse, and

Whereas, the first period ended in a scoreless tie, and

Whereas, 14 seconds into the second period, a Missisquoi player skated past a Raider to recover the puck that the Raider goalie had just shot back into play,

and the Thunderbird immediately sent it into the net for the game's first goal, and

Whereas, two assisting Thunderbirds created the setup that enabled a third teammate to score the game's second goal at 10:54 of the second period, and

Whereas, at the net, the Thunderbird goalie boldly defended his territory, deflecting five Raider shots on goal in under a minute while Stowe had a power play advantage late in the second period, and

Whereas, not content with a 2-0 lead, the Thunderbirds scored their third goal at 3:47 of the final period when, in a play involving three Thunderbirds, Missisquoi took the puck from the right point, then slid it along the blue line and ultimately into the near side of the net, and

Whereas, to cap the scoring, a Thunderbird succeeded in skating past the Raiders defending the blue line and, with 7:12 remaining, made the final score of 4-0 and gave Missisquoi the 2010 Division II boys' ice hockey crown, the school's first winter sports championship, and a 19-4 season, and

Whereas, Missisquoi's great team, including Caleb Lothian, Trevor Gagner, Matt Conger, Jeremy Coutts, Ryan Lothian, Joey Hartmann, Kevin Leblanc, Brian Fortin, Anthony Vorse, Cole Tessier, Zach Ross, Bart Benckert, Caleb Letourneau, Kinnon McDonald, Silas Rainville, Chris Leblanc, Devin Johnson, Jon Case, Ryan Brown, Dylan Lothian, Adam Fortin, Jack Hubbard, Ken Spears, Kyle Kilbury, Jacob Pratt, Justin Christian, and Ryan Plouff, skated a spectacular season of boys' ice hockey, and managers Chasen LaShure and Randy Hoffman were always helpful, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jason Brace, Assistant Coach Luc Choquette, who skillfully substituted at the championship game for Coach Brace when he was on National Guard duty, and Assistant Coach John McDonald inspired the team to play its best, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division II championship boys' ice hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Missisquoi Valley Union High School Athletic Director David Rousselle.

#### **H.C.R. 282.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I championship girls' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Reis of St. Johnsbury, South of St. Johnsbury, Crawford of Burke, Larocque of Barnet and Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Choate and Kitchel

Whereas, the St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers girls' basketball team was ranked 12th in postseason play and had the third-lowest number of regular season wins among all the Division I teams, and

Whereas, ignoring the common wisdom, the Hilltoppers began their postseason miracle journey by defeating fifth-seeded Rice Memorial High School and then outscoring No. 4, Champlain Valley Union High School, and

Whereas, the Hilltoppers' championship potential overcame a further challenge when the team easily defeated top-ranked Burr & Burton Academy, and

Whereas, having unexpectedly dribbled and shot its way into the championship game, St. Johnsbury Academy confronted the highly respected No. 3-seeded Rutland High School Raiders, who had defeated the Hilltoppers 46–21 during the regular season, and

Whereas, although St. Johnsbury had an early 9–4 lead, the team's storybook tale was hardly concluded, as the Raiders charged ahead to 18–17 at the halftime break, and

Whereas, in the opening minutes of third period, Rutland scored six consecutive points, seeming to write the final chapter of the Hilltoppers' amazing odyssey, and

Whereas, the Hilltoppers then initiated an exceptional display of defensive skill, keeping the Raiders scoreless for the final 14½ minutes while also scoring ten consecutive points to win the game 27–24, clinching the academy's first-ever girls' basketball Division I championship title, and

Whereas, the remarkable win was the lowest score ever recorded in a Vermont girls' basketball championship, and St. Johnsbury is the lowest-seeded team ever to carry home the sport's divisional title, and

Whereas, ecstatic Hilltoppers Britney Lane, Bianca Calkins, Adama Kay, Brittany Regis, Molly Moran, Hannah Rowe, Ally Bruckner, Johannah Driscoll, Jessica Brown, Christa Poulin, Emily Bruckner, Allison Brown, and Casey Carbone will long remember their historic 2010 season, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jack Driscoll and Assistant Coach Beth Choiniere are extremely proud of their players' performance, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I championship girls' basketball team on its truly historic season, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jack Driscoll at St. Johnsbury Academy.

**H.C.R. 283.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Burr & Burton Academy film and technology teacher Brian Gawlik

Offered by: Representatives Komline of Dorset and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, in 1998, Burr & Burton Academy in Manchester opened the Smith Center, filled with communications and technology classrooms, and a state-of-the art television production facility, and the newly endowed Jonathan Levin technology chair provided funding to hire an instructor to oversee the center's academic activities, and

Whereas, Brian Gawlik, a successful young CNN television news producer who worked in the fast-paced world of 24-hour television journalism and who had no teaching experience was at first not the obvious choice for this newly established instructorship, and

Whereas, this enthusiastic media wizard presented his candidacy so persuasively that in 1999, Burr & Burton Headmaster Charles Scranton took a risk and hired this aspiring and untested teacher to assume this new faculty post, and

Whereas, any doubt that Brian Gawlik belonged in the education fraternity was quickly dissipated as he proved a gifted and natural teacher who inspired his students to master the skills and techniques required to produce video journalism and documentaries, and

Whereas, from 1999 until 2009, the students of Burr & Burton Academy were truly privileged to benefit from his instructional insights, and Brian Gawlik became a mentor for many who pursued careers in communications and broadcast journalism, and

Whereas, Brian Gawlik gained great pleasure and satisfaction in his second career, which ended prematurely and tragically on December 8, 2009, when his battle against cancer ended with his death, and

Whereas, immediately upon the news of Brian Gawlik's failing health a Facebook memorial page was established that gained over 1,000 heartfelt and

appreciative entries from students and local residents, such as “your limitless love, compassion and wisdom is timelessly bounding through the universe” and a perfect quote from J.R.R. Tolkien’s *Lord of the Rings* stating, “All we have to do is decide what to do with the time that is given us,” and

Whereas, at a memorial mass, former Burr & Burton Academy Headmaster Charles Scranton eulogized Brian Gawlik, describing him as a natural teacher who taught with passion and compassion, who instilled in his students a sense of responsibility, who was always giving, and who left a real legacy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Brian Gawlik and to his colleagues and students at Burr & Burton Academy, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to his parents, Helen and Joe Gawlik in Manchester, his brothers Joe in Manchester and Gregg in Pawlet, his sister Jeannine in Portland, Oregon, and to Burr & Burton Academy.

#### **H.C.R. 284.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the outstanding efforts of those who care for, educate, and advocate for our young children in Vermont

Offered by: Representative Frank of Underhill

Offered by: Senator Racine

Whereas, today’s young children are tomorrow’s voters, workers, taxpayers, and parents, and

Whereas, a good start helps ensure both a child’s and Vermont’s future prosperity, and

Whereas, science tells us that early experiences establish the architecture of a child’s developing brain, and nurturing and individualized interactions with adults – at home and in the community – build a strong foundation for future growth and development, and

Whereas, the quality of early childhood experiences establishes either a sturdy or fragile foundation for all development that follows, and

Whereas, child development is community development as well as economic development, as healthy, capable young children are the building blocks of a solid and productive society, and

Whereas, the 5,000 child care providers in Vermont are essential to the state's economic growth, and they contribute to the creation or support of 2,232 indirect jobs, and

Whereas, although 85 percent of a child's core brain structure is formed by the age of four years, less than nine percent of public investments in education and development is made by that time, and

Whereas, all Vermonters want their young children to grow into solid community members and active participants in our economy, and

Whereas, concerned Vermonters will gather at the state house on March 17, 2010, to discuss with their state legislators increasing accessibility to and affordability for all Vermonters of high-quality early child care, health, and education services, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the outstanding work of all those who care for, educate, and advocate for our young children in Vermont who are visiting the state house on March 17, 2010, which is Early Childhood Day at the legislature, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the sponsoring organizations of the Kids are Priority One Coalition, including Mama Says, the Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children, the Vermont Child Care Industry and Careers Council, the Vermont Family Network, Voices for Vermont's Children, and the Windham Child Care Association.