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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. 285.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Lund Family Center in Burlington on its 120th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Donovan of Burlington, Ainsworth of Royalton, Ancel of Calais, Aswad of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, Condon of Colchester, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Davis of Washington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Geier of South Burlington, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Johnson of Canaan, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larson of Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Milkey of Brattleboro, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, O'Brien of Richmond, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Partridge of Windham, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Smith of Mendon, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, Young of St. Albans City, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, in the fall of 1890, ten Women's Christian Temperance Union members from around the state of Vermont met in Burlington to develop an assistance plan for unwed pregnant or parenting women, and

Whereas, based on this work, the general assembly enacted Act No.141 of the laws of 1890, a charter establishing the "Home for Friendless Women," that the governor signed on November 4 of that year, and

Whereas, on April 12, 1893, the "Home for Friendless Women" opened in Burlington, and, in 1926, it was renamed the "Elizabeth Lund Home" honoring Burlington resident Dr. William B. Lund who donated a generous financial gift

in memory of his wife, Elizabeth, who was a tireless supporter of the home, and

Whereas, in 1966, in need of a larger and modern facility, the Lund Home conducted a successful capital campaign directed by Norwich University President Ernest Harmon, and

Whereas, in 1969, the new building opened and was expanded in 1987, and again in 2007, with increasingly broadening and sophisticated family support services to serve a growing number of statewide clients, and

Whereas, in 1987, in recognition of the organization's designation as one of Vermont's first parent-child centers and of other family support services being offered, it was renamed and incorporated as the "Lund Family Center," and

Whereas, the Lund Family Center's contemporary mission is "to help children thrive by serving families with children; pregnant or parenting teens and young adults," and the center regularly serves more than 4,000 Vermonters statewide, and

Whereas, in 2000, the Lund Family Center partnered with Burlington Housing Authority, the Sisters of Mercy, Housing Vermont, the Chittenden County Continuum of Care, and Cathedral Square Corporation to open Independence Place, a six-unit transitional housing facility for clients to develop independent living skills, and

Whereas, the Lund Family Center is Vermont's only residential treatment program in which pregnant or parenting young women live with their children while receiving substance abuse or mental illness treatment or both, and it is the largest and oldest private nonprofit adoption agency, having facilitated over 8,600 adoptions since 1890, and

Whereas, in recent years, the Lund Family Center was awarded three competitive U.S. government grants to enhance substance abuse services, expand rural recruitment of foster and adoptive families, and increase collaboration between the child welfare and substance abuse systems, and

Whereas, the Lund Family Center has earned a substantial national reputation and won many prestigious national awards, including: the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2003 Adoption Excellence Award, the March of Dimes 2003 Lifetime Achievement Award, and the 2002 and 2009 Congressional Angel in Adoption Awards, and

Whereas, during its 120 years of service, the Lund Family Center has earned a widely acknowledged statewide and national reputation for excellence, innovation, and success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Lund Family Center on its 120th anniversary of service to Vermont's children and families, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Lund Family Center in Burlington.

H.C.R. 286.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Green Mountain Glades USA Hockey Tier 1 New England Regional Squirt Division championship ice hockey team

Offered by: Representative Turner of Milton

Whereas, as the 2010 Squirt Division champions in Vermont youth hockey, the Green Mountain Glades earned a divisional berth in the USA Hockey Tier 1 New England Regional Tournament in Smithfield, Rhode Island, and

Whereas, Tier 1 is the highest level in youth hockey competition, and

Whereas, in their opening contest on Friday, March 5, the Glades tied the Mid-Fairfield Blues, the Connecticut championship Squirt Division team, 2–2, and

Whereas, with only a night's rest, the Glades returned to the ice on Saturday morning to take on their New England Hockey League rivals, the New Hampshire Avalanche, losing a heartbreaker of a game 1–0, placing them only a single game from tournament elimination, and

Whereas, just hours after the loss to New Hampshire, the Glades reversed their fortune, beating the Providence Jr. Bears with a 5–1 victory, assuring their continuing into the second round of play, and

Whereas, emerging onto the ice early Sunday morning, the Vermont youngsters again faced off against the New Hampshire Avalanche, and

Whereas, unlike the Saturday morning encounter with their rivals from across the Connecticut River, the Glades reversed the prior game's outcome, winning 1–0 on a goal they scored in the second minute of play, and

Whereas, that win forwarded the Glades into the championship Squirt Division game against the Mid-Fairfield Blues, the team that finished first in the opening or round-robin round of play, and

Whereas, late in the second period, the Glades slammed the puck into the net for the game's first goal, and they repeated this feat twice in the third period, and

Whereas, although the Blues placed a point on the scoreboard with a single goal, that proved insufficient for the Connecticut squad's ambition to overtake the green-and-gold-clad Glades, and

Whereas, the talented hockey players responsible for the Green Mountain Glades' USA Hockey Tier 1 New England Regional championship, the first ever at this event for a Vermont Squirt Division team, were Eli Rivers, Eric Roy, Brendan Green, Cory Doney, Matteo Perantoni, Hunter Laroe, Kyle Haskins, Zach LaGue, Thomas Pierce, Thomas Samuelsen, Dickie Hall, Jonny Daggett, Nate Gaboriault, Luke Dion, and Blaine Moore, and team managers Mark Moore, Carrie Roy, and Marianne Green were always ready to assist as needed, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jim Hall and assistant coaches Randy LaGue, Chris Rivers and Jim Roy taught these youngsters the skills needed to win, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Green Mountain Glades USA Hockey Tier 1 New England Regional Squirt Division championship ice hockey team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 287.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Comets Division I girls' championship ice hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Young of St. Albans City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Howrigan of Fairfield, Branagan of Georgia, Consejo of Sheldon, Gilbert of Fairfax, McAllister of Highgate, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburg and Savage of Swanton

Offered by: Senators Brock and Kittell

Whereas, the 2010 Division I (Metro Division) girls' ice hockey championship contest, played on the frozen surface of Norwich University's Kreitzberg Arena, featured the No. 3 seeded Bellows Free Academy (BFA)-St. Albans Comets and the top-ranked Spaulding High School Crimson Tide, and

Whereas, the first period's scoreless tie set the scene for the few moments in the second period that would prove decisive for BFA-St. Albans' ultimate success, and

Whereas, the opening 48 seconds of the second period provided the Crimson Tide an ideal scoring opportunity as the team skated onto the ice with

a power play advantage, but the BFA-St. Albans goalie quickly snatched a puck out of the air when it threatened to land inside her net, and

Whereas, the Comets proved more adept when their power play opportunity arose as they commandeered the puck after it had bounced off an official near center ice, and they shot it directly to a wide-open net to the right of the Spaulding goalie, and

Whereas, on the defensive side, the Comets' goalie strongly protected the net with 23 saves, and

Whereas, the BFA-St. Albans Comets who continued a proud school tradition by clinching the team's seventh girls' hockey championship included Jayla Robtoy, Tori Hubbard, Rachel Hubbard, Aly Hardy, Kayleigh Williams, Alli Berno, Kate Howard, Abbi Boomhover, Alison Lamell, Ali Evans, Missy Garceau, Emily Seguin, Taylor Girard, Hanna Lovelette, Emily Vallee, Jennifer Deso, Kelley Match, Katelynn Moreau, Mercedes Blais, Morgan Dodd, Jessica Carpenter, Elizabeth Barbeau, and Shanley Howrigan, and team managers Brooke Boomhover and Sam Manahan provided invaluable support, and

Whereas, Head Coach Luke Cioffi and assistant coaches Jeff Rouleau and Keane Yandow were wise instructors who expertly advised the team on its championship journey, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Comets Division I girls' championship ice hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Luke Cioffi at Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans.

H.C.R. 288.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Hazen Union High School Wildcats Division III championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Leriche of Hardwick, Peltz of Woodbury, and Smith of Morristown

Whereas, the Hazen Union High School Wildcats boys' basketball team defended its 2009 Division III championship enthusiastically and successfully, and

Whereas, with a 16–3 record prior to the ultimate game played at the Barre Auditorium, the Wildcats faced a challenge to their Division III title from the undefeated and top-seeded Lake Region Rangers, and

Whereas, the first quarter proved ominous for the Wildcats as the teams returned to their respective benches with the Rangers owning a 12–10 lead, and

Whereas, the Wildcats are not athletes who allow a momentary setback to discourage them, and they rebounded strongly with nine quick points in the second quarter's first minute, and by halftime, they were in scoring command, 33–23, and

Whereas, Hazen continued the same upward scoring trend in the third quarter and widen its margin to 15 points, 47–32, at the penultimate quarter's final buzzer, and

Whereas, the high-scoring fourth quarter included a 25-point gain for the Wildcats, and when the game was over, Hazen had decisively defeated Lake Region 72–49, and

Whereas, the great Wildcat players who earned Hazen Union High School its second consecutive Division III boys' basketball championship included Murphy Simmons, Adam Whitney, Patrick Richardson, Andrew Laggis, Brandon McLeon, Tanner Benjamin, Matt LaRose, Ryan Tatro, Alan Therrien, Eli Appleton, Ryan Hall, Dimitri Vasiliadis, Charles Lee, Jake Drown, and Billy Boyd, and

Whereas, Head Coach Aaron Hill and assistant coaches Travis Hill, Jamon Renaud, and Mike Baker each provided guidance and leadership that were prerequisites to Hazen's triumph, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Hazen Union High School Wildcats Division III championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 289.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Rutland High School Raiders girls' alpine ski team on winning a fourth consecutive state championship

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Andrews of Rutland City, Courcelle of Rutland City, Howard of Rutland City and McNeil of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Flory, Carris and Mullin

Whereas, the Middlebury College Snowbowl was the site for the 2010 girls' alpine skiing championships, and the day proved auspicious for the Rutland High School Raiders girl skiers, and

Whereas, coming in with an impressive recent history of three consecutive championship victories, the Raiders girl skiers were clad in identical headbands, which one of the skier's mothers had knitted, symbolizing their united objective to maneuver the downhill course en route to a fourth consecutive state championship, and

Whereas, the morning opened as usual with the giant slalom race, consisting of a single run for each girl down the hill, and

Whereas, alpine ski competition is a team effort that is dependent on a totality of the top four team finishers, and Rutland's top finisher's fifth place run, in combination with her next three teammates' placing in the top half of the competition's finishers, enabled Rutland to take a 51–80 lead, and

Whereas, the slalom is a set of two races, and a Raider placed second among the competitors, and

Whereas, when the day's skiing was complete, Rutland had the winning score of 109, sporting a wide lead over second-place finisher Mount Mansfield Union High School which came in at 139, and

Whereas, Raiders Caitlin Bliss, Sara Guth, Sam Boles, Amanda Thomas, Cassie Harnett, and Caitlin Bucksbaum skied with confidence and swift speed at the state championship, and, during the regular season, teammates Kacy Connolly, Annie Caldwell, Nell Reis, and Angie Lucian contributed to the team's great runs, and

Whereas, first-year Head Coach Tyler Weideman and Assistant Coach Dawn Adams helped guide the team to its fourth consecutive state title, and

Whereas, the girl Raiders wrapped up a memorable week for Rutland High School alpine skiers as the boys captured their state title just days before, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Rutland High School Raiders girls' alpine ski team on winning a fourth consecutive state championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 290.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Rutland High School Raiders championship boys' alpine skiing team

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Andrews of Rutland City, Courcelle of Rutland City, Howard of Rutland City and McNeil of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Flory, Carris and Mullin

Whereas, a great team of Rutland Raiders was among the 84 boy alpine skiers representing 14 Vermont high schools who converged at Sugarbush Mountain on March 1 to compete in the state championship meet, and

Whereas, this skiing season finale entailed a single-run giant slalom race in the morning and a two-run slalom competition in the afternoon, and

Whereas, at the morning's conclusion, Rutland held the lowest team score, the objective in competitive alpine skiing, a result achieved in part with individual Raiders finishing in second and sixth place among the skiers, and

Whereas, the two afternoon slalom runs were hampered due to slushy snow conditions on a warm day, but the competitors boy skiers, despite an unusually large number of falls, persevered, and

Whereas, the two slalom runs' combined times included a sixth-place-finishing Raider whose strong performance on the slopes contributed to the Rutland team's winning score of 149, a solid 22 points in front of its nearest competitor, Burr & Burton Academy, and

Whereas, the Raider boy skiers who participated in the championship meet at Sugarbush were Dan Wigmore, Tyler Flinn, Brendan Bucksbaum, Thomas Bradder, Reese Rotella, Chris Wigmore, and Ed Carey, and

Whereas, during the course of the season, Raiders Leo Cohen, Dylan Rotella, Tyler Unwin, Jeremy Reich, Dominic Wysolmerski, and Garrit Anderson skied skillfully and swiftly, and

Whereas, the Rutland 2010 boys' alpine skiing championship was one-half of first-year Head Coach Tyler Weideman's and veteran Assistant Coach Dawn Adams' winning winter on the slopes as the Raiders girl alpine skiers were also crowned state champions, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Rutland High School Raiders championship boys' alpine skiing team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 291.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Essex High School Hornets girls' indoor track and field championship team

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

Whereas, at the 2010 girls' indoor track and field championship meet, no one school was seen as the clear favorite, and each of the young women competitors from across the state was eager to prove that her school was the most worthy recipient of the state championship designation, and

Whereas, Hornet team members won the 55-meter high hurdles and the two-mile run, placed second in the 55-meter dash and the one-mile run, and finished third in the 300-meter run and long jump and the one- and two-mile runs, and

Whereas, at the conclusion of the tournament's events, the judges tallied all the scores, and the Hornets were declared the 2010 girls' indoor track and field champions with 88.75 points, surpassing their nearest rival, Fair Haven Union High School, with a comfortable 10-point margin, and

Whereas, the ongoing excellence of the Essex girls' track and field program was apparent as the Hornets captured their sixth consecutive state championship, and

Whereas, the 2010 Hornet girls' track and field athletes included Katherine Armstrong, Chinelo Asanya, Elizabeth Bazluke, Isabella Blanchard, Katie Burke, Allie Cook, Kayla Della Grotta, Shina Ellis-Garcia, Bailey Farrell, Caroline Flaherty, Sarah Flaherty, Melissa Fontaine, Olivia Fontaine, Megan Fortin, Lauren Gilbert, Katie Gilmond, Allie Gratton, Stella Grenn, Hira Haq, Mariam Haq, Shannon Heath, Alma Hebib, Angela Henry, Emma Hoffman, Becca LeBlanc, Annie Levine, Kate Levine, Andrea Magnant, Erin Marvin-Riley, Natalie Moffet, Emily Murphy, Abigail Nash, Trinh Nguyen, Lexie O'Sullivan, Markie Palermo, Molly Platania, Katie Polakowski, Rahana Pothiawala, Rachel Pinto, Erika Quackenbush, Ellen Rickes, Himani Sharma, Shivani Sharma, Sarah Sherman, Emma Sopchak, Anna Sprenger, Erin Storck, Katie Swanson, Anna Tallmadge, Elizabeth Tobey, Amy Wagoner, Kyla Ward, Taylor Ward, and Paige Wood, all of whom performed with diligence and skill, and

Whereas, the Essex coaching staff, consisting of Jeremy Hammond, Ken Fontaine, Nate Bradbury, and Chris Polakowski, assisted the team in its quest for the state title, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Essex High School girls' indoor track and field championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 292.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Essex High School Hornets championship gymnastics 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 gymnastics team, which finished the 2009 season with its fourth consecutive state championship, was a primarily senior squad, and 2010 had the potential of being a rebuilding year, and

Whereas, not willing to take a hiatus from the thick of championship competition, the 2010 Hornets practiced enthusiastically to prove that their school's reputation for gymnastic excellence was still intact, and

Whereas, when the 2010 state championship tournament was held at the Essex High School gymnasium, the Hornets were prepared to demonstrate their skill before the hometown crowd and the many visitors from other towns who were in attendance, and

Whereas, the Hornets' nearest competitor, Champlain Valley Union High School (CVUHS), proved challenging throughout the day, and

Whereas, among the top eight finishers in each event, the Hornets had two in both the vault and bars, three on beams, and four on the floor exercises, and

Whereas, an added bonus was a Hornet earning the distinction of scoring the most individual points, and

Whereas, these spectacular displays of gymnastic mastery contributed to the team's total 136.8 points, their season's second highest, which was a mere 2.35 points ahead of No. 2 CVUHS, earning the Hornets a fifth consecutive state gymnastics championship title, and

Whereas, Hornets Callie Braceras, Sophia Cordner, Rosy Gallo, Leah Grzych, Michaela Isham, Julia Kilcollins, Courtney LaChaussie, Amanda Ligouri, Lucy Lincoln, Matthew McAvoy, Frannie McSoley, Simone Mendes, Olivia Mueller, Mary Parmenter, and Lori Weischedel brought great joy to their parents and classmates who were clapping and cheering their support from the stands, and team managers Hannah Gaboriault and Emilie McDonald were equally thrilled, and

Whereas, Head Coach Kara Bissonnette and Assistant Coach Ashley Godin proved to be patient instructors, willing to spend the time to ensure the continuance of the Hornets' gymnastic tradition of success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Essex High School Hornets championship gymnastics team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 293.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Essex High School Hornets Division I boys' basketball 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 boys' basketball team sustained an unusually valuable defeat when the Burlington High School Seahorses handed the Hornets a 21-point loss early in the season because the experience enabled the Hornets to assess carefully Burlington's strengths and weaknesses, and

Whereas, the Hornets dribbled forward to a great 19-3 record that earned them a berth in the 2010 Division I championship game against the same Burlington squad, and

Whereas, now fully prepared to face the Queen City team on the hardwood court, the Hornets adopted a successful defensive stance from the first tip-off that limited the Seahorses to a mere 8 points in the first quarter and gave the Hornets a 14-8 lead with 25 percent of the game completed, and

Whereas, the Seahorses observed the Hornets' tactics as they limited Essex to only 2 points in the second quarter while gaining 6 of their own, sending the teams off the court at halftime with Essex holding a narrow 16-14 scoring advantage, and

Whereas, the third quarter featured Burlington keeping Essex close by on the scoreboard as the Hornets' lead bounced from 2 to 6 points, and the third eight minutes of play ended with Essex ahead 30-28, and

Whereas, Essex, now even more acquainted with Burlington's defensive responses, was able to play its best offensive quarter of the game with 14 points while keeping the Seahorses to only 9, and the Hornets won the contest 44-37 and the 2010 Division I boys' basketball championship, and

Whereas, this first Essex boys' basketball crown in a dozen years was earned through the combined team effort of Ben Ferris, Ryan Mitchell,

Ammon Doney, Josh Stewart, Dylan Zane, David Valley, Demir Smajovic, Chris Bogue, Dylan Begin, Corey Carlos, Owen Walsh, and Nick Salerno, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jeff Goodrich and assistant coaches Dave Rich, Jason Webster, Nick Hendry, and Jesse Coutrayer were a guiding force for the Hornets, and the supporting services that timer Mike Gilbert, scorer Russ Auger, trainers Leo LaBonte, Toria Cornett, and Travis Warmouth, and managers Reece Tanguay and Ryan Jenot provided proved invaluable, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Essex High School Hornets Division I boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 294.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Essex High School Hornets Division I co-championship boys' indoor track team

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

Whereas, the 2010 Vermont indoor track season culminated with an extremely exciting state championship meet that took place on February 6 at Norwich University, and

Whereas, it is not unusual at a track meet for a single school to dominate the day's events, but on this occasion, the Essex High School Hornets and South Burlington High School Rebels leapfrogged over one another as these two well-trained teams traded the lead, and

Whereas, the Hornets found success during the field event segment of the meet, while the Rebels rebounded strongly when the young athletes headed to the track segment of the day, and

Whereas, the day's ultimate outcome remained in doubt until the meet's finale, the 4x400 relay, in which South Burlington and Essex finished second and third, respectively, just 1.04 seconds apart, and

Whereas, this nearly identical result tied the two schools, and the Rebels and Hornets were crowned the 2010 co-champions in Division I boys' indoor track, and

Whereas, the Essex High School boys whose field event performance and strong showing in the 4x400 relay earned the Hornets an unusual co-championship title included Tyler Armstrong, Tucker Auch, Max Bailey,

Andrew Barrows, Lucas Bassford, Jeff Breuer, R. Peter Busch, Jamie Chadurjian, Vincent Chiu, Bryce Conchieri, Kevin Conchieri, Ben Dahlgren, Stefan Deutsch, Alex DeWitt, Mike DiMambro, Jake Dowman, Sean Downing, Jake Farnham-Haskell, Ian Goodnow, Bill Hennessy, Mike Hennessy, Bert Hoehl, Sean James, Mickey Krug, Jonah Lavigne, Eric Lebria, Chas Legge, Micah Lemmel-Hay, Sean Leonard, Chris Leow, Mike Maloney, Logan Martell, Cameron Maurer, Evan McCrea, Levi Merchant, Lee Murphy, Pat Nee, Ben Nelson, Oliver Nolte, Everett O'Malley, Will Peterson, Kody Rideout, Calvin Sanderson, Ryan Shields, Matthew Siemen, Shane St. Cyr, Jason Tam, Travis Tarver, Grady Ward, Devon Weaver, and Jacob Young, and

Whereas, Essex coaches Jeremy Hammond, Ken Fontaine, Nate Bradbury, and Chris Polakowski worked diligently to improve each athlete's performance in his specific events which built a foundation for great success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Essex High School Hornets Division I co-championship boys' indoor track team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 295.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Arts Council of Windham County on its 35th anniversary

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

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, the mission of the Arts Council of Windham County (ACWC) is to strengthen the environment for artists and arts organizations in Windham County, and

Whereas, representatives of the major arts organizations in Windham County established the ACWC to make "the arts accessible and familiar to all the residents of Windham County; to offer professional support to all community arts groups and individual artists; to initiate innovative programs; and to work in partnership with the Vermont Council of the Arts (now the Vermont Arts Council) in making its programs readily available to Southern Vermonters," and

Whereas, ACWC exists to promote a complete spectrum of the arts (visual, literary, culinary, and performing) as a vital part of the life and economy of the Windham County area, and

Whereas, among the important arts programs and services ACWC provides are the Lively Arts Calendar, a monthly comprehensive listing of arts and cultural events in Windham County; initial access to the Vermont Arts Council Artists in Residence Program; 30 years of Student Art Month, an annual month-long tribute to the creativity and talent of young students; and formalization of Gallery Walk, a year-round, festive FIRST FRIDAY stroll in downtown Brattleboro and other nearby locations, and

Whereas, the ACWC board works tirelessly to assure that Windham County has the highest quality of public art for the enjoyment of the citizens of Windham County and its visitors, and

Whereas, 2010 marks the 35th anniversary of the Arts Council of Windham County, and a joyous celebration of this cultural milestone will take place in Brattleboro on June 5, 2010, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Arts Council of Windham County as it celebrates 35 years of promoting the importance of the arts in southeastern Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Arts Council of Windham County.

H.C.R. 296.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Spaulding High School Crimson Tide Division I championship boys' ice hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Poirier of Barre City, McFaun of Barre Town, Koch of Barre Town, McDonald of Berlin and Taylor of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, all season long, the Spaulding High School boys' ice hockey team's members shared a common goal of bringing home a divisional championship for the first time in 13 years, and

Whereas, the Crimson Tide skated its way to the fourth-seed placement in the Division I (Metro) tournament and proceeded to earn a berth in the championship game at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Field House against the Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) Redhawks, and

Whereas, the Redhawks wasted no time scoring the game's first goal only 23 seconds into the opening period, but this sole CVU scoring success alerted Spaulding that a victory was hardly a foregone conclusion, and

Whereas, the CVU scoring gate was firmly shut for the balance of the game as Spaulding's goalie stopped 19 direct shots at the net, and

Whereas, although Spaulding trailed 1-0 at the first period's conclusion, a great night of Crimson Tide hockey was soon to begin, and

Whereas, with six minutes remaining in the second period, the Crimson Tide needed only 23 seconds of a 5-3 power play advantage to score Spaulding's first goal, tying the contest at 1-all, and

Whereas, Spaulding moved ahead with its second goal at 4:30 in the closing period and, six minutes later, increased its lead to 3-1 with the period's second goal, and

Whereas, in a thrilling conclusion to the skating action, the Gutterson Field House crowd was treated to Spaulding's execution of a natural hat trick for the Crimson Tide's fourth and final goal with less than a minute to play, sealing a 4-1 Spaulding victory and the 2010 Division I championship, and

Whereas, the Crimson Tide hockey players who fulfilled their championship objective so successfully were Kevin Avery, Lance Garrett, Matt Avery, Cameron Cicio, Matt Systo, Jason Pelkey, Tory Chouinard, Collin Kwasnik, Garrett Arnold, Josh Bell, Brandon Rouleau, Trevor Bessette, Connor Way, Nick Ross, Zach Dessureau, Shane Hickey, Torrey Kelty, Charlie Norway, Cody Chouinard, Tyler Clark, Colby Laperle, Dakota Woodworth, and Chris Pelkey, and

Whereas, Head Coach Clay Bell and assistant coaches Chad Bell, Marc Sancibrian, and Andy Grandbois taught their players to work as a cohesive team, and the support of managers Matt Goldsworthy and Jack McQuesten was always appreciated, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Spaulding High School Crimson Tide Division I 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 Clay Bell.

H.C.R. 297.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 West Rutland High School Golden Horde Division IV girls' basketball championship team

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Acinapura of Brandon, Andrews of Rutland City, Baker of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Courcelle of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, French of Shrewsbury, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Castleton, Howard of Rutland City, Komline of Dorset, Malcolm of Pawlet, McNeil of Rutland Town, Shaw of Pittsford and Smith of Mendon

Offered by: Senators Campbell, Carris, Flory, Mullin and Nitka

Whereas, after a heartbreaking championship loss to Chelsea in 2009, the third-seeded West Rutland Golden Horde team was set to try again in 2010, and

Whereas, sporting a commendable 18–4 record entering the semifinal game against second-seeded Arlington, the Golden Horde was trailing 44–43 with only 13.6 seconds left to play when one of the West Rutland players saved the team’s fading hopes with two one-point free-throw shots, giving her school a 45–44 win and a championship game berth against the first-seeded South Royalton Royals with their 21–2 record, and

Whereas, West Rutland initially trailed 3–2 but quickly pulled ahead at 6–5, and, although briefly tied with South Royalton at 16-all, West Rutland never again lost the lead, and

Whereas, by halftime, West Rutland led 25–19, and, although the Royals opened the third period with a shot from in the lane that narrowed the Golden Horde’s lead to 25–21, the chance of a close margin was never again at issue as West Rutland immediately followed with a seven-point run, and

Whereas, the Golden Horde continued on a strong scoring trajectory that by the game’s final whistle left them on top 55–40 and made them the 2010 Division IV girls’ basketball champions, and

Whereas, this highly proficient team of truly dedicated basketball players consisted of Amanda Ames, Kayla Buckley, Heidi Byrne, Hollie Byrne, Cayleen Eddings, Toni Girardi, Brooke Griswold, Amanda Harte, Johanna Lee, Amy Lincoln, Katie Lincoln, Sierra Pease, Tiffany Ponto, Gianna Ricci, Marissa Smyrski, and Caroline Wood, and

Whereas from their courtside vantage points, head coach Carl Serrani and assistant coach Samantha Gilmore led their players through a challenging but rewarding season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 West Rutland Golden Horde Division IV girls’ basketball championship team, and be it further

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

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House concurrent resolution designating March 27, 2010, at 8:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. (EDT) as Earth Hour

Offered by: Representatives Wizowaty of Burlington, Zuckerman of Burlington, Sharpe of Bristol, Ancel of Calais, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Cheney of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Geier of South Burlington, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larson of Burlington, Lenos of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Milkey of Brattleboro, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Pellett of Chester, Poirier of Barre City, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Shand of Weathersfield, Smith of Mendon, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wheeler of Derby, Wilson of Manchester, Young of St. Albans City and Zenie of Colchester

Whereas, climate change is happening all around us, from melting ice caps to increasingly intense weather patterns, and its pace is accelerating, and

Whereas, in a bold statement of collective concern for our planet, millions of people around the world will turn off their lights for one hour—Earth Hour—on March 27, 2010, at 8:30 p.m. local time, and

Whereas, in 2009, nearly one billion people from 4,100 cities in 87 countries participated in Earth Hour, making it the largest event of its kind in the world, involving the darkening of hundreds of international landmarks, including the Golden Gate Bridge, Empire State Building, Eiffel Tower, Great

Pyramids, Olympic Cube, and city skylines of Las Vegas, Hong Kong, and Tel Aviv, and

Whereas, Earth Hour reminds us that by working together, we can make a difference in solving one of the most critical issues of our time, and

Whereas, Earth Hour also provides an excellent forum for citizens to hold meaningful conversations about the ways in which all of us can act to be part of the solution, and

Whereas, Vermonters can see the moving demonstrations of other countries' participation at www.EarthHour.org, and

Whereas, by agreeing to turn off all nonessential lighting in the state house, all other state office buildings, and other buildings throughout Vermont during the event, the general assembly will join cities, states, individuals, and corporate and government leaders across the country and around the world in calling for action to save our planet for future generations, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Saturday, March 27, 8:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. as Earth Hour in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the World Wildlife Fund in Washington, D.C.