

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

April 9, 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. 307.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the role of registered nurses in the delivery of health care in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Spengler of Colchester, Adams of Hartland, Brennan of Colchester, Cheney of Norwich, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jerman of Essex, Lewis of Derby, Macaig of Williston, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, McCullough of Williston, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Brien of Richmond, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Smith of Mendon, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Weston of Burlington, Wheeler of Derby and Wizowaty of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Choate and Kittell

Whereas, 12,976 registered nurses licensed in Vermont represent our state's largest health care resource, and

Whereas, 533 advanced practice registered nurses collaborate with physicians to serve Vermonters as adult, pediatric, and family nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, clinical specialists, and nurse anesthetists, and

Whereas, registered nurses make up 70 percent of the health care providers in Vermont, and

Whereas, these registered nurses use nursing research and evidence-based practice to provide care to citizens of Vermont in hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, clinics, physician offices, correctional facilities, workplaces, and homes of patients, and

Whereas, registered nurses increase their education, design their practice, and direct their research to advance nursing care in collaboration with other medical care to promote health, prevent illness, manage chronic diseases, improve the health care delivery system, and provide for the unmet health needs of our most vulnerable citizens, and

Whereas, April 7, 2010, is Vermont Nurses' Day at the state house, in recognition of the crucial role of registered nurses in the delivery of health care in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the role of registered nurses in the delivery of quality health care, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Nurses' Association.

H.C.R. 308.

House concurrent resolution designating April as Fair Housing Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Baker of West Rutland, Moran of Wardsboro, Olsen of Jamaica, Savage of Swanton, South of St. Johnsbury and Stevens of Waterbury

Whereas, the right to dwell wherever any individual wishes without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, or sex was not historically enshrined in federal law, and

Whereas, for generations, millions of Americans were denied the housing of their choice because of one of these factors, and

Whereas, despite the United States Supreme Court's prohibition in 1948 of judicial enforcement of racially, religiously, or ethnically restrictive covenants in the case of Shelly v. Kraemer, discriminatory housing policies in neighborhoods or even entire communities continued to be legal, only if privately enforced, and

Whereas, in the middle 1960s, following Congress's passage of both the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, housing discrimination nevertheless remained a barrier in both the rental and sales markets, and

Whereas, the assassination of civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4, 1968, and the riots that followed in its wake proved the catalyst that finally persuaded Congress of the necessity to enact federal fair housing legislation, and

Whereas, Congress responded with unusual haste to President Johnson's urgent appeal, and, within days, on April 11, 1968, the President signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Title VIII of which is known as the Fair Housing Act, and

Whereas, the legislative breakthrough achieved in this act began a process of guaranteeing that individuals could rent or purchase a home without regard to their race, color, religion, or gender, and, in 1988, the federal act was amended to include the presence of minor children or disabilities as new protected categories, and

Whereas, in observance of the signing of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, many jurisdictions are designating April as Fair Housing Month in order both to remember the passage of this historic legislation and to renew the commitment to fair and open housing for all Americans, and

Whereas, the Vermont fair housing law affords additional protections to individuals based on their source of income and sexual orientation, and

Whereas, in 2010, economic conditions have increased the challenges that many Vermonters face in finding affordable quality housing, and observing the message of Fair Housing Month assumes an increased and immediate importance, and

Whereas, preliminary figures from the 2010 statewide one-day “Point in Time” homeless count indicate that the number of individuals without a permanent residence has doubled, and

Whereas, the latest report from the National Low Income Housing Coalition shows that Vermont is the 15th most expensive state in the nation for renters, and even more problematic, rural Vermont ranks in the top 10 most expensive rural areas for renters in the United States, and

Whereas, Fair Housing Month serves as a reminder to everyone that the barriers that low income Vermonters and other protected groups encounter in finding a place to live must be at the forefront of our concerns, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April as Fair Housing Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Human Rights Commission.

H.C.R. 309.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Woodford SnoBusters snowmobile club on its silver anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Morrissey of Bennington, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington,

Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Olsen of Jamaica and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, over the past quarter century, snowmobiling has become an extremely popular winter recreational activity in Vermont, and

Whereas, at 2,300 feet, Woodford has one of the highest elevations in Vermont and receives ample snow for snowmobiling, and

Whereas, given its snowy and forested terrain, it was nearly inevitable that a snowmobile club would be established in Woodford, and

Whereas, in September 1984, the Woodford SnoBusters was established on the front porch of Joy and Jack McKenna's home, and

Whereas, Joy McKenna served as the club's first president while her husband, Jack, was the original trailmaster, John Fiori was vice president, Peter Daigle took minutes as the secretary, and Doris Lemieoux kept a watchful eye on club's finances in her role as treasurer, and

Whereas, the initial trail grooming was accomplished with snowmobiles and pipe drags, and

Whereas, the members pooled their money and purchased the club's first groomer, a small track machine known as a Bombi, as well as a drag to supplement the Bombi's work, and

Whereas, within a couple of years, the club's grooming equipment proceeded through a series of upgrades, starting with the purchase of one, and then a second, LMC machine, and

Whereas, in time, the SnoBusters acquired a Tucker Sno-Cat, and the club ultimately established a top quality grooming fleet, consisting of several Pisten Bullys and a high-end trail groomer, and

Whereas, the popularity of the Woodford SnoBusters' trail system is most importantly a testament to the thorough work its many volunteers perform maintaining the trail system, as well as the great local snow fall and easy accessibility from the large population centers in southern New England and nearby New York state, and

Whereas, the club annually hosts its Very Special People Ride for snowmobiling enthusiasts who might not otherwise be able to participate in this popular Vermont pastime, and

Whereas, the Woodford SnoBusters, which recently celebrated 25 years in operation and continues to thrive, is now Vermont's largest VAST-affiliated

snowmobile club, and serves as a model for other local clubs that belong to the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, Inc., now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Woodford SnoBusters on its silver anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Woodford SnoBusters' President Mark Tilley.

H.C.R. 310.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Jane Rinck of Pawlet

Offered by: Representative Malcolm of Pawlet

Whereas, the town of Pawlet recently lost the friendship and enthusiastic civic and cultural leadership of Jane Rinck, who died in October 2009, and

Whereas, she graduated from Barnard College, The New York School of Social Work, and New York University Law School, and

Whereas, prior to her settling in Pawlet 25 years ago, Jane Rinck had worked as a social worker, including as an intern at the United Nations focusing on narcotics issues and in Newark and Philadelphia; as an academic researcher for think tanks associated with Columbia and Princeton Universities; and finally for many years as an attorney in Toms River, New Jersey, where she became that state's first woman law firm partner while practicing at Berry, Summerhill, Rinck, and Berry, and

Whereas, Jane Rinck was a talented violinist who played with the Garden State Philharmonic Symphony; skippered her ketch "Justice" on Barnegat Bay, Chesapeake Bay, and along the inland waterway to Florida; loved to ride her bicycle; and traveled widely, and

Whereas, once she was residing in Pawlet, Jane Rinck established the Pawlet Scholarship Fund with her own money, and this fund has donated \$250,000.00 in scholarships to 160 residents of Pawlet for college and trade school tuition and other postsecondary educational opportunities including midcareer training, and

Whereas, she volunteered at the Mettawee Community School's environmental learning group, and

Whereas, her enthusiasm for the violin and its music continued in Pawlet as she played the instrument at various Mettawee Community School events and started a sustaining fund that provides violins and free lessons, and

Whereas, over 100 students have availed themselves of this special gift, and some of the recipients of her musical generosity played their violins as a musical farewell at her memorial service, and

Whereas, Jane Rinck was an author who wrote the book “Vermont Mountain Air for People Stuck Inside” and wrote articles for the *Vermont News Guide* and the *Christian Science Monitor*, and

Whereas, she was a parishioner at and an active participant in the religious services and activities of nearby Trinity Episcopal Church in Granville, New York, and

Whereas, she held a firm belief that all persons should be able to pursue life’s opportunities on a fair and equal basis, and

Whereas, her nieces Louise Roby of Grenoble, France, and Marcia Bravard of Boulder, Colorado, will miss their beloved aunt as will the town of Pawlet, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its regrets on the death of Jane Rinck, who left an enduring cultural and educational legacy to the town of Pawlet, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Pawlet Historical Society, the Mettawee Community School, and to each of Jane Rinck’s nieces.

H.C.R. 311.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Stafford Technical Center “Act Out Loud” contest team as one of the 20 national competition finalists

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford, 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, Helm of Castleton, Howard of Rutland City, Malcolm of Pawlet, McNeil of Rutland Town, Potter of Clarendon, Smith of Mendon and Stevens of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, distracted driving has become a topic of increasing national concern, and this is especially true with respect to teenage drivers who are the least experienced operators of motor vehicles, and

Whereas, “Act Out Loud is a teen-led movement to take on the No. 1 killer of teens,” which the organization has documented as car crashes, and

Whereas, under the auspices of the National Organizations for Youth Safety, and with financial support from the Allstate Foundation, “Act Out Loud” is publicizing its battle to reduce the number of teen car crashes through a nationwide online contest that invited high school teams to submit proposals outlining ways to actively discourage activities that lead to distracted driving, such as: cell phone use, texting, driving with too many friends in the car, changing musical selections or channels, eating, or applying makeup, and

Whereas, eating while driving, also referred to as “dashboard dining,” was the topic the team from the Stafford Technical Center in Rutland submitted for the contest judges’ consideration, and

Whereas, the team, whose entire membership belongs to the Stafford Technical Center’s chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions, was delighted to be selected as one of the 20 national finalists, and

Whereas, the team will post its proposal on a Facebook page in the form of blogs and short video clips, and the public may vote on a winner between May 10–21, and

Whereas, concluding this contest in May is timely as it is National Youth Traffic Safety Month, and

Whereas, the national winning team will be awarded \$10,000.00 for use on highway safety projects, and as a finalist, the Stafford team has already won \$1,000.00 and a video camera that is being used to improve teen driving habits, and

Whereas, the participating students on the Stafford team are Haley Cotrupi (Wallingford), Kyle Lenher (Proctor), Cierra Phelps (Clarendon), Emily Johnson (West Rutland), and Geoffry McDonald (Brandon), and the team’s faculty advisor is John D’Esposito, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Stafford Technical Center “Act Out Loud” team, and wishes it well in the contest’s final round of competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John D’Esposito at the Stafford Technical Center in Rutland.

H.C.R. 312.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Woodstock Union High School Wasps Division II championship boys’ Nordic ski team

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, the boys' Nordic skiing team at Woodstock Union High School has steadily improved over the past two winter seasons, and

Whereas, prior to 2009, the team had not won a state championship title in at least 20 years and possibly ever, and

Whereas, when new coach Nick Mahood arrived in 2009, he demanded hard work from his predominantly freshman team, and the skiers' reward was a second-place finish in the state championship meet, and

Whereas, in 2010, the team was ready to aim for the championship crown, and

Whereas, the Nordic skiing championship is a two-day event, starting with the freestyle competition, including individual and team relay races, conducted at the Craftsbury Nordic Center, and

Whereas, at the Craftsbury relay race, the Woodstock boys finished in top place among both Division I and Division II teams, instilling in the Wasps an enormous sense of pride and a strong incentive to ski their best, and

Whereas, the second day of competition required classic-style skiing and took place at the southern end of the state at Prospect Mountain in Woodford, and

Whereas, despite concerns that a recent snowfall and high elevation would cause havoc with the team's ski-waxing procedures, those problems proved easily surmountable, and every other team faced the same difficulty, and

Whereas, Woodstock nearly repeated its prior day's relay race result, easily beating all its Division II competitors and finishing a mere single point behind the host school and the ultimate Division I champion, the Mount Anthony Union High School Patriots, and

Whereas, in the classic individual race, the Wasps clinched four of the top five Division II finishing spots, and

Whereas, when all the entrants had finished skiing, the Woodstock Wasps had earned the 2010 Division II best score of 62, far ahead of the second-place Division II finisher, BFA-Fairfax, which had 124 points, and

Whereas, the squad of Nordic boy skiers who brought the championship crown to Woodstock Union High School were Jordan Fields, Josh Bassette, James Bassette, Jeff Tucker, Griffin Boswell, Harry Linowski, Asbjorn Eriknauer, and Charlie Kahn, and the leadership of coach Nick Mahood and assistant coach Joy Dubin-Grossman was superb, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Woodstock Union High School Wasps Division II championship boys' Nordic ski team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Nick Mahood at Woodstock Union High School.

H.C.R. 313.

House concurrent resolution welcoming the 2010 National Tree Farmer Convention to Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Acinapura of Brandon, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Audette of South Burlington, Baker of West Rutland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Brennan of Colchester, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, Geier of South Burlington, Gilbert of Fairfax, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Helm of Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Howard of Cambridge, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of Canaan, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Derby, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Morley of Barton, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Orr of Charlotte, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Pellett of Chester, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburg, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Rodgers of Glover, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of Mendon, Smith of Morristown, South of St. Johnsbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Winters of

Williamstown, Young of St. Albans City, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Campbell, Carris, Doyle, Flory, Giard, Hartwell, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, Mullin, Nitka, Racine, Sears, Shumlin, Snelling and White

Whereas, the term “tree farming” was coined in the early 1940s to convey the concept of sustainable or continual stewardship of tree production, and

Whereas, the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) was established in 1941, and, with 91,000 members, is the largest forest conservation, certification, and advocacy program in the United States, and

Whereas, the first Vermont Tree Farm was created in 1955 at what is today the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Woodstock, and

Whereas, ATFS manages 25 million acres of private forestland which provide wood, water, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities, and

Whereas, in Vermont, 75 percent of the land is forested, and this is the third highest forestation percentage in the country, and

Whereas, forest-derived products produced from Vermont’s working landscape greatly contribute to the state’s economy, and

Whereas, Vermont’s forests are a basis for much of the state’s tourism, including foliage viewers, summer vacationers, hikers, skiers, snowmobilers, hunters, and fishermen and -women, and

Whereas, these forests sequester carbon and give off oxygen, filter water and control erosion, and provide habitat for myriad wildlife species, and

Whereas, the Vermont Woodlands Association sponsors the Tree Farm Program in the state and its programs for wood, water, wildlife, and recreation and is proud to be hosting the 2010 National Tree Farmer Convention in Burlington on July 13–15, 2010, and

Whereas, this convention is a perfect opportunity for America’s Tree Farmers to observe the many sustainable forestry projects occurring in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends the American Tree Farm System and the Vermont Woodlands Association for their continuing and exemplary efforts promoting sustainable forestry throughout the United States and in Vermont, respectively, and welcomes to Vermont the 2010 National Tree Farmer Convention and its attendees, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Woodlands Association in Rutland and the American Tree Farm System in Washington, D.C.

H.C.R. 314.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 University of Vermont Catamounts America East Conference championship men's basketball team

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, the 2009–2010 regular season was one of the University of Vermont's (UVM) men's basketball team's finest as the Catamounts ended the pretournament hoop campaign winning seven of their final eight games, and

Whereas, as the No. 2 America East Conference tournament team, UVM encountered no difficulty in its quarterfinal matchup against the No. 7 University of Maryland, Baltimore County, easily defeating its opponent 76–59, and

Whereas, moving forward into the semifinal round, the Catamounts once again made their win appear simple as they outscored their rivals from across the Connecticut River, the University of New Hampshire, 57–38, and

Whereas, the added welcome of a hometown crowd greeted the Catamounts as they took to the floor at Patrick Gymnasium ready to wage basketball battle against the Boston University Terriers for the America East Conference championship, and

Whereas, the Catamounts opened the game with a 7–0 run, and they achieved a 64 percent shooting success rate from the floor during the first half, which ended with UVM on top of the Terriers 42–31, and

Whereas, the Catamounts learned they could not rest on their laurels as the Terriers charged back in the second half, narrowing UVM's lead to a slight 54–53 with 10:20 remaining, and still later, Boston University was trailing by only four points, 62–58, and

Whereas, recognizing a winning response was needed, the Catamounts initiated a 6–0 run, and they soon built a scoring advantage that never dropped below eight points, and

Whereas, when the last second of play was completed, UVM had clinched a clear 83–70 victory and the 2010 America East Conference men's basketball crown, and

Whereas, the newly won 2010 America East Conference title helped the Catamounts earn the No. 16 seed in the 65-team NCAA tournament, and

Whereas, despite a talented squad playing at its optimum, the Catamounts could not keep the No. 1 seeded Syracuse University Orange down as the upstate New York school emerged with a 79–56 victory, ending UVM’s 2009–2010 season, and

Whereas, Catamounts Luke Apfeld, Joey Accaoui, Nick Vier, Simeon Marsalis, Brendan Bald, Garvey Young, Marqus Blakely, Maurice Joseph, Pat Bergmann, Evan Fjeld, Ben Crenca, and Garrett Kissel savored their team’s record-tying 25 wins, and head coach Mike Lonergan, assistant coaches Hajj Turner, Matt Hahn, and John Becker, director of operations Matt O’Brien, athletic trainer Grant Wilson III, and strength and conditioning coach Justin Goulet all played key roles in UVM’s success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 University of Vermont Catamounts America East Conference championship men’s basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the University of Vermont athletics department.

H.C.R. 315.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 University of Vermont Catamounts on their second consecutive America East Conference women’s basketball championship and historic first NCAA tournament win

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, the 2009–2010 University of Vermont (UVM) women’s basketball Catamounts (Cats) brought an infectious excitement to Patrick Gymnasium as UVM was writing a thrilling new page in the team’s history, and

Whereas, in the opening round of the America East tournament, No. 2 UVM limited the No. 7 Albany Great Danes to a record low 10 field goals and 16.9 shooting percentage from the floor as the Cats easily romped to a 61–36 victory, and the semifinal 69–52 win over the No. 3 Boston University Terriers was also impressive, and

Whereas, in the tournament championship game against the No. 1 University of Hartford Hawks, the team that defeated UVM in its closing regular season outing, the Cats were required to compete on their opponent’s home court, and

Whereas, in this decisive game, UVM created an 18-point halftime 27–10 lead, erasing an opening 9–6 deficit, but the Cats correctly remained wary of the Hawks potentially rebounding in the second half, and

Whereas, Hartford lived up to its No. 1 status, reducing the Cats advantage to four points, 54–50, with only 26.6 seconds remaining in the game, and

Whereas, in the edge-of-your-seat final moments, the Hawks missed a three-point attempt, and UVM succeeded at its last free throw to win the game 55–50, its second consecutive America East Conference championship and its sixth invitation to an NCAA tournament, and

Whereas, the No. 10 Cats were paired against the No. 7 University of Wisconsin Badgers in their first-round NCAA contest, and although the Badgers opened the game with a four-point lead, UVM soon surged ahead to a 27–13 lead with 4:26 remaining in the first period, and

Whereas, although the Badgers later tied the game at 39-all, the Cats won convincingly, 64–55, and celebrated their first NCAA tournament victory and their only win against a Big Ten team, and

Whereas, although UVM lost 84–66 to No. 2 Notre Dame in the second round, Cats Tory Dennerlein, Morgan Albert, Courtney Pilypaitis, May Kotsopoulos, Kristine Lalonde, Ashley Hoyt, Lauren Wheeler, Tonya Young, Lauren Buschmann, Sofia Iwobi, Alissa Sheftic, and Kendra Seto were ecstatic with their historic 27–7 final record for the 2009–2010 season, and

Whereas, head coach Sharon Dawley, associate head coach Steve Lanpher, and assistant coaches Jen MacAulay and Cat Arnold, athletic trainer Allison Shepherd, and strength and conditioning coach Justin Goulet were essential to the team's success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 University of Vermont Catamounts on their second consecutive America East Conference women's basketball championship and historic first NCAA tournament win, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the University of Vermont athletics department.

H.C.R. 316.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 University of Vermont Catamounts men's ice hockey team on its performances in the Hockey East and NCAA tournaments

Offered by: All Members of the House of Representatives

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, repeatedly throughout the 2009–2010 men’s ice hockey season, the University of Vermont (UVM) Catamounts displayed their considerable playing skills, and

Whereas, the Catamounts’ winning ways were especially on display at Gutterson Fieldhouse, where they finished the season with a commendable 10–5–3 record, and

Whereas, at the Hockey East tournament, the Catamounts, despite being ranked eighth in the ten-team conference, twice defeated the top-seeded University of New Hampshire in a best of three-game elimination round, and

Whereas, these victories, which surprised many college hockey observers, raised UVM from 19th to 14th nationally in the USCHO.com/CBS College Sports Poll, and more critically in the Pairwise Ratings, the formula the NCAA uses to select its 16 men’s hockey tournament teams, and

Whereas, the No. 14 Catamounts traveled to St. Paul, where they faced the No. 5 University of Wisconsin Badgers in first-round NCAA competition, and

Whereas, the Badgers scored the opening first-period goal, but the Catamounts minutes later evened the score, and

Whereas, UVM scored again, creating a 2–1 Catamount lead at 15:44 of the first period, and

Whereas, the Catamounts’ good fortune proved temporary, as the Badgers scored twice in the second period, sealing the game and ending UVM’s hopes to repeat as one of the NCAA’s frozen four ice hockey finalists, and

Whereas, UVM’s valiant effort in Minnesota reflected the season-long *modus operandi* of this great team, which includes John Vazzano, Drew MacKenzie, Chris McCarthy, Patrick Cullity, Brayden Irwin, Kyle Medvec, Sebastian Stalberg, Wahsontii Stacey, Colin Vock, David Pacan, Brian Roloff, Kevan Miller, Jay Anctil, Matt Marshall, Ben Albertson, Lance Herrington, Jack Downing, Josh Burrows, Tobias Nilsson-Roos, Jonathan Higgins, Brett Leonard, Anders Franzon, Dan Lawson, Rob Madore, and Mike Spillane, and

Whereas, head coach Kevin Sneddon, associate head coach John Micheletto, assistant coaches Joey Gasparini and Terry Lovelette, strength and conditioning coach Justin Goulet, equipment manager Charlie Mackey, athletic trainer Gregg Brueck, and director of hockey operations John Gobeil each were part of the great 2009–2010 Catamount men’s ice hockey campaign, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 University of Vermont Catamounts men's ice hockey team on its performances in the Hockey East and NCAA tournaments, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the University of Vermont athletics department.