

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**April 16, 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. 317.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Carl Johnson for his outstanding half-century of public service as a law enforcement officer and for his dedicated work as a Franklin County historian

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

Offered by: Senators Brock and Kittell

Whereas, Carl Johnson was sworn in as a member of the St. Albans City police force in 1959, following his honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps, and

Whereas, in the early 1960s, he received a commission as a Franklin County deputy sheriff, and

Whereas, during the next 50 years, Carl Johnson became a familiar presence in Franklin County courthouses, and

Whereas, his multiple roles for the Franklin County sheriff's department included service not only as a court officer, but also as a traffic control officer and transport officer, and

Whereas, Carl Johnson always performed his duties as a Franklin County deputy sheriff responsibly and with a strong commitment to providing the best possible law enforcement coverage in whatever role he was assigned, and

Whereas, working as a law enforcement officer was only one aspect of his career as a criminal justice professional, and

Whereas, for many years, Carl Johnson served with distinction as a probation officer with the Department of Corrections, stationed at St. Albans, and

Whereas, beyond his responsibilities in the criminal justice system, Carl Johnson is an avid Franklin County historian whose specialty is local Civil War events, such as the famous St. Albans Raid of October 19, 1864, and

Whereas, he is a veteran caretaker at the Greenwood Cemetery in St. Albans, and

Whereas, although in 2009, illness required Carl Johnson to retire early, in his opinion, from the Franklin County sheriff's department at the young age of 75, he achieved his dream of serving as a law enforcement officer for 50 years which is a rare and special accomplishment few individuals are able to achieve, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Carl Johnson for his outstanding half-century of public service as a law enforcement officer and for his dedicated work as a Franklin County historian, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Carl Johnson in St. Albans.

**H.C.R. 318.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Windsor High School Yellow Jackets Division III girls' basketball championship team

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor, Adams of Hartland and Shand of Weathersfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, starting in 2007, the Division III girls' basketball championship game has featured the Lake Region Rangers, who the Windsor Yellow Jackets defeated in 2007, with Lake Region defeating Windsor in a 2009 rematch, and

Whereas, this past season, Lake Region dominated Division III play, and the Rangers (21–2) appeared at the Barre Auditorium to once again test their skill against an unanticipated opponent, the Windsor Yellow Jackets (16–7), and

Whereas, at the start of the 2010 Division III girls' basketball playoffs, the Yellow Jackets were assigned an unimpressive seventh-seed ranking, and knowledgeable observers did not consider Windsor a likely finalist, and

Whereas, the Yellow Jackets knew they were a far superior team than this ranking might indicate, and in the elimination rounds, they played to win and earned a berth in the championship game, and

Whereas, the young ladies from Vermont's birthplace were on top, 12–7, after the first eight minutes of the decisive game, and

Whereas, in the second quarter, Windsor opened with a strong offense and built a 21–12 lead before Lake Region gained its scoring bearings, but Windsor retired to the locker room at halftime still comfortably ahead, 31–23, and

Whereas, during the action-filled third quarter, the Rangers executed two consecutive three-point plays, narrowing their deficit to 35–31 before Windsor widened its margin to 39–31, and a Yellow Jacket’s three-pointer shortly before the third quarter’s conclusion enabled Windsor to head into the last eight minutes of play, ahead 42–34, and

Whereas, although the Rangers were soon only trailing 46–44, Windsor rebounded and clinched a 50–45 game win and the 2010 Division III crown, and

Whereas, the victorious Yellow Jackets included Morghan Farnsworth, Carlin Hood, Makenzie Callahan, Olivia Matos, Kaitlin Callahan, Tegan Coley, Nikki White, Molly Bruno, Brittany Patenaude, Amber Heath, Abigail Wright, Allison Wilcox, Grace Peters, and Kim White, and

Whereas, Head Coach Bruce Mackay and assistant coaches Ross Farnsworth, Sarah Attwood, and Lance Niboli each share credit for the great 2009–2010 Windsor basketball season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Windsor High School Yellow Jackets Division III girls’ basketball championship team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 319.**

House concurrent resolution designating April 28, 2010, as National Walk@Lunch Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Frank of Underhill, Till of Jericho, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Cheney of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Courcelle of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, Krebs of South Hero, Lenes of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Wolcott, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, O’Brien of Richmond, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Ram of Burlington, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Mendon, Smith of Morristown, Spengler of

Colchester, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Toll of Danville and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, getting 30 minutes of moderate physical activity, such as a brisk walk, at least five times a week can result in significant health benefits, such as lowering the risk of developing or dying from cardiovascular disease, hypertension, or type 2 diabetes and improving the health of muscles, bones, and joints, and

Whereas, the United States Department of Health and Human Services estimates the cost to treat illness and chronic disease caused by inactive lifestyles is nearly \$1,000.00 for every family in America, every year, and

Whereas, physical activity is vital to the well-being of all Americans, and National Walk@Lunch Day is an opportunity for Americans to carve time out of their busy work schedules to exercise and become healthier, and

Whereas, National Walk@Lunch Day is a workplace walking program that encourages employees to walk during their lunch break, making exercise a convenient and easy choice during the day, and

Whereas, many states will participate in National Walk@Lunch Day, improving the health of those residents on a step-by-step basis, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 28, 2010, as National Walk@Lunch Day and encourages Vermonters to walk at lunch, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont in Berlin.

### **H.C.R. 320.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Meredith Sumner for her dedicated public service as a legislative council attorney

Offered by: All Members of the House of Representatives

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, for over two decades, Meredith Sumner has been responsible for drafting legislation assigned to the house committee on general, housing, and military affairs and the senate committee on economic development, housing, and general affairs and its predecessor, and

Whereas, these committees' broad jurisdictions cover housing policy, many aspects of labor law, and the regulation of alcoholic beverages, and

Whereas, she has drafted legislation intended to improve the safety of the state's housing stock and has authorized wine tastings at a variety of venues, and

Whereas, other matters which have drawn her attention as the drafter for these committees are the organization and operation of the Vermont National Guard and the state recognition of the Abenaki Indians, and

Whereas, Meredith Sumner has also served as the legislative council attorney for the legislature's committees on health and welfare, writing laws regulating the state's health care system, prohibiting smoking in public places, and directing the management of cemeteries, and

Whereas, as a clever wordsmith, she can apply her flair for the English language to the technical requirements of drafting laws, and

Whereas, more recent arrivals on the council staff have benefited from Meredith Sumner's drafting guidance and knowledge of the legislative process, and

Whereas, she has proven to be an excellent drafter and has perceptively translated legislators' broadly stated public policy wishes into well-crafted bill drafts that are comprehensible to individuals who are not experts on the topic being addressed, and

Whereas, after nearly a quarter-century on the legislative council's legal staff, when the work of the 71st general assembly is concluded, Meredith Sumner will close her state house office door for the final time and complete her excellent public service tenure with the legislative council, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Meredith Sumner for her dedicated public service as a legislative council attorney and wishes her a happy retirement, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 321.**

House concurrent resolution honoring E. Anne Winchester's extraordinary public service as a legislative council drafter and policy analyst

Offered by: All Members of the House of Representatives

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Anne Winchester graduated from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec and earned advanced degrees at the University of Vermont and the University of California at Berkeley, and

Whereas, after working for a number of years as a secondary school biology teacher, she switched careers and became a public policy analyst, and

Whereas, in the 1980s, Anne Winchester joined the legislative council's drafting staff and drew on her academic knowledge of biology as the drafter for the committee on fish and wildlife, and

Whereas, in this role, she developed an expertise on the limitations of dogs pursuing black bears for hunting purposes and the regulation of wolf-hybrids, and

Whereas, for a number of years, Anne Winchester staffed the legislature's committees on health and welfare, and

Whereas, perhaps her most formidable task at the legislative council was serving for over a decade as the principal drafter for the house and senate committees on education, and

Whereas, while working with the committees on education, Anne Winchester was a primary drafter of education finance bills that included Act 60 in 1997, Act 71 in 1998, and Act 68 in 2003, and

Whereas, a Vermont legislative response to the impact of the federal No Child Left Behind law was a topic to which she applied her drafting skills, and

Whereas, as a change of pace, Anne Winchester more recently assumed a new portfolio and mastered the topics of bonding, the state's capital construction program, and Vermont's corrections policy as the drafter for the house and senate committees on institutions, and

Whereas, when the general assembly adjourns sine die in 2010, Anne Winchester will bid farewell to the legislative council and journey abroad with her husband who is an international energy policy consultant, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors E. Anne Winchester's extraordinary public service as a legislative council drafter and policy analyst and wishes her a wonderful retirement, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 322.**

House concurrent resolution honoring S. Michael Slater on the conclusion of his outstanding legislative council career

Offered by: All Members of the House of Representatives

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, for over three decades, members of the general assembly have relied on Michael Slater, known to one and all as Mike, as their go-to guy on transportation issues, and

Whereas, from the paving of existing state highways and the creation of new ones to aeronautics and railways, Mike Slater has drafted legislation affecting every imaginable spoke on the transportation wheel, and

Whereas, the modes of transportation for which Mike Slater has written statutory provisions range from snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles to motorboats and neighborhood electric vehicles, and

Whereas, Mike Slater has focused much of his attention on large multi-axle interstate trucks, who is licensed to drive them, and where they can travel on Vermont's local, state, and interstate highways, and

Whereas, all aspects of motor vehicle law from driver licensing to liability insurance and prohibitions on driver activities behind the wheel have come under his computer keys' purview, and

Whereas, annually, Mike Slater has overseen the drafting of the transportation bill authorizing yearly and long-range transportation planning and amending every conceivable intricacy of transportation law, and

Whereas, in recounting his many legislative creations ultimately enacted into the Vermont statutes, Mike Slater was perhaps most proud of his work in drafting the New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Act, more commonly referred to as the "lemon law" and intended to protect unsuspecting consumers from new car gremlins who are mischievously lurking in improperly manufactured motor vehicles, and

Whereas, as a graduate of the University of Miami with a degree in engineering, along with a law degree from Suffolk University Law School, he has brought a specialized knowledge to many of the technical and legal details involved in transportation policy, and

Whereas, after over three decades as a great legislative council attorney, Mike Slater will be concluding his duties writing the law of the highways this spring and will head out onto the roadway in his super power van with his wife, Janet, as they travel the coastline from Maine to Florida, now therefore be it



Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors S. Michael Slater on the conclusion of his outstanding legislative council career and extends best wishes for a long and enjoyable retirement, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 323.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Norwich University Cadets championship NCAA Division III men's ice hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Poirier of Barre City, Donahue of Northfield, Grad of Moretown and McFaun of Barre Town

Offered by: Senators Scott, Cummings and Doyle

Whereas, the Norwich University Cadets men's ice hockey team enthralled its fans as its season-long centennial commemoration could not have been more historic, starting with an opening game victory over the University of New England, and

Whereas, in early March, the first-seeded Cadets clinched their eighth ECAC East Tournament title with a solid 4–1 win over Babson College, and

Whereas, the ECAC victory earned the Cadets an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III tournament with the ultimate prize being a national championship which Norwich previously had won in 2000 and 2003, and

Whereas, the No. 1-ranked Cadets opened the first round of the NCAA Division III championship competition at Kreitzberg Arena against Elmira College, and, trailing 1–0 with less than a minute of regulation time remaining, scored a season-saving goal, sending the game into overtime, and

Whereas, at just slightly over two minutes into the first overtime period, the Cadets secured a sudden victory with a timely goal, gaining the team a much-sought-after berth in the NCAA Division III frozen four at the Herb Brooks Arena at Lake Placid, New York, and

Whereas, in the semifinal frozen four game at Lake Placid, Norwich topped Plattsburgh State University 3–2, advancing the Cadets into the championship game against St. Norbert College, and

Whereas, in the decisive game, Norwich scored first with a power play goal at 11:30 in the first period, and

Whereas, St. Norbert evened the score at 9:36 in the second period which was how the game stood at the end of regulation play, and

Whereas, after a scoreless first overtime period, during the 100th minute of play in the team's 100th season, Norwich scored the winning goal, ending the longest NCAA Division III men's ice hockey game ever played, and making the 26–1–4 Cadets the 2010 champions, and

Whereas, Cadet hockey players Pasha Kozhokin, Steve Coon, Owen Carpino, Tyler Stitt, Shawn Baker, Scott Schroeder, Matt McCann, Craig Serino, Greg Eskedjian, Blake Forkey, Pier-Oliver Cotnoir, Kyle Thomas, Steven Schroeder, Eric Siegel, Emmond Bell, Craig Carbonneau, Chad Anderson, Igor Martinez, DJ Fimiani, Tim Houston, Colin Mulvey, Tory Allen, Mark Collins, Nate Ayotte, Alex Dubois, Ryan Klingensmith, Nate Ayotte, and Eric Tallent made this fantastic season possible, team manager Justin Campana helped with many administrative details, and athletic trainer Nikki Therrien helped keep the players in the best possible playing condition, and

Whereas, head coach Mike McShane guided the Cadets to their third NCAA Division III title with the welcome support of assistant coaches Steve Mattson, Cory Gustafson, and Fred Coan, and

Whereas, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to his team's historic season, Mike McShane has been awarded the Edward Jeremiah Award as the 2010 NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Norwich University Cadets championship NCAA Division III men's ice hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mike McShane and the Norwich University athletic department.

**H.C.R. 324.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing Vermont students' excellent performance on the national reading examination

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Ancel of Calais, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Audette of South Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Bray of New Haven, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Cheney of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Deen of Westminster, 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, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larson of Burlington, Lenes 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, Milkey of Brattleboro, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Obuchowski of Rockingham, Orr of Charlotte, Partridge of Windham, Pellett of Chester, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Rodgers of Glover, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Mendon, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington, Young of St. Albans City and Zenie of Colchester

Whereas, the reading skills of students from every state, in grades four and eight, are tested biennially, and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Education's National Center on Educational Statistics recently released the 2009 scores for the reading tests administered under the auspices of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, and

Whereas, the 2009 results showed that Vermont's students' reading skills were among the best in the nation, and

Whereas, 75 percent of the Vermont fourth graders, compared to 67 percent nationally, scored at or above the basic level, and this is the second highest in the nation with only Massachusetts' fourth graders surpassing their more northerly New England neighbors, and

Whereas, 84 percent of Vermont eighth graders were reading at or above the basic level, which is the highest in the country, while the national percentage stood at 75 percent, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes Vermont students' excellent performance on the national reading examination, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont School Boards Association, the Vermont Superintendent's Association, the Vermont Principals' Association, the Vermont-National Education Association, and commissioner of education Armando Vilaseca.

**H.C.R. 325.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Philip Swanson on the 25th anniversary of his exemplary public service as Woodstock's town and village manager

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, serving as a town manager is not an easy job in any community as every citizen in the municipality has ideas about how you should perform your duties, and

Whereas, although a town manager does not face the electorate, the holder of this office on occasion, despite preset contractual terms of employment, is subject to a sudden job termination if the selectboard becomes upset with the manager's decisions, and

Whereas, under these circumstances, it is not surprising that a town manager's remaining in one municipality for an extended period of time is unusual, and

Whereas, a happy exception to the typical town manager's tenure scenario is Phil Swanson, who, in 2010, is celebrating his 25th anniversary of municipal public service as Woodstock's town and village manager, and

Whereas, this quarter-century longevity makes Phil Swanson the longest currently serving town manager in Vermont, and

Whereas, unlike most municipal managers, Phil Swanson must report to two panels of employers, the town selectboard and the village trustees, and

Whereas, a northern New England town manager must take command during middle-of-the-night snowfalls, mud season disasters, and in communities with waterways, such as Woodstock, times of rising waters and flooding, and

Whereas, Phil Swanson has been an effective administrator who has an excellent working rapport with his fellow Woodstock residents, and

Whereas, the town's and village's residents respect Phil Swanson's record of accomplishment and ability to organize, coordinate, and direct municipal government, and

Whereas, the roles Phil Swanson plays in Woodstock are definitely not limited to his official job, and

Whereas, he has served on the local volunteer firefighting force and as an active member of the local Rotary Club, and

Whereas, Phil Swanson volunteers at many community events, and

Whereas, in his private life, which he amazingly finds the time to live, Phil Swanson is a loving husband and father, and

Whereas, in honor of the 25th anniversary of his serving in his dual capacities, both the Woodstock town and village 2010 reports paid special tribute to this truly unsung hero and extraordinary public servant, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Philip Swanson on the 25th anniversary of his exemplary public service as Woodstock's town and village manager, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Phil Swanson in Woodstock.

#### **H.C.R. 326.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the World War II friendship and military service of Raymond Sanville and Bill Spriggs

Offered by: Representatives Wheeler of Derby, Kilmartin of Newport City, Lewis of Derby and Marcotte of Coventry

Offered by: Senators Illuzzi and Starr

Whereas, Ray Sanville of Irasburg and Bill Spriggs of Massena, New York entered the U.S. Army in 1943 and met while in military training at Fort Mead, Maryland, and

Whereas, an immediate and warm friendship developed between the two men, and Bill Spriggs commented decades later that Ray Sanville was probably his only friend at the time, and

Whereas, they landed together at Omaha Beach on the French coast slightly over two weeks after the D-Day Invasion of June 6, 1944, and

Whereas, shortly after landing in France, they were separated in the course of military operations, and

Whereas, after an especially bloody encounter with German forces, Bill Spriggs was assigned the job of collecting dog tags from dead American soldiers in order that the soldiers' next of kin could be notified, and

Whereas, while conducting this sad personal reconnaissance, he located his special friend, Ray Sanville, and removed his tag, and

Whereas, Bill Spriggs' military service in Europe continued and included combat duty during the Battle of the Bulge, and

Whereas, during the ensuing decades, Bill Spriggs always wondered if Ray Sanville's family knew of his death in battle and whether his remains were returned home to Vermont, and he even traveled to Montpelier in a futile and disappointing search for information, and

Whereas, recently, two World War II enthusiasts, one in Minnesota, and the other in Belgium, agreed to assist Bill Spriggs in his search, and through their efforts, he viewed a photo of Ray Sanville posted on the website of the *Northland Journal* and read that Ray had been buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Newport, and

Whereas, as a result of this discovery, Bill Spriggs has been in contact with Ray Sanville's cousin, Julie Mossa, of Derby, and, in May, will visit Ray's grave and meet his only surviving son, Doug Sanville, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the World War II friendship and military service of Bill Spriggs and Ray Sanville, Bill Spriggs' 65 years of personal dedication to assuring that his friend's remains were home in Vermont and his fate made known to his family, and the personal loss that Doug Sanville suffered at a young age when his father was killed while serving his country in wartime, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bill Spriggs, Doug Sanville, Julie Mossa, and the *Northland Journal*.

### **H.C.R. 327.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of the Rev. Michael A. DeMasi

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Donahue of Northfield, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Rev. Michael DeMasi devotedly ministered for many decades to his parishioners, be they in Rutland, the Northeast Kingdom, or Bennington, with a special mission that although spiritually based, extended to many other aspects of their lives, and

Whereas, he was born in Northfield, earned an undergraduate degree at St. Michael's College in Winooski, and then desiring to dedicate his life to the service of his church, entered Grand Seminary in Montreal where he completed his course work for ordination as a Roman Catholic priest, and

Whereas, on finishing his theological classes, the Rev. Michael DeMasi was initially posted to St. Peters Church in Rutland, and he subsequently assumed his first pastoral assignment at St. Theresa's Church in Gilman, which also included a mission assignment in the nearby town of Lunenburg, and

Whereas, his pastoral role continued in the village of Island Pond where he exercised his duties as a cleric in St. James Parish, and

Whereas, in 1965, the Rev. Michael DeMasi journeyed across the state of Vermont to lead the parishioners at St. John the Baptist Church in North Bennington, and for the next 28 years, he served as the much-esteemed priest for this congregation, and

Whereas, Rev. Michael DeMasi's activities were not limited to his own Roman Catholic faith as he was involved in many charitable and community service projects encompassing other congregations and religious persuasions, and

Whereas, the breadth of his community involvement was recognized when the NorShaft Lions Club honored him with that organization's Citizen of the Year Award, citing Rev. Michael DeMasi's concern not only for the spiritual, but also the "economic, social and medical well-being" of the thousands of persons with whom he came in contact, and

Whereas, even after his official retirement in 1993, Rev. Michael DeMasi remained engaged in the ecclesiastical and secular realms, accepting church administration assignments at St. Jerome's Church in East Dorset and Holy Trinity parish in Danby; visiting the sick at local hospitals; saying weekly Mass at the Vermont Veterans Home; and distributing the Eucharist to the homebound, and

Whereas, Rev. Michael DeMasi will perhaps be most fondly remembered for his tireless dedication to picking apples at local orchards and distributing this hand-picked fruit of the earth to the poor, and

Whereas, this noble and beloved man died in May 2009 at the age of 91, and on September 13, 2009, St. John the Baptist Church dedicated its social hall in his loving memory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of the Rev. Michael DeMasi of North Bennington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of his family.

**H.C.R. 328.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Andrea Rogers on 30 years of extraordinary leadership and commitment to artistic excellence and community involvement

Offered by: Representatives Wizowaty of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Bray of New Haven, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, Geier of South Burlington, Greshin of Warren, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of Canaan, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krebs of South Hero, Larson of Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, O'Brien of Richmond, Orr of Charlotte, Pellett of Chester, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Mendon, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, in the 1980s, Andrea Rogers led the transformation of Burlington's Flynn Theater from a historic vaudeville-era theatre into a full-scale performing arts center, and

Whereas, in 1993, the National Endowment for the Arts selected the Flynn as one of 16 performing arts organizations in the nation whose programming merited special and sustained investment, and

Whereas, in 2000, both the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the Ford Foundation independently selected the Flynn as a national arts leader whose



future they wanted to help secure, the Flynn being the only organization in the nation that both of these institutions honored, and

Whereas, Andrea Rogers' leadership made it possible for the Flynn to receive the 2007 Outstanding Historic Theatre Award at the National Conference of the League of Historic American Theatres, which described the Flynn as "a compelling example of contemporary programming excellence in a beautifully renovated space that thoughtfully engages its community," and

Whereas, a passionate desire to make the performing arts affordable has led Andrea Rogers to tireless fundraising in order to keep ticket prices reasonable, as well as to maintain the Flynn's P.A.C.T. program, which provides members of social service agencies tickets for a nominal fee, and

Whereas, Andrea Rogers' commitment to community engagement has inspired residencies with companies ranging from the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company to the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, and

Whereas, her devotion to arts education has fostered a student matinee series of world-class performances for as many as 45,000 Vermont children a year, professional development workshops for teachers on how to integrate the performing arts into the school curriculum, and a thriving partnership with the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. that supports the arts in schools, and

Whereas, Andrea Rogers' commitment to jazz programming has helped to secure the Flynn's leadership role in Burlington's Discover Jazz Festival, and

Whereas, the Flynn has enriched the lives of thousands of Vermonters by providing opportunities to experience and engage with world-renowned musicians, dancers, and theater artists ranging from the Throat Singers of Tuva and the Peking Opera to the African Children's Choir and Stomp!, and

Whereas, as the result of Andrea Rogers' leadership, the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts now generates approximately \$25 million into Vermont's creative economy every year, and

Whereas, upon her retirement, Andrea Rogers will leave behind a vibrant organization on sound financial footing that is nationally recognized as one of the foremost performing arts centers in the country, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Andrea Rogers on 30 years of extraordinary leadership and commitment to artistic excellence and community involvement, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Andrea Rogers and to the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts in Burlington for its permanent archives.

**H.C.R. 329.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Mark Richard Skakel

Offered by: Representatives French of Shrewsbury, Howard of Rutland City, Bissonnette of Winooski, Cheney of Norwich, Conquest of Newbury, Courcelle of Rutland City, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gilbert of Fairfax, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jewett of Ripton, Lenex of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Wolcott, Milkey of Brattleboro, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Mrowicki of Putney, Pellett of Chester, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Sweaney of Windsor and Young of St. Albans City

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, Mark Skakel was an admired and respected community leader continuously trying to improve the lives of those around him, and

Whereas, he was the treasured mentor of the forestry students at the Stafford Technical Center in Rutland, where, during the past decade, he had redesigned the program's curriculum, and

Whereas, a core element of his teaching was to work with his students on community forestry projects, and

Whereas, Mark Skakel earned forestry degrees at Paul Smith College and the University of Vermont and spent over two decades working as a professional forester until turning to his true passion, which was teaching, and

Whereas, Mark Skakel, while a resident of Wallingford and later of Shrewsbury, had served on each municipality's selectboard, and

Whereas, as vice chair of the Rutland County Democratic Committee, he included on the party's official agenda the nonpolitical activity of conducting service project visits to the Rutland Open Door Mission, and

Whereas, his desire to protect Vermont's open space and create affordable housing was manifested in his service on the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, and he had recently been invited to join the board of the Nature Conservancy of Vermont, and

Whereas, Mark Skakel cogently expressed his thoughts on Vermont's landscape in columns published in the *Sunday Rutland Herald* and the *Sunday Times Argus*, and

Whereas, if all this activity were not sufficient for one lifetime, Mark Skakel served as president of the Chaffee Arts Center at the pivotal time when it inaugurated year-round exhibits, and

Whereas, Mark Skakel had been hiking the Long Trail last summer and loved to kayak, and

Whereas, on Saturday March 27, while working in the woods, which were his second home, Mark Skakel died suddenly at the age of 56, leaving his beloved wife Jane, daughters Katherine and Eliza, a stepson Will, his brother George, and sisters Susan, Kathleen, Polly and Ellen, and

Whereas, his family, numerous friends, and students will celebrate his life that was filled with generosity at a community memorial service, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its profound condolences to the family of Mark Skakel, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jane Skakel in Rutland Town and to Mark Skakel's daughters, stepson, brother, and sisters.

**H.C.R. 330.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Charles Hunter on being named the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, each year, the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) recognizes an individual who has made a "notable contribution to the civic and social vitality" of its region which includes 15 Vermont and New Hampshire towns, and

Whereas, the 2010 recipient of this honor is Charles (Charlie) Hunter of Bellows Falls who is a renaissance man of the first order, and

Whereas, he grew up in Weathersfield and for a decade operated a music management company in Northampton, Massachusetts before returning to Vermont, and

Whereas, the Chamber honored him for his leadership in formatting the live Bellows Falls concert series known as Flying Under Radar, and

Whereas, the series performances have been held at several venues, including the auditorium now known as the Bellows Falls Opera House, the former Oona's Restaurant, and the lobby of the former Hotel Windham, and

Whereas, the scope of his role as Bellows Falls' musical impresario expanded to encompass the Roots on the River Festival which started with concerts of Americana and roots musician, Fred Eaglesmith, and

Whereas, Charlie Hunter's love of the roots musical genre took on a new dimension when he started the Roots on the Rails project, a nationwide rail excursion featuring live roots music, and

Whereas, other local and statewide organizations have benefited from Charlie Hunter's dynamic leadership, including the Bellows Falls Farmers' Market which he cofounded, the Great River Arts Institute, the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont Rail Action Network, and the Making the Most of I women's education program at the Parks Place Community Resource Center, and

Whereas, he is now focusing his artistic talents on painting, and his images portray often overlooked elements of New England such as abandoned industrial structures and rail trestles, and

Whereas, Charlie Hunter's many contributions to Bellows Falls have improved the quality of life in the community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Charles Hunter on being named the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Charlie Hunter in Bellows Falls.

**H.C.R. 331.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing American Craft Beer Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Partridge of Windham, and Jewett of Ripton

Whereas, beer brewing in the United States has assumed a new persona with the establishment of local craft breweries, and their beers are sold at onsite brewpubs, marketed off site, or sold in a combination of the two, and

Whereas, Vermont's first modern-era brewpub, the Vermont Pub and Brewery, which was opened in Burlington on November 11, 1988, was only the third modern brewpub established along the East Coast, and this

award-winning enterprise, under the leadership of its founder, Greg Noonan, who died in 2009, has set the standard for brewpubs in Vermont and nationally, and

Whereas, Vermont's craft brewing industry contributes to our state's tourism, education, agricultural, and manufacturing sectors with ever increasing importance, and

Whereas, from a tourism perspective, over half of the state's craft breweries are brewpubs that have become tourist attractions for visitors, and 40,000 copies of the Vermont Brewers Association's (VBA) *Breweries and Wineries* brochure have been distributed, and,

Whereas, the VBA has created the Vermont Brewery Challenge, featuring a passport that participants can have marked as they visit a brewery and then turn in for prizes, and

Whereas, educationally, the American Brewers Guild of Salisbury is considered a premier brewing school and attracts domestic and international students who study with its famed expert brewer Steve Parkes, and

Whereas, Vermont breweries are working with agricultural specialists at the University of Vermont and area farmers to restore the state's historic hops and barley crops, and the VBA has embarked on a project to encourage the maximum use of local products in Vermont-produced beers, and

Whereas, as for beer brewing's role in the state's manufacturing economy, in 2008, 293,000 barrels of beer were brewed, and the industry employed approximately 350 persons whose average wage was \$13.00 per hour plus benefits, and

Whereas, Vermont's craft breweries, including the Alchemist Pub & Brewery (Waterbury), Bobcat Café & Brewery (Bristol), Harpoon Brewery (Windsor), Jasper Murdock's Alehouse (Norwich), Lawson's Finest Liquids (Warren), Long Trail Brewing Company (Bridgewater Corners), Madison Brewing Company (Bennington), Magic Hat Brewing Company (South Burlington), McNeill's Brewery (Brattleboro), Otter Creek Brewing Inc. (Middlebury), Rock Art Brewery (Morrisville), Switchback Brewing Company (Burlington), Shed Restaurant & Brewery (Stowe), Three Needs Taproom (Burlington), Trout River Brewing Company (Lyndonville), Vermont Pub & Brewery (Burlington), Wolaver's Organic Ales (Middlebury), and Zero Gravity at American Flatbread (Burlington), provide 18 special Vermont reasons to celebrate American Craft Beer Week, which is occurring from May 17 through May 23, 2010, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes American Craft Beer Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kurt Staudter, the executive director of the Vermont Brewers Association, in Springfield.

**H.C.R. 332.**

House concurrent resolution designating the Deerfield Valley as the Blueberry Capital of Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Manwaring of Wilmington and Moran of Wardsboro

Offered by: Senators Hartwell, Sears, Shumlin and White

Whereas, farm communities across America have been looking for new agritourism ventures with substance and long-range benefits, and

Whereas, blueberries have long been touted as one of the highest antioxidant fruits available, and

Whereas, blueberry picking has long provided a healthy family activity that is fun for all ages and promotes good eating habits, and

Whereas, the Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival was the brainchild of Janet Boyd and the Boyd Family Farm in Wilmington who promoted the festival to businesses, schools, and town governments, encouraging their participation with the slogan “It’s fun, it’s silly, and something everyone can take part in,” which she repeated to group after group, and

Whereas, beginning in 2008, the Mount Snow Valley Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the annual Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival over nine days from late July to early August, primarily in the towns of Wilmington, Whitingham, and Dover, in order to promote the cultivation of blueberries in the Deerfield Valley through participation in blueberry-inspired activities, and

Whereas, for two years in a row, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce has recognized the Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival as one of the top 10 events in the state, symbolizing the successful efforts of Deerfield Valley residents to show that one festival can make a difference and improve the local economy, and

Whereas, the Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival promotes the purchase and eating of locally grown healthy foods that are free of pesticides, and

Whereas, the Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival also encourages local participation in the state’s farm-to-school program, which is the most effective

tool to reduce Vermonters' consumption of trans fats, empty calories, and packaged foods, and to win the war on childhood obesity, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the Deerfield Valley as the Blueberry Capital of Vermont and extends best wishes for the success of the 2010 Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Mount Snow Valley Chamber of Commerce in Wilmington.