

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

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Resolutions**

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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. 333.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Kelsey Howard as the Boys & Girls Club 2010 Vermont State Youth of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes and Clark of Vergennes

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, for over half a century, the Boys & Girls Clubs in each state have honored one club member as that state's youth of the year in recognition of that club member's "contributions to a member's family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club," and the state winner becomes eligible for regional and possible national recognition, and

Whereas, each one of the six Boys & Girls Clubs in Vermont selected an outstanding club member as its nominee for the state award, and the state panel in 2010 included Vermont Attorney General William Sorrell, Community College of Vermont President Joyce Judy, Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. CEO John Donleavy, Comcast Area Vice President (Vermont) Pam Mackenzie, and Green Mountain Power Corporation Director of Customer Service and External Affairs Robert Dostis, and

Whereas, after a careful review, the panel selected Kelsey Howard of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes as the 2010 Vermont Youth of the Year, and

Whereas, for five years, 16-year-old Kelsey Howard has belonged to the club where she is a peer leader and a dedicated member of its Keystone Club for teen leaders, and

Whereas, Kelsey Howard is a junior at Vergennes Union High School where she maintains good grades and is a member of the school's much praised cheerleading team, and

Whereas, she volunteers as a tutor at both the local elementary school and youth center, works five days a week as a baby sitter, and still finds time to be an active member of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes, and

Whereas, Kelsey Howard's maturity and strong character are manifested at home where she mentors her younger sister, regularly corresponds with her

older brother serving in the United States military, and cares for her mother who has chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and

Whereas, she plans to continue her post-high school education, studying early childhood development at one of the Vermont State Colleges, and

Whereas, Kelsey Howard is known for her generosity, has developed excellent time management skills, and exemplifies the type of youth that this special award is intended to showcase and encourage, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Kelsey Howard of Vergennes as the Boys & Girls Club 2010 Vermont State Youth of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kelsey Howard and to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes.

H.C.R. 334.

House concurrent resolution honoring Mario Bevacqua on his two decades of exemplary educational leadership in the Weathersfield School District

Offered by: Representatives Shand of Weathersfield, Emmons of Springfield and Martin of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, for 20 years, Mario Bevacqua has served the Weathersfield School District in several leadership roles, and he has been known as passionately committed to his community, and

Whereas, he worked to implement the district's mission "to make available to all students a sound basic education in the traditional scholastic disciplines" and further to provide "a safe, well-maintained place in which to learn," and

Whereas, Mario Bevacqua also carried out this mission through his belief in educating the whole child through the support of extracurricular activities including music, drama, service group, student council, VKAT, and trips to various places in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico, and

Whereas, Mario Bevacqua began his career as a Weathersfield School District administrator as the principal of the Perkinsville School, and

Whereas, after inspiring the students and teachers in Perkinsville for several years, Mario Bevacqua became the traveling principal for the district's elementary and middle school, and

Whereas, these dual roles led to his appointment to a new combined set of positions as a school principal and the Weathersfield School District's superintendent, and

Whereas, he was the driving force behind the consolidation of the district's two schools and the construction of the new Weathersfield School, and

Whereas, Mario Bevacqua is a man filled with good humor who has succeeded in bringing unity to a diverse staff, and he could also foster a variety of teaching approaches, and

Whereas, he quietly took great pride in serving as a positive role model for both students and staff and is an exceptionally caring and generous human being, and

Whereas, Mario Bevacqua recently retired from the Weathersfield School District as principal of the new Weathersfield School that he played such a large role in bringing to fruition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Mario Bevacqua on his two decades of exemplary educational leadership in the Weathersfield School District, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 335.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the bicentennial of the town of Dover

Offered by: Representative Moran of Wardsboro

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, the first permanent settler in the area that today encompasses the town of Dover was Captain Abner Perry who migrated north from Holliston, Massachusetts in 1770, and

Whereas, in 1780, the general assembly granted a charter to William Ward of Newfane for a 26,464-acre parcel that was incorporated as the town of Wardsborough (Wardsboro), and

Whereas, in response to a local petition, and in accordance with Chapter 59 of the Laws of 1810 that became effective on October 30, the general assembly divided the town of Wardsboro into two municipalities separated by a mountain, and

Whereas, despite the request of local residents to name the new southern town Palmyra, the legislature designated it as Dover, and

Whereas, even before Dover was born, residents of an adjoining section of the town of Somerset, known as the handle, were petitioning to join what would become the town of Dover, and

Whereas, after over one-half century of pleading, in 1851, the general assembly adopted Act 72, providing that portions of Somerset be annexed respectively to Dover and Wardsboro, subject to each town's approval, but despite Dover's official vote of acceptance, many Dover residents remained opposed, and the handle was annexed to Wilmington, and

Whereas, in 1868, the legislature, through Act 195, offered Dover another chance to accept the handle, more formally described as "that part of the town of Wilmington lying west of the town of Dover, and north of the north line of Wilmington," subject to voter approval in each town, and in 1869, after Dover ended its resistance, the general assembly passed one last measure, Act 156, that finally merged the handle into Dover on March 1, 1870, and

Whereas, a community of subsistence farmers and 10 school districts in the 19th century, Dover in the first half of the 20th century consolidated its school districts and transformed itself into a major summer tourist destination, and

Whereas, an entirely new era was started in 1953 when Walter Schoenknecht purchased the Reuben Snow farm and turned it into the Mount Snow Ski Area, and in the following decades, Mount Snow became a four-season resort and Dover one of Vermont's major vacation hubs, and

Whereas, as the resort industry was developing in Dover, the town developed one of the best public works departments in the state, modernized its school system, and shaped town government to meet the municipality's specific needs, and

Whereas, unlike in 1910, when the centennial passed quietly, on Friday–Sunday, October 1–3, 2010, Dover will mark its bicentennial with a weekend of celebratory events, including fireworks; a street fair; dramatic, musical, and educational presentations; a church service; and a harvest brunch, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of the town of Dover, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Dover town clerk.

H.C.R. 336.

House concurrent resolution honoring municipal public works departments' employees and designating May 16–22 as Public Works Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town, Acinapura of Brandon, Ainsworth of Royalton, Bissonnette of Winooski, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clerkin of Hartford, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donahue of Northfield, Edwards of Brattleboro, Fagan of Rutland City, French of Randolph, Grad of Moretown, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Hubert of Milton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Lawrence of Lyndon, Martin of Springfield, McAllister of Highgate, McFaun of Barre Town, Milkey of Brattleboro, Minter of Waterbury, Myers of Essex, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburg, Shand of Weathersfield, Spengler of Colchester, Sweaney of Windsor and Turner of Milton and Wilson of Manchester

Whereas, much of the highway and bridge network in Vermont is municipally owned, and the responsibility for its maintenance is assigned to local public works departments, and

Whereas, local public works departments perform outstanding work to maintain the infrastructure that enables Vermonters to drive their cars without concern that the surface roadway is not properly maintained, and

Whereas, when extremely inclement weather strikes, such as a severe snowstorm or a thunderstorm whose elements include high-velocity winds, municipal public works departments' crews are called upon to perform near-heroic tasks under the worst possible climatic conditions and not infrequently in the middle of the night, and

Whereas, these special but essential jobs can range from removing snow from the highway while blowing drifts are inhibiting steady progress to supporting utility crews removing trees entangled in dangerously electrified cables, and

Whereas, on May 12, the Vermont Municipal Highway Association will hold its annual Equipment Show and Field Day expo at the Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, local public works departments' crews from across Vermont will attend this showcase of modern maintenance and proudly demonstrate their ability to use their equipment most effectively, and

Whereas, the Vermont Municipal Highway Association event also serves as an opportunity for vendors to display new products that public works departments' staff can examine and consider purchasing, and

Whereas, May is also an important month for these dedicated municipal employees as the week of May 16–22 is being observed as Public Works Week in order to recognize these all-too-often unsung heroes who maintain highways, bridges, and other essential municipal infrastructure 365 days a year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont’s outstanding municipal public works departments’ employees and designates May 16–22 as Public Works Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Barre Town Engineer and Vermont Municipal Highway Association Secretary-Treasurer Harry Hinrichsen.

H.C.R. 337.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Woodford Elementary School on its bicentennial anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Clark of Vergennes, Corcoran of Bennington, Donovan of Burlington, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Olsen of Jamaica and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Hartwell, Nitka, Sears and Starr

Whereas, in 1809, shortly after the schoolhouse was opened in the town of Woodford, local resident Elkanah Danforth granted “\$1.00 to my full satisfaction to the proprietors of a school house lately built in Woodford second day of June 1809,” and he also granted to the community a “certain piece of land said school house standing on the premises the same being situated in said Woodford,” and

Whereas, by the early 1900s, there were four schools in Woodford, and all were consolidated at the 1809 location as the Woodford Elementary School, and

Whereas, the historic single-room schoolhouse remained in use into the early 1990s, by which time there was broad recognition of its inadequacy to meet the town’s contemporary educational needs, and

Whereas, the community debated extensively about the wisdom of expanding the old schoolhouse versus sending its children to class in downtown Bennington, and

Whereas, with respect to the schoolhouse option, there remained strong sentiment to preserve its historic integrity but still provide students with modern learning facilities, and

Whereas, in the end, an addition was made to the schoolhouse that included three graded classrooms, a multipurpose room, a Title I classroom, a library, and other support facilities, and

Whereas, the Woodford Elementary School was one of the first schools in the area to open an all-day kindergarten, and

Whereas, Woodford Elementary School students delight in the benefits they can enjoy because of their school's small size, including field trips involving all of the school's students, cooking for each other, the extra attention they receive from teachers, being able to work and play together, and the many community events held at the school including potluck dinners, bingo games, and pancake breakfasts, and

Whereas, the Woodford Elementary School has a nice environment for learning and everyone knows each other very well, and

Whereas, former students who have grown up and developed interesting careers, such as an author and a vocalist, have visited the school, and

Whereas, in 1999, the students and teachers buried two 25-year time capsules to be opened in 2024, and

Whereas, in commemoration of the Woodford Elementary School's bicentennial, a delegation of students, faculty, and parents are visiting the state house to witness the legislature's recognition of their school's longevity and success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Woodford Elementary School on its bicentennial anniversary, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 338.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Association of Africans Living in Vermont, Inc. on its 10th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette of Winooski, Donovan of Burlington, Larson of Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, as the number of immigrant and refugee Africans in Vermont grew, there became an increasing need for an organization to assist them in acculturating and establishing themselves in the state, and

Whereas, members of the African community established a nonprofit community organization, the Association of Africans Living in Vermont, Inc. (AALV), in order “to promote the equal opportunity, dignity, and self-sufficiency of refugee and immigrant individuals and families in Vermont, regardless of race, ethnic group, religious or political affiliation, or sexual orientation,” and

Whereas, AALV provides key support services to individuals primarily in Chittenden County and also in Washington and Windham counties, and

Whereas, the issues that AALV focuses on include affordable housing, health care, and livable wages, and it has evolved into a multipurpose social service agency with a full-time staff, and

Whereas, in 2009, AALV, recognizing that other immigrant and refugee groups were facing similar economic and social challenges, decided to broaden the scope of the population to which it offers its support services to include all refugees living in Vermont, and many ethnic groups with origins from outside Africa, including Bhutanese, Burmese, Iraqis, Karen, Meskhetian Turks, and others, became associated with AALV, and

Whereas, AALV has adopted three long-term goals that in sum are: 1) enhancing its clients’ economic mobility, English language proficiency, and high quality employment opportunities; 2) improving health care outcomes and the availability of preventive medicine resources; and 3) fostering civic education and developing leadership and decision-making competency, and

Whereas, today, AALV serves new Vermonters from 35 nations with both individual support and more broadly distributed informational assistance offered in printed and electronic formats, and

Whereas, AALV receives financial support from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement, the Vermont Agency of Human Services Refugee Office, the United Way of Chittenden County, and from other organizations and individuals, and

Whereas, in 2010, AALV is observing a decade of helping new Americans settle and succeed in Vermont and receive financial support, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Association of Africans Living in Vermont, Inc. on its 10th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Association of Africans Living in Vermont, Inc. Executive Director Yacouba Jacob Bogre.

H.C.R. 339.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 winning teams of the Jr. Iron Chef Vermont competition

Offered by: Representatives Haas of Rochester, Stevens of Shoreham, Greshin of Warren, Aswad of Burlington, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Howrigan of Fairfield, Keenan of St. Albans City, Manwaring of Wilmington, Minter of Waterbury, Stevens of Waterbury, Wright of Burlington and Young of St. Albans City

Whereas, on Saturday, March 27, at the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds in Essex, VTFEED (Food Education Every Day), a partnership of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont, Food Works at Two Rivers Center, and Shelburne Farms, sponsored the third annual Jr. Iron Chef Vermont competition that is intended to encourage student participation as chefs in the Vermont Farm to School program which promotes Vermont farmers growing food products for use in local school menus, and

Whereas, the 57 participating student teams consisted of three to five members and were divided into middle and high school divisions, and

Whereas, each team was required to use a minimum of five Vermont ingredients listed within any of the following four categories: vegetables and fruits (apples, beets, carrots, celeriac, onions, parsnips, potatoes, rutabaga, squash [mashed], and turnips); grains (black beans [cooked], yellow-eye beans [cooked], cornmeal, and whole wheat flour); dairy (buttermilk, cheddar cheese, cottage cheese, milk, and plain yogurt); and the plus category (eggs, pure maple syrup [grade B], pure Vermont honey, and tofu), and

Whereas, the cooked creations were judged based on their taste (kid friendly and flavorful); appearance (presentation on the plate); creativity (ingenuity in how the ingredients were used, how the dish was prepared, how it was presented); best and most use of local ingredients (highlighting local and seasonal foods), and school food service-appropriate (time-cost, affordability, and nutrition level), and

Whereas, in the middle school division, the winners were Best in Show: The J-Lee Crew!, Twin Valley Middle School, Wilmington—Baylee Crawford, Hailey Gamache, Justin Hicks, Jordan Niles, and Kaylea Niles, and coaches Kelli Rosso and Alonzo Paige (Veggie Roux Stew); Most Creative Dish: Green Mountain Girls, Rochester School— Jessica Chase, Ambrosia Houle, and Michaela Parrish and coaches Betty Chase and Chef Daniel

Wallace (Green Mountain Girls Veggie Burger); and Greatest Number and Best Use of Local Ingredients: Roots for Hannaford, Lyman C. Hunt Middle School, Burlington—Ashley Grant-Hill, Charlotte Looby, Christina Huynh and Lila Flanagan and coach Robin Cruz (Chili Polenta Lasagna), and

Whereas, the high school division teams honored for their culinary skill were Best in Show: Rochester, Rochester School—Hannah Domas, Kierstan Merrill, Hannah-Mollie West, and coach Chef Sue Domas (Vegetable Chili with Corn Fritter Garnish); Most Creative Dish: A Cut Above the Rest!, Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans—Logan Beam, Nick Bergstrom, Brooke Harvey, and Joe Rock, and coaches Doug Bergston and Marcus Hamblett (Root Veg Nachos); and Greatest Number and Best Use of Local Ingredients: Harwood Union, Harwood Union High School, Duxbury—Kaitlyn Dash, Jozef Ellers, Stephen Guion, and Becca Hammel and coach Mary Holden and Chef Paul Morris (Sweet Potato Enchiladas with Enchilada Sauce), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 winning teams of the Jr. Iron Chef Vermont competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the winning teams and to the member organizations of VTFEED and the Burlington School Food Project, the activities of both of which are supported in part with revenues from the Jr. Iron Chef Vermont competition.

H.C.R. 340.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the town of Goshen and the Blueberry Management Area in the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area as the Wild Blueberry Capital of Vermont

Offered by: Representative Jewett of Ripton

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, on a gloriously sunny midsummer Vermont day, there is nothing more enjoyable than romping through meadows or hiking up a mountainside in search of ripe and ready-to-pick blueberries, and

Whereas, blueberries are so sweet and luscious that returning home with a full bucket of these delectable and sweet little berries for baking in a blueberry cake, muffin, or pie is often a challenge, and

Whereas, each May, Vermont's many blueberry bushes brilliantly display white blossoms that in turn sprout the berries that start to ripen in the middle of July and are often prime for picking by that month's conclusion, and

Whereas, once the berries have been captured for human consumption or else have withered away, the bushes burst out in their autumnal wardrobe of colorful red leaves, and

Whereas, the general assembly recently adopted House Concurrent Resolution 332 bestowing the designation of Blueberry Capital of Vermont on the Deerfield Valley, and

Whereas, in exercising its legislative authority, the general assembly neglected to acknowledge another Vermont blueberry hotspot, the town of Goshen and the Green Mountain National Forest's Moosalamoo National Recreation Area, and

Whereas, the natural prominence of wild blueberries in Goshen was long ago recognized when Blueberry Hill was named to describe a prominent local knob, and

Whereas, the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area is home to perhaps the only Blueberry Management Area located in any national forest, and

Whereas, the general assembly never meant to slight the town of Goshen, or the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area, when it hastily designated the Deerfield Valley as Vermont's Blueberry Capital without first dispatching qualified horticultural experts to verify the veracity of this claim, and

Whereas, now remorseful that it unintentionally roused a sense of perplexity and disbelief among the good citizens of Goshen, the general assembly realizes that blueberry supremacy in Vermont is a distinction with more than one rightful claimant, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the town of Goshen and the Blueberry Management Area in the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area as the Wild Blueberry Capital of Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tony Clark at the Blueberry Inn in Goshen and to the Green Mountain National Forest's forest supervisor in Rutland.

H.C.R. 341.

House concurrent resolution honoring Molly Ferris for her dedicated peace advocacy, her leadership in theatrical circles, and her outstanding community volunteer work

Offered by: Representatives Pellett of Chester, Emmons of Springfield and Martin of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, Molly Ferris, known as the “Peace Lady” to anyone who lives in or drives through Chester, can be seen every Saturday morning from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. standing on the corner of the town green with her “peace” flag, and

Whereas, she has been holding the “peace” flag every Saturday for over a decade, and neither rain nor sleet nor hail nor snow—nor any other adverse atmospheric condition—can keep her from her post, and

Whereas, Molly Ferris holds many secrets, but her birth date is not one of them, as she was born July 15, 1929, and treats her many friends to a yearly “keg” party at her 10-acre homestead deep in the Chester forest where she resides, and

Whereas, she is the proud mother of four children, who are scattered throughout the United States, and

Whereas, Molly Ferris has a deep love for all creatures great and small, including animals, and she probably has as many four-legged friends as she does the upright two-legged ones, and

Whereas, she is adamant about not accepting monetary payment for any of the work she does, but insists instead that contributions be given to one of her favorite charities, beneficiaries which welcome her generosity, and

Whereas, a voracious reader, she freely lends her books, does not seek their return, and was a long-time volunteer at the Whiting Library in Chester and now volunteers at the Union Street School Library in Springfield, and

Whereas, her talents are many and include acting in Springfield Community Players’ productions, including *Harvey*, *Spoon River Anthology* and *Quilters*, and she is active in the group’s membership committee, serving as rehearsal prompter for many productions, and

Whereas, she is the current recipient of the Bob Spindler Award, made each year to a Player who has exemplified the goals of the acting company’s players, and

Whereas, Molly Ferris is on the Moss Hart Nominating Committee, which reviews plays and makes nominations for an award which recognizes dramatic works that include social criticism or other elements of redeeming value, and she was instrumental in the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company’s receiving an award for its production of *Floyd Collins*, and

Whereas, she is a program leader for “Strong Living,” an exercise class for older women that Tufts University and the Vermont Department of Health developed to promote strength, balance, and flexibility and whose classes usually include healthy doses of laughter and political banter, and

Whereas, although Molly Ferris’s pace may have slowed, she still stands firmly through her continued civic advocacy for peace and justice for all, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Molly Ferris for her dedicated peace advocacy, leadership in theatrical circles, and outstanding community volunteer work, and be it further

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