

# **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

## **ADDENDUM**

### **TO THE**

## **HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**April 30, 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. 342.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps on its 25th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives O'Brien of Richmond, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Aswad of Burlington, Baker of West Rutland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Courcelle of Rutland City, Davis of Washington, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Keenan of St. Albans City, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lewis of Derby, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, McAllister of Highgate, McDonald of Berlin, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, Pearce of Richford, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburg, Potter of Clarendon, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Rodgers of Glover, Savage of Swanton, Shand of Weathersfield, Shaw of Pittsford, 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, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Young of St. Albans City and Zenie of Colchester

Whereas, the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) was founded in 1985 with an appropriation of one dollar as an experimental public-private venture, and

Whereas, the mission of the VYCC is "to teach individuals to take personal responsibility for all their actions," and uses "conservation projects as the vehicle for learning in an intense environment," and

Whereas, VYCC has leveraged millions of private and philanthropic dollars and has completed over \$40 million worth of improvements to public lands in Vermont, and

Whereas, over 500 young adults aged 16 to 24 are annually selected to serve as part of the VYCC, and, since 1985, 5,000 young Vermonters have been selected to participate in this innovative organization, and

Whereas, the VYCC reaches out to disadvantaged and low-income youth, many from families with incomes below the federal poverty level, providing important job skills training and educational opportunities, and

Whereas, the programs the VYCC administers contribute to improvements to Vermont's waters (including work related to the clean and clear program), forests, parks, historic buildings, agricultural lands, fire prevention efforts, trails, and disaster preparedness and relief activities, and

Whereas, as a national leader in programs related to youth, environmental protection, and education and job training, the VYCC has been honored frequently and on five occasions has been presented the Vermont State Park of the Year Award, and

Whereas, the VYCC has been a national leader in developing programs for youth with disabilities, including LEAP, a work-based leadership and training program for blind and visually impaired youth, and

Whereas, dozens of Vermont's nonprofit and for-profit sector leaders received leadership training in VYCC programs, and

Whereas, the VYCC's new year-round school program has produced dramatic results in preventing students from dropping out of school, and it teaches the students important agriculture-, conservation-, energy-, and natural resources-related skills that have career applications, and

Whereas, mobilizing young Vermonters to promote the green revolution, to help to alleviate climate change, and to conserve energy are missions the VYCC conducts with great pride, and

Whereas, in 2005, the VYCC moved to its magnificent new home at the beautifully restored 1903 West Monitor Barn in Richmond, where it now operates its Youth Leadership, Education and Training Center, and

Whereas, 2010 marks the 25th anniversary of this unique Vermont organization that has served our young people and state with great success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps on its 25th anniversary and honors the organization for its service, in concert with public- and private-sector partners, on behalf of Vermont's youth and the state of Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps in Richmond.

### **H.C.R. 343.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Sally and Don Goodrich on the occasion of The Goodrich Dragonfly Celebration

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Peter M. Goodrich was killed when United Airlines Flight 175 was flown into the South Tower of the World Trade Center as part of the September 11, 2001, attacks, and

Whereas, in order to create a meaningful living memorial to their son, Sally and Don Goodrich of Bennington created The Peter M. Goodrich Memorial Foundation with the dual missions of fostering peace in Afghanistan and building bridges of understanding between the United States and Afghanistan, and

Whereas, The Peter M. Goodrich Memorial Foundation (the foundation) supports Afghan exchange students currently studying in secondary schools and institutions of higher education in the United States, and this aspect of the foundation's work reflects Peter Goodrich's love of learning for its own sake, and

Whereas, educating young Afghans to build a new society in their homeland empowers them to assume leadership roles in their nation and build a foundation for an optimistic future, and

Whereas, in the Afghan province of Logar, the foundation constructed a 26-room school, bringing its education mission directly to the children of that country, and

Whereas, the foundation provides food, water, arable land, and opportunities for self-sufficiency in Afghanistan to thwart the roots of terrorism from taking hold, and

Whereas, orphans in Wardak, Afghanistan are receiving partial financial subsidization of their fuel, food, and clothing, and the foundation is replacing a deep water well that serves their orphanage, and

Whereas, Sally and Don Goodrich speak to countless school and civic groups to promote their unique work, and

Whereas, in honor of Sally and Don Goodrich's unusual initiative in the development and expansion of United States–Afghan cultural understanding, and in planting the seeds for Afghanistan's bright future, The Goodrich Dragonfly Celebration will occur on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at the Bennington Center for the Arts, and

Whereas, a dragonfly can be said to “symbolize courage, renewal, new beginnings, new light, a positive force, love and the power of life,” now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Sally and Don Goodrich on the occasion of The Goodrich Dragonfly Celebration, and thanks them for their vision, energy, and commitment, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sally and Don Goodrich in Bennington.

**H.C.R. 344.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Mount Anthony Union High School Interact Club on winning a 2010 Governor's Award for Outstanding Community Service

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Interact Clubs, formed under the auspices of local Rotary clubs, enable high school students to develop their leadership skills and advance international understanding and goodwill, and

Whereas, since 1992, the Bennington and Catamount Rotary Clubs have cosponsored the Mount Anthony Union High School Interact Club, and

Whereas, Catamount Rotary Club members, who serve as liaisons with Mount Anthony Interact Club faculty advisor Dan Lucy, are Charlie Letourneau, Judith Swenson, Ron Hausthor, and Ed Smith, and their Bennington Rotary counterparts are Jim Thibodeau and Lindy Lynch, and

Whereas, recently, the Mount Anthony Union High School Interact Club members have volunteered with a number of local nonprofit organizations, including the Better Bennington Corporation, the Bennington Chamber of Commerce, the Bennington Museum, the Spirit of Sharing, Special Olympics

Vermont, the North Bennington Winter Carnival, Pennies for Peace, Warm the Children, the local Relay for Life event, the Bennington Free Library, and the Park McCullough House, and

Whereas the geographic borders of the students' service community extend far beyond the town of Bennington and even the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, on three occasions, members of the Mount Anthony Interact club have traveled to Bennington's sister city of Somotillo, Nicaragua, and during the February 2009 visit, the Interact delegation installed laptops at the city's local schools and hospitals and delivered 2,000 pounds of medical and dental supplies and sports equipment, and

Whereas, Mount Anthony Interact Club advisor Dan Lucy has been so impressed with the Interact Club's activities that he nominated his Interact Club for consideration as a 2010 Governor's Award for Outstanding Community Service recipient, and

Whereas, the Vermont Commission on National and Community Service concurred, and the award ceremony was held in Montpelier on April 10, and

Whereas, 2009–2010 Mount Anthony Interact Club officers Miles Selib (president), Anya Eckhardt (vice president), Megan Pini (treasurer), and Cherise Madigan (secretary) and all of the club's members should be proud of their service to others and receipt of this honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Mount Anthony Union High School Interact Club on winning a 2010 Governor's Award for Outstanding Community Service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dan Lucy at Mount Anthony Union High School.

**H.C.R. 345.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Tom Howard of East Montpelier for his career accomplishments in youth services

Offered by: Representative Klein of East Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, the breadth and quality of youth support services available in Vermont are due in large measure to Tom Howard, and

Whereas, his United States Army service included teaching and counseling imprisoned soldiers, and

Whereas, after his honorable military discharge, Tom Howard graduated from Johnson State College and earned a graduate degree from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, and

Whereas, in 1975, the Washington County Youth Service Bureau hired Tom Howard as director of the Montpelier Youth Center, named him the bureau's clinical supervisor in 1977, and finally appointed him as the organization's executive director in 1979, and

Whereas, Tom Howard's dynamic leadership has positively and dramatically transformed the youth services landscape in Vermont, and

Whereas, he arranged the bureau's affiliation with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, which improved the bureau's program offerings and attractiveness for financial donations, and

Whereas, Tom Howard established the Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs, the Vermont Coalition of Teen Centers, the Vermont Youth Tomorrow Program (A\*VISTA), and the Vermont Youth Development Corps (AmeriCorps), and

Whereas, two bureau programs received simultaneous recognition from the United States Center for Substance Abuse Prevention as exemplary programs, making it the only organization in the country at the time to have two such programs honored, and

Whereas, Tom Howard served on one of the state's court diversion boards and represented Vermont's 21st Century Community Learning Center Programs at a White House conference, and

Whereas, this week he was presented with the "Outstanding Johnson State College Alumni" award, and

Whereas, in June, Tom Howard will end his illustrious 35-year association with the Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Tom Howard of East Montpelier for his career accomplishments in youth services and extends to him best wishes on his retirement, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 346.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of University of Vermont history professor emeritus and former senator Robert V. Daniels of Burlington

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

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Doyle, Flanagan, Illuzzi, Lyons, Mazza, Miller, Racine and Snelling

Whereas, academia and politics are not always compatible realms of endeavor, but they matched beautifully in the illustrious dual careers of University of Vermont history professor emeritus and former Chittenden County state senator and Democratic Party activist Robert (Bill) Daniels, and

Whereas, Bill Daniels' extraordinary life began in his native Boston, although both his parents were Burlingtonians and he would ultimately settle in their hometown, and

Whereas, he earned an undergraduate degree in economics, magna cum laude, from Harvard University interspersed with a hiatus for World War II service as a U.S. Naval officer, and

Whereas, a love of Russian history motivated him to complete both master's and doctoral degrees in this field at his undergraduate alma mater, and

Whereas, his professional life started at Bennington College, continued at the University of Indiana, and found a true home at the University of Vermont (UVM) for over three decades, and

Whereas, Professor Bill Daniels was the first director of UVM's Area and International Studies Program, led the university's Experimental Program of the College of Arts and Sciences, cofounded the Center for Research on Vermont, served as chair of the history department, and was among the select group of faculty members chosen as a University Scholar, and

Whereas, the author of numerous respected books and articles on Russian history, he served as President of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies which also honored him for his academic contributions, and

Whereas, in 2004, the University of Vermont conferred on Professor Bill Daniels an honorary doctor of law degree and created an international studies award in his honor, and

Whereas, he bridged the classic town-gown divide with aplomb, winning, in 1972, one of Chittenden County's seat in the Vermont Senate, demonstrating a mastery of the rough and tumble world of electoral politics and not surprisingly was a legislative leader during his five terms, including

serving as Senate assistant minority and minority leader, and chairing the Committee on General Affairs, and

Whereas, his political endeavors were not limited to the senate as Senator Bill Daniels was active in the Democratic Party on the local, county, and national levels, and

Whereas, Professor Bill Daniels was also a leader in many civic and educational organizations and was appointed to serve on the U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors, and

Whereas, his multifaceted life filled with many achievements ended on March 28 at the age of 84, and his family survivors include his wife, Alice, children, Robert, Thomas, Helen, and Katelyn, and four grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of University of Vermont history professor emeritus and former senator Robert V. Daniels of Burlington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alice Daniels and to each of the children of Robert Daniels.

**H.C.R. 347.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of the American military personnel who have died in the service of their nation in Iraq or Afghanistan from January 1, 2010 to April 10, 2010

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Howard of Rutland City, Jewett of Ripton, Larocque of Barnet and Poirier of Barre City

Whereas, since September 11, 2001, over 4,000 Americans, both military and CIA personnel, have died bravely on the field of battle or in combat-related incidents in either Iraq or Afghanistan, and

Whereas, it is fitting to honor the memory of the brave Americans who have perished in Iraq or Afghanistan, and

Whereas, those soldiers have died in Iraq or Afghanistan from January 1, 2010, through April 10, 2010, and whose names have been released, are listed by name, rank where applicable, military or intelligence service, in the order of their reported deaths and include: Collins, Robert W., 1st Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Blount, Anthony, Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Kruize, Kurt E., Sergeant, U.S. Army Reserve, Pacleb, Raymond N., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Rieckhoff, Robert, Specialist, U.S. Army, Jordan, Richard J., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, McLyman, Erin L., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army,

Bishop, Steven J., Specialist, U.S. Army, Arthur, Aaron M., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Bailey, Lakeshia M., Specialist, U.S. Army, Spencer, William C., Sergeant, U.S. Army National Guard, O'Leary, Daniel T., Corporal, U.S. Army, Grinder, Billie J., Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army National Guard, Alford, Marcus R., Captain, U.S. Army National Guard, Alvarez, Adriana, Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Barnett, Scott G., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Hurt, Gifford E., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Jarrett, Michael R., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Croft Jr., David A., Specialist, U.S. Army, Anderson, Brushaun X., Specialist, U.S. Army, Caron, Joseph T., Specialist, U.S. Army, Durkin, Sean M., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Jankiewicz, Michael D., Corporal, U.S. Army, Lackey, James B., Senior Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, Voas, Randell D., Major, U.S. Air Force, Hall, Jonathon D., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Borio, Roberto E. Diaz, Sergeant, U.S. Army National Guard, Swenson, Curtis M., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, World, Frank J.A., Sergeant, U.S. Marine, Griffin, Tyler O., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Zilberman, Miroslav, Lieutenant, U.S. Navy, Brunkhorst, Scott W., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Miller, James L., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Heck, Randy M., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Ross, Jacob A., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Centanni, Rick. J., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Cottle, Robert. J., Sergeant Major, U.S. Marine, Wilson, Justin J., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Santos-Silva, Carlos M., Sergeant 1st Class, U.S. Army, Brown, Adam Lee, Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy, Clarkson, Joel D., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Gilbert II, Robert L., Gunnery Sergeant, U.S. Marine, Whetten, Glen J., Sergeant 1st Class, U.S. Army, Porto, Jonathan D., Corporal, U.S. Marine, Gamble, Garrett W., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Kropat, Jason M., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Richardson, Jonathan J., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Cook, Nicholas S., Private, U.S. Army, Dikcis, Alan N., Specialist, U.S. Army, Paci, Anthony A., Specialist, U.S. Army, Olsen, Nigel K., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Owens, Vincent L.C., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Aragon, Carlos A., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine Reserve, Gelig, Ian T.D., Specialist, U.S. Army, Huston, Matthew D., Specialist, U.S. Army, Crumpler, Josiah D., Specialist, U.S. Army, Ricketts, William S., Starszy Szeregowy (Private 1st Class), U.S. Army, Gorra, Marcos, Sergeant, U.S. Army, Hanson, Matthias N., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Ward, Eric L., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Peak, Adam D., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Salvacion, JR Robiniol, Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Eckard, Christopher W., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Marine, Cardenaz, Michael David P., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Stultz, Gregory S., Corporal, U.S. Marine, Birchfield, Joshua H., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Dunn, Kielin T., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, McQueary, Jeremy R., Sergeant, U.S. Marine, Coutu, Kyle J., Private 1st Class, U.S. Marine, Johnson, Larry M., Not yet reported, U.S. Marine, Caughman, Sean L., Petty Officer 1st Class, U.S. Navy, Yazzie, Alejandro J., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Currier, Eric D., Private 1st Class,

U.S. Marine, Pier, Noah M., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Estopinal, Jason H., Private 1st Class, U.S. Marine, Turbet, Jacob H., Corporal, U.S. Marine, Reiners, John A., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Wittman, Jeremiah T., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Spc. Bobby J. Pagan,, Specialist, U.S. Army, Ray, Adam J., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Williams, Charles A., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Foxx, Dillon B., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Hartman, David J., Sergeant 1st Class, U.S. Army, Sluss-Tiller, Matthew S., Sergeant 1st Class, U.S. Army, Stets, Mark A., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Lovejoy, Zachary G., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Whitten, Daniel, Captain, U.S. Army, Freeman Jr., Michael L., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Thompson, David J., Captain, U.S. Army, Decoteau, Marc Paul, Specialist, U.S. Air National Guard, Christian, Rusty H., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Smith, David J., Sergeant, U.S. Marine Reserve, Gill, Carlos E., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Smith, Zachary D., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Angus, Daniel M., Sergeant, U.S. Marine, Poole, Timothy J., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Kane, Jeremy M., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine Reserve, Qi, Xin, Petty Officer 2nd Class, U.S. Navy, Montgomery, Thaddeus S., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Pena, Paul, Captain, U.S. Army, Ginett, Adam K., Technical Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, Shannon, Michael P., Sergeant 1st Class, U.S. Army, Donevski, Robert, Specialist, U.S. Army, Hrbek, Christopher R., Sergeant, U.S. Marine, Wright, Kyle J., Specialist, U.S. Army, Beachnaw, Lucas T., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Merriweather, Daniel D., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Whitsitt, Geoffrey A., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Ingham, Matthew N., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Marine, Lowe, Jamie R., Corporal, U.S. Marine, Uzenski, Nicholas K., Corporal, U.S. Marine, Meinert, Jacob A., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Juarez, Mark D., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Hickman, Jason O. B., Sergeant 1st Class, Not yet reported, Smith, Bradley R., Senior Airman, U.S. Air Force, Dion, John P., Private, U.S. Army, Lengstorf, Joshua A., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Bowman, Brian R., Specialist, U.S. Army, and

Whereas, each of the Americans who have perished since September 11, 2001, has made the ultimate sacrifice in serving our nation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the memory of each military service member listed in this resolution who died in Iraq or Afghanistan while conducting United States military or intelligence operations from January 1, 2010, through April 10, 2010 and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to United States Secretary of Defense Robert Gates at the Pentagon, and be it further

Resolved: That United States Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and CIA Director Leon Panetta are requested to send a copy of this resolution to the family of each member of the United States Armed Forces listed in this resolution.

**H.C.R. 348.**

House concurrent resolution honoring retiring Bennington Police Chief Richard B. Gauthier

Offered by: Representatives Corcoran of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Richard Gauthier graduated from the Sacred Heart School and Mount Anthony Union High School in Bennington, and

Whereas, he subsequently attended Southern Vermont College and the FBI National Academy, and completed his master's degree in criminal justice administration at Norwich University, and

Whereas, on September 6, 1980, Richard Gauthier was hired as a Bennington Police Department patrolman, and

Whereas, he was appointed a detective in 1986, and

Whereas, as a detective, Richard Gauthier performed all of his law enforcement duties in a laudable manner, and

Whereas, in recognition of his accomplishments as a patrolman and detective, in 1998, Richard Gauthier was appointed Bennington Police Chief, and

Whereas, during his tenure as chief, Richard Gauthier continued to encourage educational training for his officers and maintained a good working relationship with all sectors of Bennington's municipal government, and

Whereas, under his command, for five consecutive years, the Bennington Police Department has achieved the highest status in Vermont for a department of its size, and

Whereas, Chief Richard Gauthier and his department are highly respected throughout the region and the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, Richard Gauthier's tenure as chief has been unusually long and successful, and

Whereas, he has served on many boards of organizations supporting Vermonters who are victims of physical and sexual assault, and

Whereas, Chief Richard Gauthier received the Vermont Commissioners Award for Service to Children and Families and was named Vermont VFW Law Enforcement Officer in the year of 2005, and

Whereas, he has demonstrated his dedication to teaching the next generation of law enforcement officers through his work as an adjunct faculty member at Southern Vermont College, and, in 2009, the college named him the recipient of its distinguished alumni award, and

Whereas, Chief Richard Gauthier has informed the town of Bennington that he will be retiring as of September 2010, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors retiring Bennington Police Chief Richard B. Gauthier on the conclusion of his outstanding law enforcement career, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bennington Police Chief Richard Gauthier.

#### **H.C.R. 349.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Junior Harwood of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Representative Miller of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Junior Harwood resided in Shaftsbury for all of his 86 years except for his military service in the Pacific during World War II, during which he took part in decisive battles, including Saipan and Okinawa, and

Whereas, he was extremely proud of his military service and was a life member of the Vermont Veterans of Foreign Wars, and

Whereas, for many years, Junior Harwood was aptly employed as a Vermont state district forest fire supervisor which was an ideal career for a man who loved the woods and outdoors, and

Whereas, when not monitoring forest fire danger levels or fighting blazes, he was an avid hunting and fishing enthusiast, and his passion led to his membership in the Hale Mountain Rod and Gun Club, and

Whereas, as a school boy, Junior Harwood wrote an essay retelling the saga of the last public execution in Vermont, and his original document is now part of the permanent collection in Shaftsbury's local historical society, and

Whereas, his other community associations were as a parishioner of the Shaftsbury Methodist Church and as a member of the Tucker Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and

Whereas, he cherished his family, with whom he loved to be, including his wife, Glenda, children, Wanda and Matthew, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, and

Whereas, Junior Harwood died on February 25 at the age of 86 at the Vermont Veterans Home, having lived a busy and fulfilling life as a citizen of the United States which he had defended in time of war in order to live a life of peace in his beloved Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sympathies to the family of Junior Harwood, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Glenda Harwood and to the children of Junior Harwood.

#### **H.C.R. 350.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the outstanding educators who are retiring from the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union

Offered by: Representatives Mook of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury and Morrissey of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union (SVSU) serves the towns of Bennington, Shaftsbury, Pownal, and Woodford, and

Whereas, 15 SVSU educators who are retiring in June have contributed to the education of students for a combination of 471 years, and

Whereas, Gracemary Jones (Pownal School District) has taught for 42 years, including first grade and Title I students, assisting students who need extra support and giving them a solid start in their school studies, and

Whereas, five teachers are retiring from the Bennington School District, including Gano Stevens, Bev Empey, Alberta Harrington, Cheryl King, and Gale Holden, and

Whereas, Gano Stevens, a 15-year special educator, has always demonstrated a sincere appreciation for all students, has consistently found the positive attributes of students, families, and peers with whom she has worked, and has demonstrated a high degree of patience and understanding of students' educational needs, and

Whereas, Bev Empey, a 22-year educator, has been a consummate professional in all positions she has held in the district, and she has

demonstrated diligence in acknowledging student differences, shown collegial support for other education professionals, and remained current in educational practices, laws, and protocols, and

Whereas, Alberta Harrington has taught for 25 years at Monument Elementary School, Molly Stark Elementary School, and Bennington Elementary School, and she has been unwavering in her advocacy for children, always expecting them to succeed, has served as a positive model for teachers throughout the district, and has demonstrated a high degree of civic involvement, and

Whereas, Cheryl King has taught for 38 years, finishing her career at the Molly Stark Elementary School teaching in the talented program, and has inspired and challenged her students to strive to do their best possible work, and

Whereas, Gale Holden, a 22-year educator, has taught at the School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales and the Catamount Elementary School and currently teaches at the Bennington Elementary School, she has taught kindergarten and fourth grade, and she has demonstrated a high degree of community and collegial stewardship and a high level of commitment to the welfare of the children and families of Bennington, and

Whereas, nine retiring teachers from the Mount Anthony Union School District in Bennington, including Bill Garrison, Patti Mears, Laurie Camelio, Deb Jennings, Chuck Webster, Pam Holley, Al Plante, Mary Marine, and Clark Boisvert, have contributed an amazing total of 307 years to the union district, and

Whereas, Bill Garrison, a 22-year teacher at Mount Anthony Union High School (MAUHS), is known as a conscientious special educator, has been instrumental in transitioning special education students to integrated mainstream classes, and will always be remembered for his attention to detail at his student–parent meetings, and

Whereas, Patti Mears, a social studies teacher for 34 years, has demonstrated her quiet leadership and teamwork, especially during her interim term as a core leader, and will always be known for her psychology classes in which she helped many students learn more about themselves, and

Whereas, Laurie Camelio, a math teacher for 32 years and longtime core leader, has dazzled students with her gentle prodding and mathematical magic and has been active on a variety of committees that have improved the direction of the school, and

Whereas, Deb Jennings, a 37-year veteran teacher who first taught home economics and later taught health, has continued to teach her ever-popular

quilting class, which students have always viewed as a safe haven with an understanding adult, and

Whereas, Chuck Webster, a highly respected social studies teacher who has taught middle school students for 40 years, developed, implemented, and assessed the eighth grade social justice and civics curriculum, and he was an avid hydroplane racer and is still a collector of antique motorboat engines, and

Whereas, Pam Holley, a 28-year veteran, has taught at both Mount Anthony Union Middle School (MAUMS) and MAUHS, and her students will remember her as an outstanding teacher in the alternative education program, a Spanish teacher, a STARS program leader, and a computer integration specialist, and

Whereas, she will be especially missed for her first-day pictures of students as they enter the middle school for the first time, and

Whereas, for 36 years, Al Plante has been a fixture at MAUMS, a beloved science teacher, and an excellent baseball and basketball coach at MAUHS, and his leadership and role model will be missed at both schools, and

Whereas, Mary Marine started her 41-year teaching career in Colorado in 1968, but MAUMS has had the pleasure of her teaching of science in her final year in 2009–2010 in a self-contained sixth grade class, and she did an excellent job building class web pages and preparing students for grade 7, and

Whereas, MAUHS Associate Principal Clark Boisvert started his teaching career at MAUMS as a science instructor, and he came to the high school to teach physics, and

Whereas, he was “drafted” to be an administrator due to his fondness for numbers and ability to assist with scheduling and budgeting, and

Whereas, during his 37-year tenure with the Mount Anthony Union District, Clark Boisvert has been even-tempered, displayed a sharp sense of humor, and this wonderful educator, who will be missed, supervised MAUHS dances in a unique way that cannot be duplicated, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the outstanding educators who are retiring from the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union and extends best wishes to each of them for a wonderful retirement, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each educator honored in this resolution.

**H.C.R. 351.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Stevenson H. Waltien, Jr., of Shelburne

Offered by: Representatives Lenes of Shelburne and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Flanagan, Lyons, Miller, Racine and Snelling

Whereas, Vermont lost one of the state's most respected financial sector and civic leaders with the recent death of Stevenson (Steve) H. Waltien, Jr., of Shelburne, and

Whereas, a 1970 graduate of the University of Vermont, Steve Waltien was employed at the Burlington office of the investment brokerage firm Merrill Lynch & Company, Inc., where he served as senior resident director and vice president, and

Whereas, Steve Waltien was the recipient of his employer's Lifetime Community Achievement Award in 2002, and, in 2009, Merrill Lynch honored him with its National Leadership Recognition for a Resident Director, and

Whereas, he was selected for important community leadership positions due to the high esteem many persons had for his work in the nonprofit and public sectors, and

Whereas, Steve Waltien had served as president of both the Burlington United Way and the Greater Burlington YMCA, two organizations that are greatly respected for their community service, and

Whereas, his wise advice and thoughtful recommendations had earned the respect of his fellow board members at both the University of Vermont and Fletcher Allen Health Care, and

Whereas, helping advance the educational and life ambitions of young Vermonters, especially those in need of extra encouragement and support, led Steve Waltien to serve on the board of Spectrum Youth & Family Services and the Stern Center for Language and Learning, whose board he joined in 2001 and had chaired since 2008, and

Whereas, in the public sector, he had served on the Shelburne Zoning Board and the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, and

Whereas, Steve Waltien had long been associated with United States Senator Patrick Leahy and was serving as treasurer of the senator's 2010 reelection campaign , and

Whereas, his wife Lynda, son Stevenson III, and daughter Alexandra, other close family members, and numerous friends were all saddened to lose his presence in their lives, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its most sincere condolences to the family of Stevenson H. Waltien, Jr., of Shelburne, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lynda, Stevenson III, and Alexandra Waltien, the Burlington office of Merrill Lynch & Company, Inc., and the Stern Center for Language and Learning in Williston.

#### **H.C.R. 352.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Gabriella Pacht of Thetford and Katie Ann Dutcher of Bennington on earning the Girl Scout Gold Award

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford, Morrissey of Bennington, Mook of Bennington and Cheney of Norwich

Whereas, there are three achievement awards that Girl Scouts can earn, Bronze, Silver and Gold, and the most prestigious Gold Award is presented to Girl Scouts ages 14–18 who complete the award's demanding prerequisites, and

Whereas, in 2009, only 5.4 percent of all age-eligible Girl Scouts and just two Vermonters, Gabriella Pacht of Thetford and Katie Ann Dutcher of Bennington, were Gold Award winners, and

Whereas, Gabriella Pacht has developed an impressive resume of accomplishments as a Girl Scout, in the community, and as a student at Thetford Academy, and

Whereas, in her role as a Girl Scout, Gabriella Pacht volunteers at weekly Brownie meetings and other girl scouting events in Vermont and New Hampshire, has completed camp counselor and other adult leadership training, and assists other girl scouts working toward the Gold Award, and

Whereas, Gabriella Pacht has completed over 1,000 hours of community service, and

Whereas, at Thetford Academy, she is an honor student, has repeatedly earned academic honors, has won the Dean's Effort and Attitude Award each semester, and has played three varsity sports, and

Whereas, Katie Ann Dutcher comes from a family associated with the Girl Scouts for nearly a century, and

Whereas, she is a student at Mount Anthony Union High School where she is an excellent student, the Junior Rescue Squad vice president, and a member of Project LEAP, and

Whereas, Katie Ann Dutcher is a volunteer with the preschool class at the Sacred Heart Elementary School and has also volunteered at the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and

Whereas, she is active in the youth programs at Saint Peter's Episcopal Church and has earned the Girl Scout God and Community Religious Award, and

Whereas, each of these outstanding Girl Scout Gold Award winners can take great pride in her scouting, academic, and community accomplishments, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Gabriella Pacht of Thetford and Katie Ann Dutcher of Bennington on earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Gabriella Pacht and to Katie Ann Dutcher.

### **H.C.R. 353.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating GW Plastics on being named *Plastic News* magazine's 2010 Plastics Processor of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Ainsworth of Royalton and Haas of Rochester

Whereas, 54 years ago, two Vermont entrepreneurs, Odin A. Westgaard and John R. Galvin, established GW Plastics in a Bethel dairy barn intending to produce plastic moldings for the automobile industry, and

Whereas, in 1983, Frederic Riehl and other GW Plastics managers purchased the company from its then out-of-state owners, believing that local ownership and attention were preferable, and

Whereas, with this new closely held corporate ownership structure, GW Plastics became deeply committed to serving its customer base and established operating principles of discipline, consistency, quality, and experience, and

Whereas, in 1990, the company acquired an industrial building in Royalton that is now a major mold production and technology development center, and

Whereas, GW Plastics has shown concern for its employees, many of whom are long-term, with clean and well-lit work spaces, an effective apprenticeship program, and a generous benefits program, and

Whereas, a decade ago, the company's perceptive leadership recognized that the auto industry should no longer be its primary market and wisely shifted

two-thirds of its design and manufacturing of plastic molding to health-care-related products, and

Whereas, in recent years, GW Plastics has constructed new factories in Texas and Arizona as well as in Mexico and China, but the out-of-state and overseas expansion has never come at the cost of a single Vermont job, and

Whereas, GW Plastics now employs 250 of its 600 employees in Vermont, making it Vermont's 65th largest employer and the state's 30th largest company when its annual \$78–\$80 million revenue is the determining ranking criterion, and

Whereas, proud of GW Plastics' record of accomplishment, its president and CEO Brenan Riehl, the son of Frederic Riehl, decided to apply for his industry's most prestigious award, *Plastic News* magazine's Plastics Processor of the Year, and

Whereas, the application and review procedure for this honor is extremely rigorous, and the four finalists were invited to the magazine's headquarters in Tampa, Florida, where the Vermonters were thrilled to be declared the well-deserved 2010 recipient of *Plastic News* magazine's Plastics Processor of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates GW Plastics on being named *Plastic News* magazine's 2010 Plastics Processor of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Brenan Riehl in Bethel.

#### **H.C.R. 354.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland Regional Medical Center on its receipt of the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Magnet designation and the Vermont Council on Quality's 2009 Governor's Award for Performance Excellence

Offered by: Representatives Andrews of Rutland City, Acinapura of Brandon, Baker of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Courcelle of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, French of Shrewsbury, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Castleton, Howrigan of Fairfield, Keenan of St. Albans City, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, McNeil of Rutland Town, O'Brien of Richmond, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of Mendon, Spengler of Colchester, Till of Jericho, Wheeler of Derby and Wizowaty of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory, Mullin, Ayer, Choate and Kittell

Whereas, Wednesday, April 21, 2010, was a day of two celebratory milestones in the 114-year old history of Rutland Regional Medical Center (RRMC), and

Whereas, on this date, the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) granted the RRMC Magnet designation, and the Vermont Council for Quality revealed that the RRMC will be presented the 2009 Governor's Award for Performance Excellence, and

Whereas, either of these announcements would have been cause for great rejoicing at the RRMC, but for both to have occurred within hours of each other on the same day is truly extraordinary, and

Whereas, the Magnet designation is awarded only to hospitals that satisfactorily complete the ANCC's extremely rigorous assessment that consisted of a review of all elements of the hospital's nursing services, including a three-day field inspection visit and the submission of more than 900 pages of evidence and documentation, and

Whereas, only six percent of hospitals nationwide have earned Magnet designation, and each designated medical care facility "must demonstrate a commitment to excellence on all levels of nursing practice and adhere to national standards for organization and delivery of nursing services," and

Whereas, Magnet designation has a positive impact on the quality of nursing care and patient satisfaction, and raises the attractiveness for applicants and the retention rate of a hospital's nursing program, and

Whereas, the RRMC is only the second hospital in Vermont to be honored with Magnet designation, and it will serve as a model for similarly sized hospitals working toward similar recognition, and

Whereas, an independent board of Vermont Performance Excellence Examiners evaluates potential Governor's Award for Performance Excellence recipients on seven criteria, including leadership, strategic planning, customer and market focus, measurement, analysis and knowledge management, workforce focus, and process management and results, and

Whereas, the RRMC is the first community hospital in the state to be presented this award that recognizes organizations which "achieve performance excellence within their management systems and operations," and

Whereas, the Governor's Award for Performance Excellence will be formally presented to the RRMC on May 21 at a ceremony to be held at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, and

Whereas, receipt of the Governor's Award for Performance Excellence is a significant step toward the RRMC's goal of becoming the best community hospital and health system in New England through the completion of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Program's Criteria for Performance Excellence, a process the RRMC initiated in 2003, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rutland Regional Medical Center on its receipt of the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Magnet designation and the Vermont Council on Quality 2009 Governor's Award for Performance Excellence, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Thomas W. Huebner, President, and Dorie Ward, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, of the Rutland Regional Medical Center.

#### **H.C.R. 355.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the municipal public service of St. Johnsbury town manager Michael A. Welch

Offered by: Representatives South of St. Johnsbury and Reis of St. Johnsbury

Offered by: Senators Choate and Kitchel

Whereas, Michael (Mike) Welch is one of the foremost municipal administrators in the state of Vermont whose peers have repeatedly recognized his administrative acumen, and

Whereas, after growing up in South Ryegate and graduating from Blue Mountain Union High School, he earned a degree in public management from the University of Maine as well as membership in two national honor societies, Phi Alpha Alpha (Public Affairs and Administration) and Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science), and

Whereas, even before graduating from college, Mike Welch's intended career path was clear, and

Whereas, as an undergraduate, he interned for the city of Old Town, Maine, and, while still a college senior, Mike Welch was appointed town manager in Bradley, Maine, where he mastered every facet of local government operations, and

Whereas, in 1990, after a four-year respite away from public service, during which he sampled journalism and retail management, Mike Welch decided to return to his original field of expertise and became the city manager in Barre City, and

Whereas, his job performance in Barre City garnered much praise, but in 1997, Vermont's capital city lured him away to serve as Montpelier's finance director, where he oversaw annual budgets in excess of \$10 million, and

Whereas, in 2000, the town of St. Johnsbury selected Mike Welch to serve as town manager in Caledonia County's largest and shire town, and

Whereas, as the chief executive officer of St. Johnsbury, he oversaw all aspects of town government and matters beyond those traditionally associated with a town manager's role, and

Whereas, Mike Welch has been a leader in the nonprofit sector in St. Johnsbury, serving on the boards of St. Johnsbury First Night, Kingdom Access Public TV, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, and the St. Johnsbury Development Fund, and he was a president of the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club, and

Whereas, the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce named Mike Welch as one of its 2005 Business Celebration Heroes, and

Whereas, he has been a member of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) board and the organization's health trust governance committee, and

Whereas, in 1997, the VLCT named Mike Welch as Manager of the Year, and more recently in 2005 as its Municipal Person of the Year, and

Whereas, after a decade at the helm of St. Johnsbury local government, Mike Welch will be concluding his extraordinary tenure in May 2010, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to honor the municipal public service of St. Johnsbury town manager Michael A. Welch, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mike Welch in St. Johnsbury.