

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**SENATE and HOUSE
CALENDAR**

OF

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

The following joint concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Secretary's office and/or the House Clerk's office, respectively.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott,

By Representatives Koch, McDonald, McFaun and Poirier,

S.C.R. 1.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Aldrich Public Library on its centennial anniversary.

Whereas, Leonard Frost Aldrich, a prominent resident of Barre who wished to encourage the community's citizenry to read, bequeathed money to his hometown for the construction of a public library, and

Whereas, on September 22, 1908, a decade after Aldrich's death, and after an expenditure of \$39,000.00, a classical revival two-story structure of gray brick built on a granite foundation, with an entrance frieze depicting "The Passing of the Torch of Learning," opened in the center of Barre City as the Aldrich Public Library, and

Whereas, in 1910, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union established a library in East Barre that today serves as the Aldrich Library's East Barre Branch, and

Whereas, the Aldrich Public Library encourages "life-long learning and enjoyment by providing, in a welcoming atmosphere, access to books, reference materials and other current sources of information," and

Whereas, instilling a love of reading in children is an essential role for a public library, and the Aldrich Public Library achieves this mission through the carefully developed collection in its children's room, and

Whereas, the historical record of Barre City and Barre Town is made accessible in the Barre Archives that the library houses, and exhibits reflecting the municipalities' history are on display in the second floor gallery, and

Whereas, on October 10, 2006, the completed work on a major construction project, entailing expansion, modernization and historic restoration was

dedicated at the Aldrich Public Library as an exciting prelude to the library's embarking on its second century, and

Whereas, the results of this building endeavor include an 8,000-square-foot addition attached to the rear of the original building, much-improved handicapped access meeting all legal requirements, the introduction of new technology such as Internet access, CD-Rom playing capacity, an online catalogue. the opening of a new meeting room for both children and adults, and many elements of historic restoration that make the library a more inviting and attractive place to visit, and, not to be overlooked, improved parking facilities, and

Whereas, on September 21, 2008, the Aldrich Public Library held a festive 100th birthday celebration that opened with a bagpipe musical serenade and was followed with remarks from local dignitaries and many special events throughout the building, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Aldrich Public Library on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Karen Lane, Library Director at the Aldrich Public Library in Barre City.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott,

By Representatives Koch, McDonald, McFaun and Poirier,

S.C.R. 2.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating *The Bridge* newspaper on its 15th anniversary.

Whereas, journalistic excellence is robustly displayed on the pages of Montpelier's community-based weekly newspaper *The Bridge*, and

Whereas, in February 1993, Montpelier writer Phil Dodd proposed that a new community-centered and -focused newspaper be established in Vermont's capital city, and

Whereas, after much preparation and planning, the first issue of *The Montpelier Bridge*, with a mission "to represent the life and diversity of people in this community," appeared at many public locations for free distribution the following December, and

Whereas, the inaugural issue's production team consisted of editor Bernie Folta with the assistance of Phil Dodd; graphic designer and writer Jake Brown; graphic designer, writer and editor Kate Mueller; graphic designer Mason Singer; ad salesperson Nancy Schulz; Dan Renfro, who performed

innumerable tasks; and Steve Larose, whose editorial and publishing experience was applied in numerous leadership roles, and

Whereas, provisional board members Nat Frothingham, Nikki Parker and Don Pfister also provided important early advice, input and support, and

Whereas, *The Montpelier Bridge's* frequency of publication increased from four to five times per year to ten by the year 2000, and, in 2008, the ultimate step of commencing weekly publication was implemented, and

Whereas, a major addition for *The Montpelier Bridge* was the introduction of *Horizons*, the newspaper's innovative and lively arts section which, under the initial editorial direction of Edith Black Zfass, fulfilled another *Bridge* goal "that the world of ideas and of imagination and creativity should also be prized and represented in a paper like the *Bridge*," and

Whereas, during the past 15 years, the paper's coverage area has expanded to include other nearby towns in Washington County, and in recognition of this broader audience, its name was changed to *The Bridge*, signifying the publication's role as a connector of the communities that it serves, and

Whereas, among the special features of *The Bridge* are the creative editorial cartoons of Tim Newcomb and articles that many reader-contributors submit, and

Whereas, for much of its existence, *The Bridge* was under the combined leadership of Nat Frothingham and Jake Brown, and more recently, Nat Frothingham has served as publisher with John Walters performing the role of managing editor, and

Whereas, *The Bridge* has entered the cyberspace era in a major way, prominently posting its content on the "World Wide Web", but the dedicated employees and volunteers who create this weekly newspaper are committed to the continued presence of its printed pages, and

Whereas, *The Bridge* provides "a signature, voice, and identity to the place" its readers call home, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the capital city's community newspaper *The Bridge* as it commemorates its 15th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Nat Frothingham at *The Bridge* in Montpelier.

By Senator Lyons,

By Representatives Klein and Ancel,

S.C.R. 3.

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of the appointment of Vermont's first state forester and the establishment of the first state forest.

Whereas, Vermont's forests are integral to the economy, aesthetic quality, and environment of the state, and

Whereas, Vermonters have long recognized the contribution that forests provide to the ecological, social and economic sustainability of the state, and

Whereas, Vermont's forests reduce soil erosion, moderate temperature, clean the air, conserve water, provide habitat for wildlife, and provide opportunity for a variety of outdoor recreational activity, and

Whereas, trees in our cities and towns increase property values, enhance economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our communities, and

Whereas, the forest-based manufacturing industry contributes approximately 10 percent of Vermont's total manufacturing sales, provides employment for over 6,000 people, and generates an annual payroll of over \$200 million, and

Whereas, in 1909, the

State Board of agriculture appointed Vermont's first state forester and acquired its first state forest in Plainfield, and

Whereas, for the past 100 years, Vermonters have become stewards of their own environment by managing forestland through the assistance of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial anniversary of the appointment of Vermont's first state forester and the establishment of the first state forest, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

House Concurrent Resolutions

H.C.R. 1

House concurrent resolution in memory of Representative James Hutchinson of Randolph

Offered by: All members of the House

Offered by: All members of the Senate

Whereas, Jim Hutchinson of Randolph was a devoted son, husband, and father and a community leader whose interests ranged from public service as a citizen legislator to helping people with disabilities enjoy recreational activities, and

Whereas, a native Vermonter who still lived in and maintained the original homestead where seven generations of Hutchinsons had lived before him, Jim Hutchinson graduated from Braintree-Randolph Union High School and from Franklin Technological Institute in Massachusetts, and he also studied briefly at Vermont Technical College, and

Whereas, Jim Hutchinson's service as a U.S. Navy Seabee during the Vietnam War enabled him to develop the skills he used during his career in the construction industry, and

Whereas, Jim Hutchinson volunteered with, became a board member of, and subsequently became president of the board of Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports, an organization which provides adaptive recreational opportunities for people with different types of disabilities, and

Whereas, under this organization's auspices, Jim Hutchinson was the much-respected director of the Vermont 100 Mile ultra running race, and the race's proceeds helped to support Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports' mission, and

Whereas, in the civic arena, he served his neighbors as a member of the Randolph selectboard, and his fellow selectboard members recognized his leadership skills when they elected him as the board's chair, and

Whereas, Jim Hutchinson's experience on the selectboard prepared him for the broader representational role of state legislator which he assumed in 2004, when he was elected as a member of the Vermont House of Representatives from the Orange-Addison-1 district, and

Whereas, as a member of the House Committee on Government Operations, Representative Hutchinson received a crash course in state government and became a frequent floor reporter of bills with a powerful voice which became familiar to all who heard him address the House, and

Whereas, after his reelection to the General Assembly in 2006, he was assigned to the Committee on Appropriations and was involved in the intricate development of budgetary proposals, and

Whereas, when he was not involved in the aforementioned activities, he could be found skiing atop one of Vermont's beautiful mountains, biking Vermont's byways, or working on the family land, and

Whereas, at the end of July 2008, Representative Jim Hutchinson died suddenly at the age of 60, and his survivors include his wife, Leslie, daughter, Julia, and son, Richard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Representative Jim Hutchinson, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Leslie Hutchinson in Randolph.

H.C.R. 2

House concurrent resolution congratulating Sean Ross of Milton High School on winning the 2008 Division II individual cross-country championship

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of South Hero and Trombley of Grand Isle

Whereas, high school cross-country running is an autumn sport that reflects a special combination of both team and individual competition, and

Whereas, on the individual level, one of the top Vermont runners this past season was Sean Ross, a Milton High School student who ran in Division II, and

Whereas, Sean Ross' distinctive running style is punctuated with a fast-clipped pace during the closing mile of the traditional five-kilometer racing distance, and

Whereas, after a fall full of local meets, the state's high school cross-country runners gather in late October for the ultimate test, the state championship held along the rolling trail at Thetford Academy which is generally rated as one of the best five-kilometer running courses in Vermont, and

Whereas, in his typical fashion, Sean Ross did not quickly leap out in front of the other runners in the Division II championship race but instead ran steadily with several top contenders for much of the way and reserved his underlying strength and speed for the race's final kilometer, and

Whereas, his strategic planning paid a great personal dividend as he crossed the finish line first in a time of 17:46 to clinch the 2008 Division II individual cross-country title, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Sean Ross on winning the 2008 Division II individual cross-country championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sean Ross at Milton High School.

H.C.R. 3

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2008 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II championship girls' soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of South Hero and Trombley of Grand Isle

Whereas, the 2008 Division II girls' soccer championship contest featured the fifth-seeded Milton High School Yellowjackets and the third-seeded Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs in a physically and emotionally exhausting and historically lengthy game, and

Whereas, the Yellowjackets earned their place on the championship field in Middlebury after defeating the top-seeded and previously undefeated Montpelier High School Solons in an exciting 2–1 semifinal playoff game, and

Whereas, throughout the two regular 40-minute halves and the subsequent two 15-minute and then two 10-minute overtime periods neither side scored a single goal, and

Whereas, each team's opening roster of 11 players was reduced to eight for the third and fourth overtime periods, and then further restricted to five kickers and a goalie for the decisive five-round kickoff competition, and

Whereas, the Bulldogs' initial 2–0 scoring advantage in the kickoff proved fleeting as the Yellowjackets rebounded to tie the game at 3–all, and

Whereas, after the Milton goalie blocked the low drive kick that was Burr and Burton's final kickoff scoring opportunity, a Yellowjacket kicker responded with a successful high shot off the crossbar for the decisive and winning fourth goal that earned her team an extraordinarily memorable 2008 Division II girls' soccer championship, and

Whereas, this extremely talented and dedicated Milton High School girls' soccer team included Hillary Turner, Bethany Berger, Samantha Rock, Lindsey Barcomb, Jenna Morrissey, Michelle Nichols, Jessica Sperling, Hannah Fraser, Katelyn Lasell, Kaylyn Pelkey, Gina Abbiati, Sierra Thompson, Chelsea Dike, Danielle Hurley, Kari Frederick, Stephanie Bull, Emily Turner, Kaitlin Geary, Hannah Raftery, Stephanie Boyd, and Kara Pratt, and they had great administrative support from team manager Katie Bittner, and

Whereas, the Yellowjackets' 2008 soccer success is attributable in large measure to the talents of Head Coach Stephanie Hurley and those of assistant coaches Doug Marek and Brenda Sweeney, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2008 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II championship girls' soccer team, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Stephanie Hurley at Milton High School.

H.C.R. 4

House concurrent resolution congratulating Essex High School Coach William O'Neil on his 1,000th career victory

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

Whereas, the art of coaching an interscholastic sports team at a Vermont high school entails knowledge of the sport, patience, perseverance, and, ideally, a committed squad of young athletes, and

Whereas, a successful coaching career in one sport is laudable but hardly unusual; however, to establish a record of multiple state championships in three different sports places an individual in a small and special set of high school coaches, and

Whereas, Coach Bill O'Neil of Essex High School has achieved amazing success in interscholastic sports coaching in Vermont as his teams have won a combined 21 state championships, placing him at the top rank among his peers, and

Whereas, his acumen as an athletic strategist began in 1973 when he assumed the leadership role of Essex's boys' ice hockey team, and since the puck was first dropped on center ice before a Bill O'Neil-coached Essex game, his Hornet hockey teams have won the state crown at the conclusion of 13 different seasons, and

Whereas, Coach Bill O'Neil broadened his coaching horizons in 1979, adding the girls' soccer team to his athletic leadership portfolio, and he has inspired these young athletes to six state championships, and

Whereas, still in search of new challenges, in 1992, he assumed responsibility for the school's softball team which on two occasions became the state champions, and

Whereas, on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, the Essex High School girls' soccer team defeated BFA-St. Albans 4-0 at the Collins-Perley Sports Center in St. Albans, and equally important, this win marked Coach Bill O'Neil's 1,000th combined sports career victory, including over 325 in girl's soccer, 485 in boys' ice hockey, and 185 in softball, and

Whereas, beginning with the 2006 boys' hockey title, Coach Bill O'Neil's squads earned state titles in five consecutive seasons, encompassing his different sports, and

Whereas, Coach Bill O'Neil's 1,000th athletic victory at Essex High School is a memorable accomplishment meriting special commendation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Essex High School Coach William O'Neil on his 1,000th career victory, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Coach Bill O'Neil at Essex High School.

H.C.R. 5

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2008 U-32 Raiders Division II championship boys' soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, McDonald of Berlin, Peltz of Woodbury and Smith of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, the U-32 High School boys' soccer team, the Division II champion team in 2005 and 2007, has a reputation for precision play, and

Whereas, in 2008, the Raiders performed to the highest standards on the field and took their fifth-seeded team into the Division II championship at Middlebury, where they faced sixth-seeded cross-county rival, the Harwood Union High School Highlanders, and

Whereas, the two teams were expecting a challenging matchup, and neither side was disappointed, and

Whereas, although Harwood retained possession of the ball for much of the contest, when it came to scoring, U-32 proved the more adept team, and

Whereas, U-32 broke a scoreless tie with slightly more than a minute remaining in the first half of the game when a Raider intercepted the ball approximately 30 yards from the goal and immediately directed it to a position located in easy scoring range near the goal posts, and

Whereas, the Raiders took their narrow 1-0 lead into the second half, and a series of U-32 offensive moves that began at the 60th minute of play resulted in a Raider being situated just outside the right post where a Harwood defender tripped him, and

Whereas, the tripping call triggered a penalty kick opportunity for U-32 that it utilized to full advantage as the ball landed in the net for the game's second and final goal, ensuring the Raiders their third Division II boys' soccer title in four years, and

Whereas, Raiders Jordan Hepburn, Will Gilbert, Mitchell Ferrada, Connor Myers, Ethan Byrd, Robbie Rea III, Alex Ostrum, Silas Chickering-Ayers, Carter Austin-Bradley, Jack Shea, Jordan Black-Deegan, Austin Hopkins, Cody Croteau, Mac Mills, Drew Sorenson, Caleb Brabant, John Cutler, and Ryan Shea all dedicated their time and energy to developing a great team, and Head Coach Joe Ferrada wisely advised his players, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2008 U-32 Raiders Division II championship boys' soccer team, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joe Ferrada at U-32 High School.

H.C.R. 6

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Spaulding Union High School Crimson Tide 2008 Division II championship football team

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

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, the defending Division II football champions, the Spaulding Union High School Crimson Tide, often amazed every spectator who watched one of their games in 2008, and

Whereas, their 9–1 record earned the Barre-based squad a repeat trip to the Division II championship game at Essex High School, and a second chance to play the Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars, the only team to defeat the Crimson Tide this past season, and

Whereas, Spaulding displayed offensive agility early in the first quarter when the Crimson Tide carried the ball for a 46-yard punt return to score the game's first of many touchdowns, and

Whereas, long-distance scoring was the Crimson Tide's specialty of the day as a 61-yard throw, and an unusual two-carrier 80-yard pass, helped enable Spaulding to leave the field ahead 28–7 at halftime, and

Whereas, although the Cougar offense became more lively during the second half, the Crimson Tide continued its scoring ways, and when the final

second ticked away, Spaulding was the 2008 Division II champion, having defeated Mount Mansfield 42–20, and

Whereas, the entire 2008 Crimson Tide season was premised on the combined contributions of players Cameron Cummings, James Durham, Tim Durham, Gabe Aguilar, Nick Paton, Brandon Cadorette, Shane Hart, Anthony McArdle, Dustin Barnett, Bryant Cleveland, Lucas Moore, Patrick Bagalio, Zach Dessureau, Charlie Norway, Cori Farnham, Ryan Roberts, Brandon Ducey, Taylor Dorsett, Shaun Brunner, Matt Ballard, Trey Kelty, Steve Rich, Scott Pavek, Nathan Stark, Markus Browning, Scott Sherman, Adam Reed, Ryan Gariboldi, Mike Byam, Mev Bohonjic, Alex Lauzon, Jacob Rillo, Jeromy Anderson, Peter Wagner, JJ Norway, Nick Aja, Trey Hood, John Florucci, Ken Demingware, AJ Kreis, Jake Kittridge, and Josh Clark, and

Whereas, Spaulding Head Coach Erik Anderson and assistant coaches Dick Cleveland, PJ LaPerle, Doug Cleveland, and RJ Caldwell offered great leadership, and the support of managers Chris Garland, Tyler Cleveland, and Terrick Johnson was always first rate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Spaulding Union High School Crimson Tide 2008 Division II championship football team, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Erik Anderson at Spaulding Union High School.

H.C.R. 7

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Lost Nation Theater of Montpelier on its designation as one of the best regional theaters in America

Offered by: Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Hooper of Montpelier and McDonald of Berlin

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, for two decades, Vermont's capital city has served as the home of outstanding dramatic presentations at the city hall stage of the Lost Nation Theater, and

Whereas, under the leadership of founder and artistic director Kim Bent and producing artistic director Kathleen Keenan, this innovative Vermont-based professional theater company has delved into many genres of drama ranging from the works of William Shakespeare to those of Tennessee Williams, and

Whereas, one of Lost Nation Theater's artistic objectives is to showcase Vermont play wrights, including David Budbill whose Judevine returned to the stage in 2008, and

Whereas, long-recognized locally as a theatrical treasure, the Lost Nation Theater's stellar reputation has now spread far beyond Vermont's borders, and

Whereas, in July 2008, the prestigious Drama League of New York designated the Lost Nation Theater company as "one of the best regional theaters in America," a selection based both on the excellence of the theater's productions and its "commitment to doing work that is relevant to the community," and

Whereas, as a recipient of this award, Lost Nation Theater joins a roster of some of the leading theater companies in the United States including Chicago's Steppenwolf Theater Company, the Yale Repertory Theater in New Haven, the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, and the Public Theater in New York, and

Whereas, Lost Nation Theater's productions will now be promoted in the Drama League of New York's print and electronic publications, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lost Nation Theater on its earning the New York Drama League's designation as "one of the best regional theaters in America," and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kim Bent at the Lost Nation Theater in Montpelier.

H.C.R. 8

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2008 Springfield High School Cosmos Division III championship football team

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

Whereas, two generations of gridiron fans at Springfield High School had longed for a state championship which had last come their way in 1947, and

Whereas, when the football team was in dire need of resuscitation several years ago, Athletic Director Michael Hatt assumed the head coaching role, and

Whereas, Springfield High School brought an impressive 10-0 record into the Division III championship game at St. Peter's Field where it faced the third-seeded Windsor High School Yellow Jackets, and

Whereas, the Cosmos quickly demonstrated their skill when the Springfield offensive squad executed a 15-yard running play to score the game's opening touchdown with 6:54 remaining in the first quarter, and

Whereas, after a successful conversion play, the first of several that Springfield executed throughout the game, the Cosmos led 8-0, and

Whereas, Springfield's second touchdown was scored three and one-half minutes later, and despite a Windsor player's exciting 85-yard scoring run shortly thereafter that made the score 16–6, three more Springfield touchdowns, that included a 47-yard scoring run, enabled the Cosmos to head to the halftime break comfortably on top, 38–6, and

Whereas, a 31-yard touchdown run left Springfield on top, 46–12 with three quarters completed, and

Whereas, the Cosmos saved some of their most thrilling play for the final 30 seconds when two team members separately ran the ball across the goal line, completing 30- and 65-yard runs, respectively, to score the last two touchdowns of a great afternoon, and resulting in both a 52–28 Springfield win and the Cosmos bringing home the 2008 Division III football championship, and

Whereas, Cosmos players John Esden, Colin LaPlante, Bennett Chevalier, Brandon Boyle, Kaseem Jackson, Grant White, Stephen Miller, Robbie Simmons, Matt Mitchell, Kirk Perham, Zaire Mann, Jake Patoine, Josh Olney, Arron Wallace, David LeBarron, Cameron Freitas, Eric White, Shawn Keefe, TJ Wallace, Max Blake, Zack Carpenter, Zack Merriam, Luke Morin, Taylor Fontaine, Mitchell Noble, Eli Gosselin, James Short, Ben Cox, Keith Cook, Alex Benoit, James Stillings, Dylan Battiste, Derek Otis, and Billy Wheeler, the coaching staff composed of head coach Michael Hatt, defensive coordinator Rich Saypack, and assistant coaches Matt Jackson, Jason Chizmar, Chris Cenate, and Luke Mitchell, and athletic trainer Matt Howland and student manager Austin Smith are each to be congratulated, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2008 Springfield High School Cosmos Division III championship football team, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michael Hatt at Springfield High School.

H.C.R. 9

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Weston Craft Show on its 25th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Hube of Londonderry

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, each October, carefully selected artisans from throughout Vermont gather at the Weston Playhouse to exhibit their creativity at the Weston Craft Show, and

Whereas, in 1983, the Weston Craft Show's inaugural presentation was not unlike similar events that occur each autumn on Vermont's town greens and at other gathering places, and

Whereas, the distinctive character of the Weston Craft Show can be traced to its organizers' decision to showcase exclusively Vermont crafters and their varied creations, and

Whereas, the chosen exhibitors consist of award-winning individuals whose handmade crafts have been subject to rigorous artistic juries, and

Whereas, three local museums that are central to Weston's historic character, the Farrar-Mansur House, the Old Mill Museum and Dam, and the Craft Building, directly benefit from the Weston Craft Show's monetary proceeds which have increased from just a few hundred dollars in 1983 to over \$25,000.00 annually, and the Weston Craft Show has now donated in excess of \$260,000.00 to these museums, and

Whereas, a loyal and growing number of visitors are delighting in the artistic wonders that are exhibited, and the show's success is due in large measure to the dedicated volunteers who return each year to assist in organizing and operational duties, and the superb efforts of its chair, Shirley Knowlton, and

Whereas, the introduction of new exhibiting artisans enables the show to maintain its sparkle and vitality, and in 2008, wood turner Michael Foster, jewelry designers Jaclyn Davidson and Shawn and Ann Lester, potters Michael Sullivan and Amanda Ryzner, wool crafter Suzanne Lenel, and woodworkers Bob Weaver and Deb Salzarulo joined the ranks of the artisans whose work is on display, and

Whereas, the 2008 Weston Craft Show consisted of more than just exhibits and a wonderful opportunity to purchase decorative crafts, as visitors could attend seminars with either Lisa Curry Mair on "Working with the Artisan to Create Custom Craft Pieces" or Greg Worden on "Why American Crafts?", and

Whereas, 2008 marked the 25th anniversary of the Weston Craft Show and its major role in the promotion of Vermont crafts and crafters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Weston Craft Show on its 25th anniversary and extends best wishes for the show's future success, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Shirley Knowlton in Weston.

H.C.R. 10

House concurrent resolution honoring Terry and Linda Pecor of Huntington on the 30th anniversary of their proprietorship of Beaudry's Store

Offered by: Representatives Minter of Waterbury and Stevens of Waterbury

Whereas, in 1921, Perlie Wolis and her husband, Frank, purchased one of Huntington lower village's oldest buildings, in which they established a general store, and

Whereas, a quarter of a century later, in 1947, Wilfred and Stella Beaudry became the store's owners and renamed it Beaudry's Store, and

Whereas, when Terry and Linda Pecor assumed ownership of the store in 1977, they retained its name but began a series of improvements, diversifying the offerings and attracting increased economic activity to Huntington's lower village, and

Whereas, their enhancements began with the creation of a sub shop and deli, and

Whereas, subsequently, the Pecors moved their residence to a neighboring house and converted their former living quarters into a creemee stand, now a popular summer gathering spot, a video rental room, and a new coffee and doughnut sales area, and

Whereas, the couple's popularity in Huntington is attributed not only to their store's convenience and well-stocked shelves, but perhaps more importantly to the Pecors' friendliness and neighborly kindness, and

Whereas, in October 1996, as the result of numerous letters of support, Beaudry's Store was honored as one of the first six recipients of a Preservation Trust of Vermont and the Vermont Country Store Local Store Owners of the Year grant, and Beaudry's Store was further honored as the site for the presentation of all six awards, and

Whereas, at the 2002 Huntington Town Meeting, Terry and Linda Pecor were presented with the Olga Hallock Community Service Award in recognition of their many donations of food, supplies, and time to community events, their special assistance during numerous fire and rescue incidents, and their role as citizen volunteers at elections, and

Whereas, on Sunday, September 21, 2008, Terry and Linda Pecor were honored for 30 extraordinary years as the proprietors of Beaudry's Store and for being exemplary citizens of Huntington, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Terry and Linda Pecor of Huntington on the 30th anniversary of their proprietorship of Beaudry's Store, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Terry and Linda Pecor in Huntington.

H.C.R. 11

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Huntington Public Library on the dedication of its new home in the historic Huntington Union Meeting House

Offered by: Representatives Minter of Waterbury and Stevens of Waterbury

Whereas, the original Huntington Meeting House was built in 1836, and in 1870, a new building, known as the Union Meeting House, was erected on the original site, and

Whereas, in 1968, a community library opened in Huntington's Lower Village in the home of a resident, and

Whereas, from this modest beginning, this community institution dedicated to literary pursuits has evolved into one of Vermont's premier small town public libraries, and

Whereas, in the early 1970s, the library relocated to a small building located on the Huntington town green, and later, the town hall, the Fuller House, and the Union Meeting House addition each served as its temporary home, and

Whereas, during the 1990s, the Huntington Public Library initiated a number of innovative projects that expanded the scope of the collection and services, including dedicating a new children's book to each new baby in Huntington and the Adopt-An-Author program that encouraged library patrons to purchase their favorite author's new book for the library, and

Whereas, although the Huntington Public Library was satisfying state library standards and becoming an increasingly popular local destination, the physical limitations of its different homes inhibited the library's full potential, and

Whereas, in order to establish a permanent and commodious home that could serve as both Huntington's public library and community center, a multi-year fundraising campaign and construction effort was conducted to refurbish the historic Union Meeting House as the new library, and

Whereas, the work of many volunteers and the generosity of area businesses resulted in the library occupying its new home during 2005, and

Whereas, since opening its doors, the Huntington Public Library has inaugurated a state-of-the-art computerization system, installed new shelving, and built a large custom-made service desk to serve its patrons, and

Whereas, the library, under the exemplary professional leadership of librarian Anne Cary Dannenberg, now hosts lectures and forums, and the collection has expanded to near 10,000 printed and electronic materials, and

Whereas, in celebration of the library's wonderful new home, the Huntington Public Library trustees hosted a dedication ceremony on Sunday, October 5, 2008, and during the month of October 2008, the United States Post Office in Huntington will sold a special commemorative cancellation in the library's honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Huntington Public Library on the dedication of its new home in the historic Union Meeting House, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Anne Cary Dannenberg at the Huntington Public Library and to Huntington town clerk Heidi Racht.

H.C.R. 12

House concurrent resolution congratulating CarShare Vermont on launching its car-sharing service

Offered by: Representatives Wizowaty of Burlington, Audette of S. Burlington, Bohi of Hartford, Bray of New Haven, Brennan of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Geier of S. Burlington, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Lanpher of Vergennes, Macaig of Williston, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Orr of Charlotte, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Savage of Swanton, Sharpe of Bristol, Stevens of Waterbury, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Trombley of Grand Isle, Webb of Shelburne, Westman of Cambridge and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, meeting Vermonters' transportation needs at reasonable cost, and with a minimum of environmental impact, is a persistent challenge for the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, Vermont's public transit systems, while of high quality, are limited in their service territories due to Vermont's rural settlement patterns, and

Whereas, affordable access to a car is a great benefit to Vermonters, especially to those who cannot individually afford to own their own cars, and

Whereas, Vermont's transportation policy, as set forth in 19 V.S.A. §§ 10b and 10f, includes the promotion of ridesharing, meaning the efficient, coordinated, integrated, cost-effective, and environmentally sound use of transportation resources, and the support of conservation, efficiency, rideshare, and other innovative transportation advances, and

Whereas, in December 2008, CarShare Vermont (CSVT) launched a car-sharing service that allows people to join as members and use cars located near their homes or workplaces when they need them, and

Whereas, CSVT's mission is to provide a convenient, affordable, and reliable alternative to owning a car that enhances the environmental, social, and economic well-being of our region and planet, and

Whereas, studies show that members of car-sharing organizations reduce their annual vehicle miles traveled by 50 percent, and each car-share vehicle placed in service results in between seven and 20 vehicles being taken off the road, and

Whereas, CSVT's service has been launched in inner Chittenden County, where it will subsidize some low income members' membership and usage, and

Whereas, CSVT hopes to expand to other communities in Vermont once it is up and running smoothly and financially able to expand, and

Whereas, CSVT's car-sharing service will lessen the burden of government by helping to meet the state's transportation policy goals, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates CSVT on launching its car-sharing service, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Annie Bourdon, Executive Director of CSVT, in Burlington.

H.C.R. 13

House concurrent resolution honoring the legislative council service of Samuel H. Burr

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, "farmer Sam" of Monkton, as Sam Burr was popularly known among his legislative council colleagues, graced the State House's chambers

and committee rooms with his presence for a decade, starting in 1998 when he was hired as a law clerk, and

Whereas, his precise drafting skills, eloquent testimonial delivery, warm congeniality, and commitment to serving the general assembly so amazed and dazzled legislators and staff alike that he was appointed a legislative counselor at the conclusion of his clerkship, and

Whereas, a graduate of Harvard University and Northeastern University Law School, Sam Burr took an extended academic hiatus between college and law school to pursue his ambitions to become an organic farmer and to serve as a Monkton lister, a role that immersed him in the intricacies of Vermont property tax law and taught him the diplomatic skills he drew on with great success as a legislative counselor, and

Whereas, Sam Burr was assigned the subject portfolios for the committees on commerce and on finance, and, of course, on agriculture, which enabled him to work in a diverse mix of public policy areas, and

Whereas, on behalf of the commerce and finance committees, Sam Burr immersed himself on issues pertaining to electric power generation, telecommunications, banking, insurance, securities and all the exciting aspects of the Uniform Commercial Code, and he carefully prepared updating amendments to the articles of this complex statutory compendium, and

Whereas, Sam Burr devoted many hours to matters related to the dairy industry, including legislation pertaining to the milk price commission and to an investigation of the vexing problems of balancing farmers' and the transportation industry's concerns as they relate to agricultural rail crossings, and

Whereas, within the Legislative Council's offices, Sam Burr's most important responsibility was to act as a purveyor of fresh and highly edible products from his farm, known as the Last Resort, and colleagues always enjoyed the eggs, berries, and other home grown items that he brought in for sale on many mornings, and

Whereas, in the summer of 2008, the yearning to resume farming on a full-time basis proved irresistible and, after a decade of outstanding public service, Sam Burr resigned from the Legislative Council staff to return to till the soil in Addison County, and

Whereas, he will be sorely missed by one and all, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the legislative council service of Samuel H. Burr and wishes him, and his wife, Eugenie, the best of success as they harvest crops at the Last Resort, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sam Burr in Monkton.

H.C.R. 14

House concurrent resolution honoring the legislative council service of Charles Alan Boright

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Al Boright grew up in Lamoille County and graduated from People's Academy in Morrisville, and

Whereas, his academic accomplishments and promising career potential convinced Harvard University to admit this ambitious young Vermonter as a member of the class of 1968, and

Whereas, following graduation from Harvard and military service in Vietnam as a U.S. Army officer, Al Boright earned a law degree at Suffolk University in Boston, and

Whereas, after experiencing the harsh realities of the world beyond Vermont, Al Boright opted for working in Montpelier where he served as a law clerk at the Vermont Supreme Court, and

Whereas, upon completing his judicial tenure, Al Boright joined the legislative council staff and started a legal journey that helped facilitate the enactment of numerous legislative initiatives, and

Whereas, Al Boright created the legislative council's original drafting manual which guided lawyers in the fine art of legislative writing, and

Whereas, in his role as the first chair of the legislative council's statutory revision committee, Al Boright guided the implementation of statutory codification and drafting guidelines, and

Whereas, among his legislative attorney colleagues nationwide, Al Boright was highly respected, held legislative staff leadership roles at the National Conference of State Legislatures, and advocated for the historic sovereignty of the 50 American states in an era of multinational trade agreements, and

Whereas, Al Boright is perhaps best known among his fellow Vermonters as a star composer and playwright whose musical and lyrical satire have been featured in hilarious and much-acclaimed musicals such as "Woody and the Woodchucks" and "The Groundhog Opry," and, in the General Assembly, at cabaret and on other special occasions, and

Whereas, in a far more serious and contemplative theatrical project, he wrote and performed “The Woodchuck Warrior: Journal of a Vietnam Viet,” and

Whereas, in December 2008, Al Boright’s memorable career at the legislative council concluded, and he now anticipates creating new stage productions for public enlightenment and enjoyment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the legislative council service of Charles Alan Boright, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Al Boright in Middlesex.

H.C.R. 15

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Leland & Gray Union High School Rebels 2008 Division III championship baseball team

Offered by: Representatives Hube of Londonderry, Marek of Newfane, Moran of Wardsboro, Obuchowski of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, prior to the first pitch of the 2008 baseball season, Leland & Gray Union High School had never captured a divisional title in the sport often considered America’s historic pastime, and

Whereas, in 1979, the Rebels made a valiant effort but nevertheless lost to Stowe 1–0 in the championship contest, and

Whereas, nearly three decades later, in June 2008, Leland & Gray captured the baseball victory that had eluded the team three decades earlier, and

Whereas, the athletically talented 2008 baseball Rebels displayed their mastery of the game’s finer points during an unusually bifurcated Division III championship contest against Poultney High School, and

Whereas, initially, both teams appeared evenly matched as they emerged from three innings of play tied at 3–all, and

Whereas, starting in the fourth inning, the Rebels’ offense took command, scoring three runs, and in the fifth, they topped that performance, adding another five, and

Whereas, great Leland & Gray pitching, featuring eight strikeouts, two walks, and only three Poultney hits in combination with timely defensive plays, prevented Poultney players from scoring any additional runs, and

Whereas, during the Rebel's fifth inning scoring explosion, a giant thunderstorm erupted over Centennial Field in Burlington, forcing the players to reconvene several days later in Clarendon at Mill River Union High School where the Rebels cemented their 11-3 win and clinched the 2008 Division III championship, and

Whereas, this great Leland & Gray team, consisting of players Tyler Russell, Colin Nystrom, Corey McAllister, Chris Marcucci, Zac Peterson, Tyler Chapin, Cody Larson, Trevor Howe, Corey Bills, Alex Symanski, Ryan Lawley, Jared Van Osdal, Gabe Pozzi, and Scotti Clark, its coach, Keith Lyman, its assistant coaches Tom Russell and Greg Marcucci, and its scorekeeper Ashley Chapin, were privileged to be part of their school's historic 2008 baseball season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Leland & Gray Union High School Rebels 2008 Division III championship baseball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Keith Lyman at Leland & Gray Union High School.