

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**SENATE and HOUSE
CALENDAR**

OF

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2009

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, Scott and Carris,

By Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Andrews of Rutland City, Baker of West Rutland, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Clerkin of Hartford, Conquest of Newbury, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Castleton, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Larson of Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Pellett of Chester, Pugh of S. Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Smith of Mendon, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Wheeler of Derby, Wizowaty of Burlington and Zenie of Colchester,

S.C.R. 4

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont State Symphony Orchestra on its 75th anniversary.

Whereas, in 1934, European-trained conductor Alan Carter of Woodstock organized a group of musicians from throughout Vermont as the Vermont Symphony Orchestra (VSO), and

Whereas, the stature of the orchestra rose quickly, and in 1939, the General Assembly adopted a joint resolution "officially naming 'Vermont State Symphony Orchestra' and appropriating funds to assist in defraying expenses

of its concert at New York World's Fair", making the VSO the nation's first official state symphony orchestra, and

Whereas, during the VSO's 50th anniversary celebration from 1984 to 1986, and under the leadership of its second conductor, Efrain Guigui, an ensemble of VSO musicians visited each Vermont city and town as part of "The 251 Project," and

Whereas, in 1991, the VSO turned to Kate Tamarkin as its third conductor, marking a major milestone for women in the conducting profession and the presentation of wonderful renditions of the orchestral repertoire under her skillfully directed baton, and

Whereas, in 1999, the VSO appointed internationally famous violin virtuoso Jaime Laredo as its fourth conductor, and his leadership has featured stunning interpretations of classic and new works for orchestra, famous soloists and appreciative audiences, and

Whereas, each autumn, the VSO's "Made in Vermont Music Festival" brings chamber music and compositions by Vermont composers to venues across the state, and a rousing summer "pops" program featuring the full orchestra is heard annually at outdoor sites such as Shelburne Farms, and

Whereas, the SymphonyKids' series introduces thousands of youngsters to the wonders of classical music in programs that are entertaining, and

Whereas, the VSO has performed new American music as a participant in the joint League of American Orchestras and Meet the Composer's Ford Made in America commissioning project, featuring an orchestra from every state, and

Whereas, VSO Farmers' Nights' performances have brought free orchestral concerts to state house audiences, and

Whereas, in celebration of the VSO's 75th anniversary, the orchestra's Masterworks series is featuring "Music of Our Times" concerts with music composed since the orchestra's establishment in 1934, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont State Symphony Orchestra on its 75th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alan Jordan, the Executive Director of the Vermont State Symphony Orchestra in Burlington.

By Senators Scott, Ashe, Campbell, Carris Cummings, Doyle, Illuzzi, MacDonald, Mazza, Miller, Racine and White,

S.C.R. 5.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Detachment of the Sons of the American Legion and welcoming Thomas Cisna, its 41 National Commander, to Vermont.

Whereas, the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) was established in 1932 as an American Legion organization that consists of men and boys whose parents and grandparents served in the United States Military and who became eligible for American Legion membership, and

Whereas, the SAL's activities focus on preserving American traditions and values, caring for children and veterans and their families, working with veterans' health care and residential facilities, and, perhaps most importantly, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship, and

Whereas, during the past decade, the SAL nationally has raised in excess of \$1 million for the American Legion Child Welfare League; and with respect to veterans' hospitals, it has donated almost \$1.5 million in either cash or gifts, made approximately 14,500 visits, and volunteered over 277,000 hours, and

Whereas SAL membership in 2008 reached a record high of 325,000, and

Whereas, the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Vermont (SAL Vermont) can be proud of its many outstanding accomplishments and its current and past leadership, including the now-serving Detachment Commander Frank L. Gabaree of Montpelier, and

Whereas, during the past decade, SAL Vermont has donated in excess of \$2 million to worthy programs for youth and veterans, and its members have volunteered their time on behalf of American Legion Baseball, the Children's Miracle Network, Special Olympics, the Vermont Legionnaires Assistance Fund, Gifts for Yanks, and other important community activities, and

Whereas, SAL Vermont was the first veterans' organization to give financial support to the Dodge House in Rutland, which is the first transitional housing program for veterans in the state; and the SAL Vermont's 2008 annual contribution to Dodge House totaled \$12,000.00, and

Whereas, the many accomplishments of SAL Vermont have attracted attention beyond the state's borders, and Thomas Cisna, the organization's 41st National Commander, was pleased to accept the Vermont detachment's invitation to make an official visit during the American Legion's state midwinter conference to be held on January 23–25 at the Sheraton Burlington, and

Whereas, while in Vermont, National Commander Cisna will visit the Veterans' Administration Hospital in White River Junction, the Dodge House in Rutland, Fletcher Allen's Children's Miracle Network Hospital, and selected American Legion posts, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to honor the Vermont Detachment of the Sons of the American Legion and welcomes Thomas Cisna, its 41st national commander to Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Frank Gabaree and to Thomas Cisna.

By Senators Sears, Miller, Ashe, Ayer, Bartlett, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Choate, Cummings, Doyle, Flanagan, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, Maynard, Mazza, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Racine, Scott, Shumlin, Snelling, Starr and White,

By Representatives Atkins of Winooski, Clarkson of Woodstock, Consejo of Sheldon, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Flory of Pittsford, French of Shrewsbury, Grad of Moretown, Heath of Westford, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Komline of Dorset, Larson of Burlington, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, McDonald of Berlin, Nease of Johnson, Pellett of Chester, Scheuermann of Stowe, Smith of Morristown, Sweaney of Windsor, Townsend of Randolph and Wright of Burlington,

S.C.R. 6.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Court Administrator and Vermont Supreme Court Clerk Lee Suskin.

Whereas, although the chief justice serves as the state's most senior judicial officer, the daily management of the judicial branch is largely the responsibility of the Court Administrator who also serves as the Clerk of the Supreme Court, and

Whereas, for the past dozen years, Lee Suskin of Shelburne has served with great distinction in both these challenging roles, and

Whereas, Lee Suskin graduated from the University of Rochester and earned a law degree at Columbia University, and

Whereas, prior to his appointment as Court Administrator, Lee Suskin served first as the Vermont judiciary's director of planning and development, and then had excellent preparation for his most recent position by working as the trial court administrator, and

Whereas, during his tenure as Court Administrator, the judiciary has made enormous strides into the digital age, both in its internal operations and for the public on the World Wide Web, and

Whereas, several major court construction projects, including a new courthouse in Addison County and major renovations and additions to the courthouses in Chittenden and Rutland Counties, have been completed in recent years, and

Whereas, in implementing recent budgetary reductions, Lee Suskin's goal has been the efficient but responsible management of the courts while always safeguarding the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the judiciary, and

Whereas, Lee Suskin has served as an accessible and informative liaison to the General Assembly on the judiciary's behalf, and

Whereas, nationally, in 2007, Lee Suskin's professional colleagues demonstrated their respect for his administrative competence when they chose him as vice chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts and as president of the Conference of State Court Administrators, and

Whereas, following a stellar career as a judicial manager, Lee Suskin will retire as the Court Administrator and Supreme Court Clerk at the end of January 2009, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors retiring State Court Administrator and Vermont Supreme Court Clerk Lee Suskin as an outstanding public servant, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lee Suskin in Shelburne.

House Concurrent Resolutions

H.C.R. 16

House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative Michael Flaherty of South Burlington

Offered by: Representatives Audette of S. Burlington, Geier of S. Burlington, Head of S. Burlington, Pugh of S. Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Baker of West Rutland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Brennan of Colchester, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Flory of Pittsford, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hube of Londonderry, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Larocque of Barnet, Masland of Thetford, McDonald of Berlin, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Shand of

Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Taylor of Barre City, Turner of Milton and Zenie of Colchester

Whereas, Michael Flaherty has devoted many years to serving his home city of South Burlington, Chittenden County, and the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, for a quarter of a century, he served honorably as a member of the South Burlington City Council, and his council colleagues selected him as their chair from 1991 to 1994, and

Whereas, the city of South Burlington has benefited from Michael Flaherty's service on its Zoning and Planning Commission, and

Whereas, Michael Flaherty developed a special interest in both air and surface transportation issues, and

Whereas, with respect to aeronautical matters, he served on Governor Kunin's Commission on Burlington Airport, and he has represented the city of South Burlington on and as chair of the airport's board of directors, and

Whereas, his experience in surface transportation policy has included serving on both the Chittenden County Light Rail Committee and the Greater Burlington Transit Study, and

Whereas, Michael Flaherty brought his knowledge of municipal government to the state level when he served on the board of directors of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Inc., and, in 1982, he was honored to serve on the organization's steering committee and as its president, and

Whereas, in 1994, local voters decided that Mike Flaherty's knowledge of his community made him an ideal person to represent them in the Vermont House of Representatives, and they elected him for the first of three consecutive state legislative terms, and

Whereas, the house's leadership recognized that his past experience and knowledge should be put to good use, and he sat on the house committee on transportation throughout his entire legislative tenure in Montpelier, and

Whereas, Michael Flaherty is an independent political thinker, and when he disagreed with the political direction of his fellow Democrats in the house, he spearheaded the formation of the fiscally conservative Blue Dogs, who strove to introduce an alternative public policy perspective to the Democratic caucus, and

Whereas, regardless of whether his legislative colleagues agreed with his positions on specific issues, they had great respect for his conscientious, hard-working manner and, most importantly, Michael Flaherty's personal integrity, and

Whereas, his wife, Paula, children, and grandchildren know Michael Flaherty as a loving husband, father, and grandfather, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Representative Michael Flaherty of South Burlington as an exemplary citizen public servant, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to former Representative Michael Flaherty in South Burlington.

H.C.R. 17

House concurrent resolution congratulating Jocelyn Pond on her receipt of the William E. Mikell Spirit of Youth Award

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Partridge of Windham, Deen of Westminster and Mrowicki of Putney

Whereas, the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs presents the William E. Mikell Spirit of Youth Award to selected young Vermonters “who have made significant strides in improving their lives,” and

Whereas, in June 2008, at the Vermont Children’s Trust Foundation’s 11th annual S. Whitney Landon Memorial Award luncheon, Jocelyn Pond was honored as a recipient of this award, and

Whereas, Bianca Fernandez, Jocelyn Pond’s case worker at Youth Services, Inc.’s offices located at Parks Place Community Resource Center in Bellows Falls, nominated Jocelyn for this special recognition based on the emotional growth and increased maturity Jocelyn has demonstrated through her work with Bianca at Youth Services, and her outstanding volunteer service at Parks Place, and

Whereas, Jocelyn serves as an exemplary role model for other youngsters who encounter difficult personal situations in their lives and is to be commended on the progress she has made, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jocelyn Pond on her receipt of the William E. Mikell Spirit of Youth Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jocelyn Pond and Bianca Fernandez at Youth Services, Inc. outpost offices at Parks Place Community Resource Center in Bellows Falls.

H.C.R. 18

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Bellows Falls All-Stars baseball team on winning the 2008 Cal Ripken Division state championship

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Partridge of Windham, Deen of Westminster and Mrowicki of Putney

Whereas, the Cal Ripken Division, named for the Baseball Hall of Fame member, consists of the 5–12-year-old age group within the Babe Ruth League Inc., and

Whereas, each summer, teams of 11–12-year-olds compete in tournaments, both in the United States and abroad, leading ultimately to the Cal Ripken World Series, and

Whereas, in 2008, the Bellows Falls-All Stars was the team to watch among the Vermont competitors, and

Whereas, the talented Bellows Falls-All Stars, beginning with their first game in the Southern Vermont District Tournament held at Chester, in which they topped Hartford 5–0, exhibited a caliber of play that was disciplined and focused, and

Whereas, following this first taste of victory, the team proved it possessed enormous baseball prowess, overwhelming Chester 20–0, and then clinching the Southern District title and the right to move on to the state tournament in a second victory over Hartford, this time with a 10–1 margin, and

Whereas, at the state tournament in Barnet, the Bellows Falls All-Stars announced their presence with a 10–0 win over the North Country team, and they repeated the same score in a second victory when they defeated their hometown hosts, and

Whereas, the state championship game consisted of a much closer rematch against North Country, which concluded in a 4–1 triumph and the Vermont state championship, and

Whereas, each youngster who played for the 2008 Bellows Falls All-Stars baseball team, including Danny Armstrong, Jonah Bolotin, Zach Farrar, Derek Hott, Ethan Illingworth, Michael LaBeau, Jamie Moore, Willie Moore, Kyle O'Rourke, Zachary Rawling, Austin Stack, Seamus Tully, and Joe White, shared in the credit for the team's great success, and

Whereas, the guidance and leadership that manager Keith Stack and coaches Chad Illingworth and Geoff Illingworth provided were essential elements, leading to the team capturing the state championship, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Bellows Falls All-Stars baseball team on winning the 2008 Cal Ripken Division state championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Keith Stack in Saxtons River.

H.C.R. 19

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rockingham Free Public Library on the 100th anniversary of its residency in its Carnegie Building home

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Partridge of Windham, Deen of Westminster and Mrowicki of Putney

Whereas, for over two centuries, the citizens of Rockingham have recognized the central role a library can play in a community, and

Whereas, in 1799, the Rockingham Library Society, the first of two library societies established in the town, was established, and local residents could purchase a share at the rate of \$1.00 per person, and

Whereas, on September 6, 1887, Rockingham's two library societies merged to become the Rockingham Free Public Library, assuring library services would be available to all of the town's inhabitants, and

Whereas, in 1888, after a successful fundraising drive, the newly established public library opened on the first floor of the new Rockingham Opera House, and

Whereas, within a few years of the 20th century's opening, the Rockingham Public Library had expanded beyond the Opera House facility's capacity, and the town's voters approved the purchase of a plot of land on Westminster Street and the acceptance of a generous \$15,000.00 from the steel magnate and famed library philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie, and

Whereas, on October 8, 1908, the cornerstone was laid for the new Rockingham Free Public Library, and then, on November 23, 1909, the building, one of four Carnegie-financed libraries that was constructed in Vermont, was dedicated, and

Whereas, two decades later, in 1929, the Rockingham Free Public Library opened a new children's room wing, and a further addition opened in 1950 that provided both an expanded children's room and a community meeting room, and

Whereas, 2009 marks the centennial of the still-much-appreciated and -cherished Rockingham Free Public Library's Carnegie edifice, and the community will celebrate this special anniversary at a townwide birthday party in November of this year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rockingham Free Public Library on the 100th anniversary of its residency in its Carnegie Building home, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Rockingham Free Public Library.

H.C.R. 20

House concurrent resolution congratulating Dr. Timothy Johnson on a quarter century of optometry practice in Bellows Falls

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Partridge of Windham, Deen of Westminster and Mrowicki of Putney

Whereas, Dr. Timothy Johnson is a practicing optometrist and prominent participant in the civic affairs of Bellows Falls, and

Whereas, he earned his optometry degree from the College of Optometry at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, and

Whereas, after completing his professional education, Dr. Johnson settled in Bellows Falls where he began the practice of optometry, and

Whereas, since the early 1980s, his reputation for excellence in the practice of optometry has attracted many loyal patients from Bellows Falls and surrounding communities to his office, and

Whereas, Dr. Timothy Johnson advocates on behalf of his profession's legal status, including its scope of practice, in Vermont through his role as the Vermont Optometric Association's legislative chair, and

Whereas, when not either seeing patients or working on behalf of his professional colleagues, Dr. Timothy Johnson devotes many hours each summer to baking delicious and locally famous pies that are served at the annual Rockingham Old Home Days Pig Roast, and

Whereas, he is an active parishioner of the United Church of Bellows Falls and has served as the congregation's president, and

Whereas, a momentous milestone in Dr. Timothy Johnson's optometry career occurred in 2008 as it marked the 25th anniversary of the establishment of his Bellows Falls practice, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Dr. Timothy Johnson on a quarter century of optometry practice in Bellows Falls and recognizes the dedication with which he has served the community, both professionally and as a civic volunteer, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Timothy Johnson in Bellows Falls.

H.C.R. 21

House concurrent resolution celebrating the 200-year history of the Muzzy-Allen-Monroe family in the town of Jamaica and its 160-year proprietorship of the J.A. Muzzy Company

Offered by: Representative Hube of Londonderry

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, the Muzzy-Allen-Monroe family's civic and commercial leadership in the town of Jamaica began in 1789 when Benjamin Muzzy settled in this Windham County municipality, and

Whereas, he represented Jamaica in the House of Representatives for the 1797 session and later for four one-year terms from 1810 through 1813, and

Whereas, in the decades that followed, the descendants of Benjamin Muzzy continued to reside in Jamaica, and in 1848, his grandson, Abijah Muzzy, purchased a local retail establishment that specialized in the sale of tools and related supplies, and

Whereas, although formally named the J.A. Muzzy Company, after Abijah Muzzy's son, James, who assumed control of the store later in the 19th century, it was known to everyone in Jamaica as Muzzy's, and

Whereas, James Muzzy followed in the footsteps of his great-grandfather, Benjamin, and during 1897-1898, he represented Jamaica in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, upon retiring from his role at Muzzy's, James Muzzy passed ownership of the store to his son-in-law, Ernest O. Allen, who operated this venerable mercantile establishment into the 1970s when he transferred its ownership to his grandson, Allen Monroe, and

Whereas, this represents a remarkable 160-year longevity of the Muzzy-Allen-Monroe family owning Muzzy's, and

Whereas, family members were among the local bank's incorporators, they established an endowment to help families in the area during times of need, and they donated the land on which the town's offices and elementary school are located, and

Whereas, Allen Monroe's father served as headmaster at Leland & Gray High School and was a renowned artist, and

Whereas, the closure of Muzzy's store in 2008 marked a true milestone in the history of the town of Jamaica and that of the Muzzy-Allen-Monroe family with which it has been so closely associated, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the 200-year history of the Muzzy-Allen-Monroe family in the town of Jamaica and its 160-year proprietorship of the J.A. Muzzy Company, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Allen Monroe in Jamaica.

H.C.R. 22

House concurrent resolution recognizing the celebration in the town of Rochester of the Asian Lunar Year 4707

Offered by: Representative Haas of Rochester

Whereas, according to ancient legend, 4707 years ago, Nian (meaning year in Chinese), the evil dragon, ravaged the countryside, spreading war and famine and consuming human beings for substance, until the emperor vanquished him, and Nian has never returned, and

Whereas, in celebration of this great triumph of good over evil, each year, the Chinese people, and others across east Asia and the world, sound gongs and beat drums to keep Nian away and assure that the new year will be one of peace, prosperity, and good fortune, and

Whereas, an essential aspect of the lunar year festivities is the commemoration of the Zodiac of 12 animals called by the Buddha, in which a rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, ram, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig raced to his presence with the rat jumping off its perch on the ox to finish first, and

Whereas, each of these animals rotates annually as the new year's designated animal, and

Whereas, 2009 marks the 4707th commemoration of the emperor's triumph over Nian and is the year of the ox, and

Whereas, in order to create and promote a more culturally and socially diverse America and Vermont, an Asian American Lunar New Year celebration will take place at the Rochester Public Library on Saturday, January 24 that will include story telling, an introduction to the Ox and what it means in this lunar year, and readings exploring the Asian American culture that has added its enthusiasm and contribution to American culture, and

Whereas, on Sunday, January 25, there will be an Asian food festival in Rochester where participants will be able to taste the cuisines of Asia, and

Whereas, the festivities in Rochester will encourage multicultural aspects of our society and create an atmosphere that encourages diversity and inclusiveness in Vermont and America, and

Whereas, these celebratory events will be a wonderful combination of cultural sharing and great fun, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates and extends best wishes to the 4707 Asian American Lunar Year celebration in Rochester, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Wong in Rochester.

H.C.R. 23

House concurrent resolution honoring Charles V. Fantoni of Barre Town for his state and community public service

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town and McFaun of Barre Town

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Scott

Whereas, for four decades, Charles Fantoni served the citizens of the state of Vermont as an engineer at the agency of transportation, and he has simultaneously dedicated many hours to civic matters in Barre Town to that community's great benefit, and

Whereas, among his specific municipal public policy concerns have been elementary education, fire fighting and prevention, financing town government, the transportation infrastructure, and the potable water supply, and

Whereas, in the realm of public education, Charles Fantoni was a member of the Barre Town Elementary School expansion study, and

Whereas, with respect to fire-related matters, he served as a member of the East Barre Fire Department, for which he still tends the grill at the department's annual chicken barbecue, sat on the East Barre Fire District #1 Prudential Committee for 35 years, and assisted in the merger of the East Barre Fire District and the Barre Town water system, and

Whereas, during his two terms on the Barre Town Budget Committee, Charles Fantoni carefully applied his skills as a fiscal watchdog, and

Whereas, his transportation expertise has been put to good use in his role as a member of the Barre Town Ancient Roads Committee, and

Whereas, Charles Fantoni has been drawing on his knowledge of public water systems during his current service as Barre Town's representative to the Barre City Water Rate Committee, and

Whereas, the voters of Barre Town demonstrated their confidence in Charles Fantoni's prudent and wise judgment when they elected him to serve a term on the selectboard and two terms as a justice of the peace and a member of the board of civil authority, and

Whereas, at the request of the Barre Town selectboard and numerous residents of Barre Town, the Vermont board of libraries has designated the new traffic roundabout at the junction of Routes 302 and Route 110 in East Barre as "the Charles Fantoni Roundabout," and

Whereas, civic volunteers such as Charles Fantoni are the foundation of Vermont's citizen democracy, and their work is essential to its continuing vitality, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Charles Fantoni of Barre Town for his state and community public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Charles Fantoni.

H.C.R. 24

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department on its 175th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Shand of Weathersfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, fire protection has been of concern to the citizens of Proctorsville since the community's earliest days, and this Windsor County village established a volunteer fire department in 1833 under the leadership of its first chief, J.K. Hodge, and

Whereas, Proctorsville's firefighters' first vehicle, a horse-drawn carriage, conveyed a minimal quantity of water and buckets for dousing a blaze, and

Whereas, the department entered the motorized era when it acquired its first truck in the early 1900s, and

Whereas, pumper service first arrived on the scene in 1957 with a maxim pumper of that year's manufacture, and

Whereas, for over a century, the coverage area of the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department included the entire town of Cavendish, but in the 1950s, the increasingly large workload placed on its hard-working volunteers prompted the department to limit its regular service to the village's boundaries, and today it is formally known as Cavendish Fire District #1, and

Whereas, the 1950s was also the decade when the department departed from its historic, original Main Street fire station which remains standing, and opted for a more modern building, and

Whereas, the department's second home was expanded in 1989 to accommodate the larger trucks that were being built for firefighting and to provide much needed additional space for equipment and personnel, and

Whereas, the department now boasts three trucks, a 1986 kme pumper, a 1989 firefighting utility vehicle, and, its most recent addition, a 2006 smel pumper that stores both class a and b foam and includes a five-person cab with four air pack seats, and

Whereas, the 18 adult members and five junior firefighters now attached to the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department provide the village with reliable and high quality emergency support when their services are called upon, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department on its 175th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chief Robert Glidden at the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department.

H.C.R. 25

House concurrent resolution honoring the Brattleboro Union High School marching band on its participation in the 2009 presidential inaugural parade in Washington, D.C.

Offered by: Representatives O'Donnell of Vernon, Burke of Brattleboro, Edwards of Brattleboro, Milkey of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Obuchowski of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, after the pomp and solemnity of the inauguration of Barack Obama as our nation's 44th President, a celebratory parade including 90 bands marched its way down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House, and

Whereas, the bands were selected from a pool of 1,382 aspiring ensembles representing schools and other organizations nationwide, and

Whereas, Steve Rice, the 22-year veteran director of the Brattleboro Union High School (BUHS) marching band, decided to chance the almost insurmountable odds and submitted an application, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, this great group of 81 musically talented young Vermonters was selected to represent the Green Mountain State in this great national spectacle, and

Whereas, on learning that the BUHS band had won a coveted spot in the inaugural parade, Steve Rice initiated a demanding schedule of rehearsals, many of which were conducted outside in the school's parking lot to acquaint the students with outdoor marching under frigid temperatures, and

Whereas, having won the honor of representing Vermont in the inaugural parade, the BUHS band still faced an enormous fundraising challenge to finance the trip to Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, the greater Brattleboro community demonstrated its enthusiastic support of these local youngsters at a fundraising concert held at the Latchis Theatre that featured top professional musicians and for which the Brattleboro Arts Initiative served as the primary sponsor with many local businesses offering additional support, and

Whereas, the BUHS Band traveled to Washington, D.C. ready to perform, and those who saw the Vermonters either in person or on television could not fail to be impressed, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Brattleboro Union High School marching band for its participation in the 2009 presidential inaugural parade in Washington, D.C., and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Steve Rice at Brattleboro Union High School.

H.C.R. 26

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2008 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II championship boys' cross-country team

Offered by: Representatives Minter of Waterbury and Stevens of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, after a superb record of performance on the cross-country running courses in 2007 that culminated in Harwood Union High School's boys'

cross-country runners capturing the Division II championship, their 2008 successors were desirous of repeating this athletic accomplishment, and

Whereas, with a number of returning runners from the 2007 roster, the Highlanders were well prepared to defend their title, and

Whereas, at the 2008 state championship held at the Thetford Academy cross-country course, the strong Highlander team earned second, fifth, eighth, and ninth place finishes in the 5-kilometer boys' race, and the scores were more than sufficient to give Harwood its second consecutive title, and

Whereas, the great Harwood 2008 cross-country squad, including Zach Russo, Eamon Welter, Sam McCausland, Colton Crowley, Caleb Kernan, Nick Wisniewski, and Tim Shepard, ran a swift set of races throughout 2008, and

Whereas, head coach John Kerrigan provided these young runners with expert advice and continuing encouragement to perform their very best, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2008 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II championship boys' cross-country team, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Kerrigan at Harwood Union High School.

H.C.R. 27

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Harwood Union High School Highlanders 2008 Division II championship field hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Minter of Waterbury and Stevens of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, the undefeated Harwood Union High School Highlanders field hockey team earned a well-deserved berth in the Division II championship game at Burlington's Moulton-Winder Field against defending champions, the Woodstock Union High School Wasps, and

Whereas, when a penalty is assessed in field hockey, the opposing team earns corner status which results in a temporary preferable player alignment, and each team took advantage of its corner status for scoring a goal, and

Whereas, four minutes into the first half, in a play involving both Woodstock's first corner opportunity and shot on goal, the Wasps sent the ball to the rear of the goalie's cage and scored the game's initial point, and

Whereas, Harwood's first and tying point was achieved in an unusual way with a low shot that bounced off the shoe of a Wasp player before the ball landed in the scoring zone and was judged a valid goal, and

Whereas, during the early minutes of the second half, the Highlanders were graphically reminded of the Wasps' scoring potential as Woodstock made several impressive but unsuccessful shots on goal, and

Whereas, exactly halfway into the second half, on Harwood's ninth corner of the game, it broke the tie on a kick that directed the ball on a trajectory rapidly past the Wasp goalie and just far enough over the goal line to give the Highlanders their second and ultimately winning point of the afternoon, and

Whereas, the Harwood fans rejoiced at the game's conclusion as their favorite team had clinched the 2008 Division II field hockey title, and

Whereas, Highlanders Becky Werner, Karli Stempel, Colleen Alberti, Abby Zarotny, Eloise Reid, Liza Commo, Brittany Hoare, Megan Grenier, Sarah Reid, Mallory Hebert, Sophie Lisaius, Chloe Labbe-Thibouthat, Casey Cardoza, Kayla Dillon, Jill Pierce, Maria Agustina Riba, Cholena Lotspeich, Chelsea Delphia, and Meghan Montgomery each contributed to the winning 2008 season, and

Whereas, first-year head coach Heidi Hill began her Harwood coaching career in first-class fashion and had great support from assistant coach Pierce Ferris, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Harwood Union High School Highlanders 2008 Division II championship field hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Heidi Hill at Harwood Union High School.

H.C.R. 28

House concurrent resolution congratulating Brittany Kelemen of Jonesville on being crowned Miss Vermont Teen USA 2009

Offered by: Representative O'Brien of Richmond

Offered by: Senator Racine

Whereas, the contestants in the Miss Vermont Teen USA 2009 beauty pageant were talented young women who devoted much time and effort to preparing for this special event, and

Whereas, between one and ten points were awarded to each participant in three categories consisting of a personal interview and choreographed swimsuit

and evening gown exhibitions in which the young women's poise and grace were important considerations, and

Whereas, the contestants' three scores were averaged, and the top five finalists were then ranked to determine the winner, and

Whereas, after all the math was carefully checked, the scoring results led to the crowning of Brittany Kelemen of Jonesville as Miss Vermont Teen USA 2009, and

Whereas, Brittany Kelemen is a 2008 graduate of Mount Mansfield Union High School and is employed as a fashion model with the Fusion Management Group and is a student at Community College of Vermont, and

Whereas, as a volunteer with the Make a Wish Foundation and at the Richmond Elementary School, she is an excellent role model for children, and

Whereas, when not engaged in academic or professional pursuits, she enjoys many hobbies including cooking, kayaking, and snowboarding as well as creating scrapbooks and visiting with her family members and friends, and

Whereas, Brittany Kelemen is eagerly anticipating representing Vermont in the Miss Teen USA 2009 pageant, fulfilling a long-held ambition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Brittany Kelemen on being crowned Miss Vermont Teen USA 2009 and wishes her every success in the Miss Teen USA 2009 beauty pageant, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Brittany Kelemen in Jonesville.

H.C.R. 29

House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of nurse anesthetists in Vermont's health care system

Offered by: Representative Keenan of St. Albans City and Pugh of S. Burlington

Whereas, nurse anesthetists were the first professional group to provide anesthesia in the United States and are the oldest recognized group of advanced practice registered nurse specialists, and

Whereas, nurse anesthetists have completed a graduate-level educational program in a nationally accredited program of nurse anesthesia and after graduation are qualified to take the national certifying examination to become a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), and

Whereas, CRNAs are required to take and pass the national certification examination administered by the National Board on Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists, and

Whereas, CRNAs must recertify every two years in order to continue to practice the specialty of anesthesia, and

Whereas, CRNAs provide anesthesia services in all settings in which anesthesia is delivered, and

Whereas, according to the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, more than 65 percent of all rural hospitals rely on CRNAs to provide anesthesia care, and without these advanced practice nurses, some 1,500 facilities would be unable to maintain trauma stabilization and surgical and obstetrical capabilities, forcing many rural Americans to travel long distances for such services, and

Whereas, each year, CRNAs working in hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, physicians' offices, the medical facilities of the U.S. Military, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and the U.S. Public Health Service are the hands-on providers of approximately 65 percent of all anesthetics given to patients in the United States, and in rural communities the percentage is even higher, and

Whereas, CRNAs serve Vermonters by providing needed anesthesia care in hospitals, medical facilities including the White River Junction VA Medical Center, and physicians' offices, and

Whereas, in Vermont, CRNAs work with all levels of patients in 10 of the 13 hospitals in Vermont in which surgical services are provided, and

Whereas, the week of January 25, 2009 has been designated as Nurse Anesthetists Week, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the importance of nurse anesthetists in Vermont's health care system as the profession celebrates Nurse Anesthetists Week beginning January 25, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists.