

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**SENATE and HOUSE  
CALENDAR**

**OF**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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.

#### H.C.R. 44

House concurrent resolution in memory of Capitol Police Chief David Alan Janawicz

Offered by: All members of the House of Representatives

Offered by: All members of the Senate

Whereas, in his role as the first chief of the Vermont legislature's Capitol Police department, David Janawicz was instrumental in developing the personnel and technical aspects of the state house security system, and

Whereas, David Janawicz was a native of Burlington, attended that city's public schools, graduated from the Vermont Police Academy, and completed many courses in law enforcement, including the Command Training Institute at Babson College, and

Whereas, throughout a diverse career in the security field, David Janawicz demonstrated superb leadership skills and the ability to respond in an effective and timely way to unforeseen emergencies, and

Whereas, prior to his arrival at the golden dome, David Janawicz worked in the private sector, serving as director of security for International Coins and Currency in Montpelier and for the Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and as a consultant and security officer of Nuclear Security Forces at Seabrook, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, in July 1995, David Janawicz became the first sworn law enforcement officer appointed to head the security detail at the Vermont State House, and

Whereas, following the establishment of the Capitol Police department, pursuant to No. 29 of the Acts of 1999, he was designated as the new force's first chief, and

Whereas, David Janawicz was an extremely dedicated police chief, arriving on weekdays in the predawn hours, and state house regulars, be they

legislators, staff, or lobbyists, took great comfort knowing the popular police chief was present in the building, and

Whereas, he made a conscientious effort to collaborate with legislators and staff on security measures, and he offered useful security information sessions, and

Whereas, David Janawicz was a U.S. Navy veteran, a parishioner of the Barre Baptist Church, and a member of many professional and fraternal organizations, and

Whereas, the death of Capitol Police Chief David Janawicz on September 28, 2008 marked the passing of an individual who had earned the friendship and respect of all those associated with the legislative branch of state government, and

Whereas, his wife, Linda, four children, Christopher, Jenifer, Shellie, and Elizabeth, and five grandchildren have lost a truly special husband, father, and grandfather, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Capitol Police Chief David Alan Janawicz, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Linda Janawicz in East Montpelier.

#### **H.C.R. 45**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Robert Matteson of Bennington on his extraordinary accomplishments as a masters runner

Offered by: Representatives Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington and Smith of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Robert (Bob) Matteson was born in Bennington in 1916, and

Whereas, he graduated from Middlebury College, earned his Ph.D. degree in economics and government from Harvard, and then pursued a long career in both the public and private sectors, and

Whereas, in Bennington, Bob Matteson has served as both town manager and moderator, and has been associated with many local organizations, including the Bennington County Industrial Corporation, the Bennington Historical Society, and the Bennington Museum, and

Whereas, aside from each of these laudable accomplishments, Bob Matteson has, since entering his 10th decade, performed unbelievable athletic feats as a masters class runner that few persons of his longevity would even dare to imagine, and

Whereas, in 2006, after celebrating his 90th birthday, at the U.S.A. Track and Field (USTAF) National Championships, Bob Matteson set the United States' record for persons ages 90–94 for 200- and 400-meter runs and at the Colonie, New York Mile, he set an even more astounding world record for the one-mile distance of 11 minutes, 54 seconds, and

Whereas, again in 2007, Bob Matteson resumed his astounding running performance, setting new United States' single age records at the USTAF National Indoor Championships in the 200- and 400-meter races, and a world record in the longer 800-meter run, and that same year, at the Adirondack USTAF Championships, he set a world age group record for 1,500 meters, and

Whereas, most recently, in 2008, Bob Matteson had another incredible running season, setting world single age records at several different meets in the northeast at distances of 100, 200, 400, and 800 meters and even more remarkably for races of one and two miles in length, and

Whereas, beyond setting national and world records during the last three years, he has also won, or placed a close second, in a number of other races, and

Whereas, Bob Matteson's truly remarkable athletic feats should be celebrated as an example of human determination, endurance, and extraordinary skill, and

Whereas, he brings a unique and healthy perspective to the deliberations of the governor's commission on healthy aging on which he is proud to serve, and

Whereas, Bob Matteson, aside from his athletic achievements, continues to take an active interest in community affairs through meetings, letters to the editor, and research reports, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Robert Matteson of Bennington on his extraordinary accomplishments as a masters runner, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Robert Matteson in Bennington.

#### **H.C.R. 46**

House concurrent resolution honoring the exemplary public service of retired Department of Fish and Wildlife Director of Law Enforcement Robert J. Rooks

Offered by: Committee on Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources

Whereas, achieving the position of the department of fish and wildlife's director of law enforcement is an accomplishment of high distinction, requiring technical expertise and proven record of performance as a fish and game warden over many years, and

Whereas, Robert Rooks was born far away from the Green Mountain state in Anchorage, Alaska and was raised in South Hero and graduated from South Burlington High School, and

Whereas, he served with distinction as a member of the U.S. Navy and was stationed aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Thomas Hart, and

Whereas, Robert Rooks studies at both Old Dominion University in Virginia and the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1979, Robert Rooks entered the state game warden force as a trainee, and, in 1980, he was assigned to the force's Hartford district, and

Whereas, during his career, he earned many advance law enforcement certifications complementing his outstanding work performance and placing him as a top contender for the promotions that were awarded him over the years, and

Whereas, in 1989, he was promoted to district chief warden for the northwest supervisory district, with the rank of lieutenant, and

Whereas, in 2001, the department of fish and wildlife, recognizing Warden Rooks' extensive law enforcement talent and achievements, promoted him to the rank of director of law enforcement in the fish and wildlife department, and

Whereas, his colleagues beyond Vermont appreciated and recognized his professional expertise and leadership skills, and he served as president of the Northeast Conservation Chiefs Association during the years 2004–2005, and

Whereas, he retired in November 2008 after nearly three decades of law enforcement service, and

Whereas, Robert Rooks served as a great role model for every warden in the force, was a tremendous asset to the fish and wildlife department, and played an instrumental role in bringing 21st century technology to fish and game law enforcement in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the exemplary public service of retired Department of Fish and Wildlife Director of Law Enforcement Robert J. Rooks, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 47**

House concurrent resolution in memory of the American military personnel who have died in the service of their nation in Iraq from March 26, 2008 to January 20, 2009

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Ancel of Calais, Clarkson of Woodstock, Howard of Rutland City, Masland of Thetford, Partridge of Windham and Sharpe of Bristol

Whereas, on March 20, 2003, the United States began Operation Iraqi Freedom, and

Whereas, over the course of the nearly six years since this military engagement began, over 4,000 Americans have died bravely on the field of battle or in combat-related incidents, and

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

Whereas, those soldiers who have died in Iraq from March 26, 2008 through January 9, 2009 are listed by name, rank, and military service in the order of their reported deaths and include: Candelo, Steven I., Corporal, U.S. Army, Jankowski, Charles A., Not reported yet, U.S. Army, Jordan, Jevon K., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Bennett, Durrell L., Specialist, U.S. Army, Miller, Patrick J., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Gilmore, Terrell W., Sergeant, U.S. Army National Guard, Hall, William G., Major, U.S. Marine, Dhanoolal, Dayne D., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Griffin, Travis L., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, McNeal, Jeremiah E., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air National Guard, Pickett, Emanuel, Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army National Guard, Penley, Shane D., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Scott, Stephen K., Colonel, U.S. Army, Wolfer, Stuart A., Major, U.S. Army, Burgos-Cruz, Ulises, Captain, U.S. Army, Morris, Matthew T., Specialist, U.S. Army, Smith, Timothy M., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Lilly, Michael T., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Kazarick, Jason C., Specialist, U.S. Army, Vaughn, Richard A., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Hartley, Jeffery L., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Rosenberg, Mark E., Major, U.S. Army, Capra, Anthony L., Technical Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, Hughes, Jeremiah C., Specialist, U.S. Army, Ault, Jesse A., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Tousha, Shaun P., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Fairbanks, Jacob J., Specialist, U.S. Army, German, Merlin, Sergeant, U.S. Marine, Allmon, William E., Specialist, U.S. Army, Huerta-Cruz, Arturo, Specialist, U.S. Army, Richard III, Joseph A., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Nelson, Richard J., Corporal, U.S. Marine Reserve, Opicka, Dean D., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine Reserve, Brown, Jason L., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Brosh, Benjamin K., Specialist, U.S. Army, Eakes, Lance O., Specialist, U.S. Army,

Morton, Cherie L., Petty Officer 1st Class, U.S. Navy, Campos, Adrian M., Airman Apprentice, U.S. Navy, Vandergrift, Matthew R., 1st Lieutenant, U.S. Marine, Christofferson, Steven J., Specialist, U.S. Army, Kohlhaas, Adam J., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Harrison, Ronald R., Private, U.S. Army, Haerter, Jordan C., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Yale, Jonathan T., Corporal, U.S. Marine, Ramirez, Guadalupe Cervantes, Sergeant, U.S. Army, Bishop, John T., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Cunningham, Timothy W., 1st Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Blystone, Ronald C., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Whitehead, Shaun J., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Dix, William T., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, McCormick, David P., Specialist, U.S. Army, Marion, Adam L., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Mathes, Marcus C., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Stone, Mark A., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Craig, Clay A., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Bolander, Bryan E., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Caldwell, Chad A., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Pearson, Andrew R., Captain, U.S. Army, Tucker, Ronald J., Specialist, U.S. Army, Ezell, Lawrence D., Sergeant 1st Class, U.S. Army, Casanova, Casey L., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Guzman, Miguel A., Corporal, U.S. Marine, Kimple, James F., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Martinez, Glen E., Sergeant, U.S. Marine, Nichols, Jeffrey F., Specialist, U.S. Army, Hicks, Corey L., Private, U.S. Army, Ward, Aaron J., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Gonzalez, Alex D., Specialist, U.S. Army, Jaenichen, Mary J., Specialist, U.S. Army, Ford, Joseph A., Specialist, U.S. Army National Guard, Ellis, Jessica A., Corporal, U.S. Army, Cota, Victor M., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Daggett, John K., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Haunert, Branden P., Private, U.S. Army, Norris, Kyle Phillip, Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Gasper, Frank J., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Evans, Blake W., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Dene, Jason F., Sergeant 1st Class, U.S. Army, Cotner, Christian S., Corporal, U.S. Marine, McCarthy, Christopher D., Specialist, U.S. Army Reserve, Mixon, Justin R., Specialist, U.S. Army, Waltenbaugh, Joshua E., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Green, Quincy J., Specialist, U.S. Army, Legg, Cody R., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Emar, Jonathan D. A., Specialist, U.S. Army, Duffy, Shane P., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Hurst, David R., Sergeant 1st Class, U.S. Army, Pickett, Tyler E., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Duncan III, Thomas F., Specialist, U.S. Army, McCoy, Steve A., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Kanakaole, Eugene D. M., Private, U.S. Army, Watters, Kelly E. C., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Perales Jr., Javier, Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Reed, Gerard M., Sergeant 1st Class, U.S. Army, Aragon, John D., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Cox, Jason N., Specialist, U.S. Army, Tran, Du Hai, Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Dalessio, Gregory T., Captain, U.S. Army, Thomas, Bryan M., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Hammett, Robert C., Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army, Kelley, Dwayne M., Major, U.S. Army, Plocica, Joshua L., Specialist, U.S. Army, Dominguez, Alejandro A., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Taylor, Joel A., Specialist, U.S. Army, Yohn, James M., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Preudhomme, Marcus W., Corporal, U.S. Marine, Dykeman, Philip J., Captain, U.S. Marine, Galeai, Max A., Lieutenant Colonel,

U.S. Marine, Woodham, Anthony Lynn, Sergeant 1st Class, U.S. Army National Guard, McMillan III, William L., Specialist, U.S. Army, Jimenez, Alex R., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Fouty, Byron J., Private, U.S. Army, Chevalier, Steven J., Sergeant 1st Class, U.S. Army, Stevenson, Jeffery S., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Verbeke, Daniel R., Aviation Boatswain Mate 3rd Class, U.S. Navy, Dupre, Danny, Staff Sergeant, U.S. Marine, Textor, David W., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Vrooman, Jeremy D., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Larsen, Jackie L., Technical Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, McHale, James A., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Mitchell, Andre Darnell, Specialist, U.S. Army, Miller, Brian K., Sergeant, U.S. Army National Guard, Cole, Jennifer L., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Dickson, Kevin R., Specialist, U.S. Army, Schmidt, Ronald Andrew, Specialist, U.S. Army National Guard, Hutton, Timothy J., Private, U.S. Army, Menke, Jonathan D., Specialist, U.S. Army National Guard, Henry, Gary M, Sergeant, U.S. Army National Guard, Maybin, Danny E., Main Sergeant, U.S. Army, Trejo, Stewart S., Corporal, U.S. Marine, McKiski, Adam T., Corporal, U.S. Marine, Ulloa, Jose E., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Ferschke Jr., Michael H., Sergeant, U.S. Marine, Gibson, Kenneth B., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Hale, James M., Corporal, U.S. Army, King, Janelle F., Private, U.S. Army, McGuire, Daniel A. C., Private 1st Class, U.S. Marine, Stottlemeyer, Travis M., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Staniel, George, Not reported yet, U.S. Army, Fitzmorris, Steven J., Specialist, U.S. Army, Alfonso, Carlo E., Specialist, U.S. Army, Cooper, David K., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Nieve, Jorge L. Feliz, Specialist, U.S. Army, Gonzalez, Michael L., Specialist, U.S. Army, May, Patrick W., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Thomas, Bryan R., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Mayne, Kenneth W., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Thibeault, Jordan P. P., Private, U.S. Army, Sexton, Daniel R., Sergeant 1st Class, U.S. Army, Marceaux Jr., Sidney J., Colonel (Chaplain), U.S. Army, Marino, Ralph J., Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, Durbin, Wesley R., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Dawson, Darris J., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Wright, Darrick D., Captain, U.S. Army, Gulczynski I, Leonard J., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Edwards, Corry A., Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army National Guard, Eshbaugh, Daniel M., Sergeant, U.S. Army National Guard, Mason, Anthony L., Sergeant, U.S. Army National Guard, Ordonez, Julio C., 1st Sergeant, U.S. Army National Guard, Rudolf, Brady J., Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army National Guard, Thompson, Michael E., Corporal, U.S. Army National Guard, Vallejo II, Robert, Not reported yet, U.S. Army National Guard, Taylor, Matthew J., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Brown, Thomas J., 1st Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Medders, Michael J., Captain, U.S. Army, Phillips Jr., Ronald, Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Bryant, Jamel A., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Fox, Christopher T., Specialist, U.S. Army, Bartkiewicz, Christopher A., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Setzler, Tavarus D., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Stahlman, Michael R., Colonel, U.S. Marine, Rudd, William P., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Clark, Michael K., Sergeant, U.S.



Army, Fernandez III, Reuben M., Corporal, U.S. Army, Johnson, Geoffrey G., Specialist, U.S. Army, McCraw, Christopher A., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Saint, Justin A., Specialist, U.S. Army, Pickard, Heath K., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Dryden, Stacy A., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Hause, Brian P., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, Eggleston, Cody J., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Coleman, Bradley S., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Metcalf, Scott J., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Wenger, Adam McKamey, Specialist, U.S. Army, McClellan, William Justin, Sergeant, U.S. Army, Hobbs, Theron V., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Walker, Timothy H., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Regalado, Jose, Sergeant, U.S. Army, Shea, Corey M., Specialist, U.S. Army, Clay, James M., Specialist, U.S. Army National Guard, De La Paz, Armando A., Specialist, U.S. Army, Allen, Aaron M., Corporal, U.S. Marine, Humphreys, Christian P., Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army, Clark, Donald V., Chief Warrant Officer, U.S. Army, Velasco, Marcelo R., Gunnery Sergeant, U.S. Marine, Barnett, Charles Yi, Private, U.S. Army, Wilson, Miguel A., Sergeant 1st Class, U.S. Army, Davis, Anthony, Master Sergeant, U.S. Army, Jernigan, William K., 1st Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Frank, Warren A., Captain, U.S. Marine, Sam, Solomon T., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Savage, John J., Sergeant, U.S. Army, Johnson, Robert L., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Hinkefent, Coleman W., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Dean, Jonathan W., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Reilly Jr., Thomas, Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Smith, Christopher G., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Okray, Stephen M., Specialist, U.S. Army, Zapasnik, Stephen G., Specialist, U.S. Army, Seitz, Joshua D., Master-at-Arms Seaman Apprentice, U.S. Navy, Pryor, John P., Major, U.S. Army, Gonzales, Tony J., Specialist, U.S. Army, Tollefson, Benjamin B., Private, U.S. Army, Lotter, Christopher W., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, Gilliam, Chadwick A., Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine, Davis, Anthony D., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Bauer, Justin L., Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Porter, Marquis R., Sergeant, U.S. Marine, McCune, Sean P., Private, U.S. Army, Turner, Ricky L., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army, McKnight, Omar J., Airman, U.S. Air Force, Pollini, Matthew M., Private 1st Class, U.S. Army National Guard, and Harrington, Kyle J., Sergeant, U.S. Army, and

Whereas, each of the over 4,000 Americans who have perished since the commencement of military operations in Iraq has made the ultimate sacrifice in serving our nation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the memory of each service member listed in this resolution who died in Operation Iraqi Freedom from March 26, 2008 through January 20, 2009, and be it further

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

Resolved: That the Secretary of Defense is requested to send a copy of this resolution to the family of each member of the United States Armed Forces listed in this resolution.

#### **H.C.R. 48**

House concurrent resolution commending the work of the Vermont 2-1-1 telephone support system

Offered by: House Committee on Human Services

Whereas, thousands of Vermonters seek much-needed human and social services each day, including appropriate child care, affordable housing, support for a homebound parent, food, or crisis counseling for teen parents, and

Whereas, many local, regional, and statewide organizations in both the public and private sector provide services that respond to these needs, and

Whereas, the difficult challenge for Vermonters to connect with these much-needed services was greatly simplified when the 2-1-1 telephone system dialing option was established, and the service providers also benefit from the more accurate and timely information that 2-1-1 collects concerning Vermonters' need for social services, and

Whereas, nationally, more than 230 million Americans have access to 2-1-1 service through 244 active 2-1-1 systems covering all or part of 48 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, and

Whereas, in 2005, the public service board approved introduction of the 2-1-1 telephone system in Vermont and designated the United Way of Vermont as the service manager to develop and implement the system, and

Whereas, in recognition of the vital assistance that the 2-1-1 network provides to thousands of Vermonters, Governor Douglas is designating February 11, 2009, the system's fourth anniversary, as 2-1-1 Day, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the value and broad public benefit of the Vermont 2-1-1 telephone support system and commends the United Way of Vermont and the individuals directly associated with the system's operation for their outstanding service on behalf of all Vermonters, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Director of Vermont 2-1-1 MaryEllen Mendl.

### H.C.R. 49

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Republic of Kosovo on the first anniversary of its independence and the Vermont National Guard Troops who have served in Kosovo since 1999

Offered by: Representatives Weston of Burlington, Acinapura of Brandon, Adams of Hartland, Andrews of Rutland City, Audette of S. Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Bray of New Haven, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Davis of Washington, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Edwards of Brattleboro, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, Flory of Pittsford, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Geier of S. Burlington, Head of S. Burlington, Helm of Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of Canaan, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Krawczyk of Bennington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Derby, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Maier of Middlebury, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, O'Brien of Richmond, Obuchowski of Rockingham, Orr of Charlotte, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Perley of Enosburg, Potter of Clarendon, Ram of Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Rodgers of Glover, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Mendon, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Young of St. Albans City, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Ayer, Bartlett, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kittell, Mazza, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Racine, Shumlin and Snelling

Whereas, in 1999, NATO intervened in Kosovo to end attacks on the Kosovar Albanian population, leading to a U.N. Security Council suspension of Serbia's governance of Kosovo, and

Whereas, the Vermont National Guard has been part of the international peacekeeping force in Kosovo for an extended period of time, and

Whereas, from 1999 to 2008, the international peacekeeping force, including many Vermonters, was instrumental in maintaining stability in the region so that local democracy could be established, and

Whereas, on February 17, 2008, Kosovo declared its independence from Serbia, and

Whereas, the government of Kosovo is committed to the principles of good governance, equality under the law, and western democracy, and

Whereas, on February 18, 2008, the United States officially recognized the independence of Kosovo, and

Whereas, the Kosovar people have a bright future ahead of them, and

Whereas, on February 17, 2009, Kosovo will celebrate the first anniversary of its independence, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Republic of Kosovo on the first anniversary of that nation's independence and establishment as a sovereign, independent, and democratic state in which human rights are respected, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly commends the Vermonters who have served with the Vermont National Guard in Kosovo for their service as part of the international peacekeeping force, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Adjutant General Michael Dubie, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, Hashim Thaçi, the President of the Republic of Kosovo Fatmir Sejdiu, and the Assembly President Jakup Krasniqi in Prishtina, Kosovo.

#### **H.C.R. 50**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Green Mountain Council Boy Scout Eagle Class of 2008

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town, Acinapura of Brandon, Adams of Hartland, Ancel of Calais, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clerkin of Hartford, Condon of Colchester, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Flory of Pittsford, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Heath of Westford, Helm of Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hube of Londonderry, Hubert of

Milton, Jerman of Essex, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Larocque of Barnet, Larson of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, McDonald of Berlin, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morley of Barton, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, Obuchowski of Rockingham, Partridge of Windham, Pellett of Chester, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of S. Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Rodgers of Glover, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Morristown, South of St. Johnsbury, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Toll of Danville, Trombley of Grand Isle, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wheeler of Derby, Winters of Williamstown, Wright of Burlington, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, the Green Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America has provided thousands of young Vermont men, be they rich or poor, from Bennington to Newport, with a special opportunity to learn important lifelong skills and values, and

Whereas, through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America, each of these young men receives important preparation for future citizenship and leadership roles in his community, and

Whereas, the ultimate goal of every Boy Scout is to achieve the rank of Eagle, and

Whereas, fewer than two percent of all Scouts succeed in climbing the mountain that culminates at its summit in becoming an Eagle Scout, and

Whereas, in the year 2008, the following Boy Scouts in Vermont achieved the special rank of Eagle:

Tyler Albee, Zachary Ankuda, Elliot Baglini, Erik Becker, Andrew Beebe, Cecil Beehler III, Travis Benson, Nicholas Bishop, William Bloomhardt, Joshua Bombard, Christopher Bouchard, Joshua Boucher, Kyle Boudreau, Jonathan Boutwell, Brandon Bucossi, Nicholas Bullock, Michael Caputo, Gregory Charron, Thomas Cogley, Joseph Comstock, Joshua Cook, Brian Cubit, Atticus Cullinan, Alexander Davis, Tyler Deavitt, Thomas Dickerson, Cody Domey, Joshua Dunham, Christopher Elliott, Joshua Esty, Zac Farnham-Haskell, Anthony Fiorillo, Joseph Fiorillo, Christopher Fleury, Kenneth French, Leo Gauthier, David German, Elijah Gleason, Ian Goodnow, Stephen Gragg, Hunter Gregory, Sean Halnon, David Hann, Joshua Hatch, Ryan

Hoisington, Patrick Hollick, Grant Hull, Evan Johnson, Zak Johnson, Daniel Kendall, Joshua Kernan, Joseph Kill, Corey Kimball, Joshua King, Stephen Kling, Allen Laberge, Daniel Lamothe, Nicolas Ledo, Jeffrey Lusignan, Charles Maher, Christopher Martin, Peter Massari, Jr., Seth Matthews, Gregory McKenney, Patrick McLaughlin, Devon Mendicino, Salvatore Mendolia, Michael Moser, Denis Murphy III, Chase Neilsen, Taylor Neilsen, Christopher Ogilvie, Wesley Orr, Robert Pelletier, Ethan Peterson, Steven Philbin, Stefan Pierson, Zachary Racenet, Abbott Rachampbell, Owen Rachampbell, Michael Ray, Joseph Romano, Thomas Sawyer, Jr., Jacob Selig, Sean Smith, Robert Stetson, Thomas Stevens, Daniel Sullivan, Raymond Trainque, Gregory Warren, Benjamin Weir, Samuel Whitcomb-Paulson, Joseph Whitehill, Brendan Wood, and Ezekial Wood, and

Whereas, many of these outstanding young men are gathered today, February 13, 2009, at the State House to be honored for their accomplishments, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is delighted to honor the Boy Scouts who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2008, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Green Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Waterbury.

**H.C.R. 51**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Sherry Walter Belknap of Bloomfield

Offered by: Representatives Deen of Westminster, Johnson of Canaan and Peaslee of Guildhall

Offered by: Senators Illuzzi and Starr

Whereas, Sherry Belknap, who recently passed away after a long battle with cancer, was a bear of a man with a big heart and a penchant for puppies and other small vulnerable creatures, and

Whereas, he came from a long line of woods' workers, and for most of his career, he excelled at selling logging equipment as a national representative, and worked locally as a logging contractor, and

Whereas, Sherry Belknap was devoted to his community of Bloomfield, serving as a selectman for 18 years, raising over \$100,000.00 in grants to restore the old Bloomfield Town Hall, a jewel of the town, doing much of the rehabilitation and painting himself, and

Whereas, when the DeBanville Store in Bloomfield came on the market, Sherry Belknap and his wife, Darlene, purchased it and then built a new general store in keeping with the architectural design and Victorian colors of the town hall he had restored across the street, rather than let the store diminish into the generic “cookie cutter” type convenience store, and

Whereas, in the mid 1990s, when Champion International proposed spraying aerial herbicides over 32,000 acres of the Nulhegan Basin, Sherry Belknap did not let his own career in the forest industry keep him from speaking up against the proposal, and he became a leader in the ultimately successful effort to achieve a state moratorium on aerial spraying, and

Whereas, when Champion International put its large Northeast Kingdom land holdings on the market, Sherry Belknap became an extraordinary local leader in the effort to conserve 133,000 acres in private and public ownership, and

Whereas, Governor Howard Dean appointed Sherry Belknap to chair the Champion Lands Advisory Council, mediating a highly charged debate that came at some personal cost, but he worked diligently to ensure that a vast majority of the acreage would continue to be forest-based and accessible for hunting and fishing and for the use of future generations, and

Whereas, aside from his role in preserving access to the former Champion Lands, Sherry Belknap worked to make other Vermont lands and waters available to the public by: helping the Vermont River Conservancy and other organizations create the 40-acre Lyman Falls State Park, a canoe campsite on the Connecticut River; assisting with the establishment of a second permanent canoe access to the Connecticut River in Bloomfield, a campsite and paddle boat access near the mouth of the Nulhegan River; and helping establish a campsite and three-quarters of a mile of frontage for permanent public access to the Nulhegan River along his family’s property, and

Whereas, Sherry Belknap left a legacy as a successful advocate for the protection of, and public access to, Vermont’s lands and waters including the state’s most extensive bear and moose habitat, largest deer wintering area, diverse wetlands, timberland, and waters for canoeing and fishing, and

Whereas, hunters and nature photographers have greater opportunities in Vermont to pursue their avocations due to Sherry Belknap’s efforts, and

Whereas, the enormity of Sherry Belknap’s achievements and contributions to land and water protection in Vermont, and to the quality of life in the Northeast Kingdom, should long be remembered, and

Whereas, he was the caring husband of Darlene and father of Karen, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly remembers with much appreciation and respect Sherry Walter Belknap of Bloomfield, a remarkable man, and conveys its sincere condolences to his family and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Darlene Ann Belknap of Bloomfield and Karen Ann (Belknap) Labree of West Danville.

**H.C.R. 52**

House concurrent resolution honoring Mark Tucci and Silent Heat

Offered by: Representative Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, with an economic crisis at hand, and the cost of heating fuel and other commodities a major concern for many persons, Mark Tucci of Manchester decided to develop a program for northern Bennington County that would begin to address this economic and health threat for area residents, and

Whereas, in the late spring of 2008, he established the Silent Heat project, intended to provide basic needs stability for low income residents, and

Whereas, Silent Heat's first effort has been to distribute seasoned cord wood and safety boxes to persons who would otherwise be left without any source of heat for the winter, and

Whereas, so far, a cord and safety box has been distributed to nine families in five towns, and Mark Tucci has collected a total of 40 cords and safety boxes for distribution, and

Whereas, Silent Heat's goal for 2009 is to distribute 100 cords of wood, and Mark Tucci is confident this objective will be achieved, and

Whereas, other plans that Silent Heat has for 2009 include creating an internship program for a part-time staff of forestry students who would work on land management issues, including the planting of trees, and the internships would be designed to instill an ethic of responsibility in the students, and

Whereas, the work of Silent Heat has been supported through partnerships with generous individuals, nonprofit organizations, including the Global Meetinghouse Corporation, Inc. and the United Way of Bennington County, state officials from the department of corrections, and local businesses such as RK Miles of Manchester, and

Whereas, Silent Heat recently received a matching grant from the Stratton Foundation, providing impetus for new outreach efforts, and



Whereas, this unusual project is now serving as a model for a parallel effort known as Wood Wars that retired Bennington County Forester Jim White is organizing in the county's southern towns, and

Whereas, Mark Tucci's commitment to serving his fellow citizens in their time of need is laudable and exemplifies the American spirit of volunteerism, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Mark Tucci and his dedication to helping others through the establishment of Silent Heat, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mark Tucci in Manchester.

### **H.C.R. 53**

House concurrent resolution honoring Katherine (Kitty) Langlois for her work at the People's Health & Wellness Clinic in Barre City and in the civic affairs of the town of Berlin

Offered by: Representative McDonald of Berlin

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Scott and Cummings

Whereas, in 1993, Kitty Langlois was one of the original incorporators of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic in Barre City, a unique facility designed to meet the primary health care and wellness needs of uninsured residents of central Vermont, and

Whereas, her devotion to the clinic's mission has been remarkable, and she was the only board member to serve continuously from 1993 until 2009, and

Whereas, she sat on nearly every committee associated with the clinic and was a tireless fundraiser who, as an avid bowler, created the annual People's Health & Wellness Clinic Bowl-A-Thon, and

Whereas, during the years of her board service, the clinic's doctors engaged in 20,040 medical consultations involving 3,694 adults who were without health insurance, and

Whereas, everyone associated with the clinic, including medical professionals, administrators, and volunteers, is deeply appreciative of all the effort Kitty has devoted to this special health care organization, and

Whereas, as if the clinic were not enough to keep Kitty Langlois busily engaged, she has simultaneously been a leading community leader and public official in the town of Berlin, and

Whereas, her administrative and accounting knowledge were put to good use during her service as Berlin town auditor from 1987 to 2000, and

Whereas, in 2004, Kitty Langlois joined the Berlin selectboard and, for the last five years, she has been an active and valued member of the town's municipal legislative body, and

Whereas, as a person deeply concerned for the health and safety of others, Kitty Langlois has been a long-term member in good standing of the Berlin Women's Auxiliary Fire Department, and

Whereas, Kitty Langlois has decided that 2009 is the time to step down from both the board of the People's Health & Wellness Clinic and the Berlin selectboard and, in each instance, her presence and wisdom will be missed, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Katherine (Kitty) Langlois for her superb work at the People's Health & Wellness Clinic in Barre City and in the civic affairs of the town of Berlin, and wishes all the best in the years ahead, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kitty Langlois in Berlin.