

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**SENATE and HOUSE
CALENDAR**

OF

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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.

By Senators Sears, Hartwell and Lyons,

By Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington and Morrissey of Bennington,

S.C.R. 9.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Energizer in Bennington on the development of the world's first mercury-free hearing aid battery and on the company's receipt of a Governor's Commission on Healthy Aging Award.

Whereas, beginning in 2005, Energizer in Bennington worked with scientists, both at the University of Vermont and Norwich University, to develop a mercury-free button cell battery for use in hearing aids and established a six-year timetable for completing this project, and

Whereas, in the interim, the battery industry set a target date of June 2011 for the introduction of mercury-free button cell batteries for hearing aid consumers, and

Whereas, in August 2008, ahead of its own and the industry's schedules, Energizer proudly began the marketing of the first-in-the-world mercury-free button cell battery, and

Whereas, this new mercury-free button cell battery will be far less harmful to the environment, and Energizer's commitment to an accelerated development and marketing schedule was an example of a corporate citizen responding affirmatively and effectively to a serious but resolvable environmental problem, and

Whereas, when the batteries were ready for sale to the public, Energizer donated \$5,000.00 worth of these new mercury-free batteries to Bennington Project Independence which operates an adult day care and health rehabilitation service, and

Whereas, in recognition of both its commitment to the development of a new mercury-free button cell battery and its donation of batteries to

Bennington Project Independence, the Governor's Commission on Healthy Aging presented a Benefactor's Award to Energizer in Bennington, and

Whereas, this new category of commission award recognizes achievements not associated with the commission's other award categories, and

Whereas, Governor Douglas presented the Benefactor's Award to Energizer as part of the commission's annual state house awards ceremony that was held on October 28, 2008, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Energizer in Bennington on the development of the world's first mercury-free hearing aid battery and on the company's receipt of a Governor's Commission on Healthy Aging Benefactor's Award, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Energizer General Manager of Specialty Batteries Stephen Hockbridge and to John Hall, manager of the company's Bennington plant.

By Senators Illuzzi and Starr,

By Representatives Kilmartin of Newport City and Marcotte of Coventry,

S.C.R. 10.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating 1st Lt. Kurt Hunt of Coventry on his designation as a member of the 2009 All Army soccer team.

Whereas, Kurt Hunt grew up in Coventry where he distinguished himself as an agile and talented young soccer player, playing in Orleans County youth leagues, and serving for two years as captain of the North Country Union High School (NCUHS) team, and

Whereas, after graduating from NCHUS, he matriculated to Castleton State College, which he attended on a University of Vermont ROTC scholarship, and continued to play soccer for two seasons despite a busy academic and military training schedule, and

Whereas, in 2007, Kurt Hunt graduated from both Castleton State College and the military studies program at the University of Vermont, and he was shortly thereafter commissioned as an officer in the United States Army, and

Whereas, he is currently stationed at Ft. Rucker, Alabama, and is enrolled in helicopter flight training, and

Whereas, 1st Lt. Kurt Hunt's passion for soccer remains as strong as when he was a young boy, and this past year he decided to try out for the 2009 All Army soccer team which attracts military personnel stationed around the globe, and

Whereas, potential squad members submitted detailed dossiers of their soccer experience to the team's coach who then culled from the many applications 43 semifinalists who gathered for a tryout competition at Ft. Eustis, Virginia, and

Whereas, 1st Lt. Kurt Hunt was among the 18 fortunate players who were selected for placement on the team after a rigorous evaluation process, and who won the right to represent the Army at the Armed Forces Soccer Tourney held in early February at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas, and

Whereas, in the tourney's championship game, the All Army squad defeated the team representing the United States Marine Corps and captured the 2009 championship title, and

Whereas, based on the great playing skills he demonstrated at the Armed Forces Soccer Tourney, 1st Lt. Hunt was named to represent the combined United States military forces on an all-star team that is to compete in the 2009 men's Conseil International du Sport Militaire continental soccer championship, also to be held at Dyess Air Force Base, and that will feature teams from many nations, including Brazil, and

Whereas, designation as a military all-star soccer player is an especially unusual honor for a young man from Vermont, and 1st Lt. Hunt merits commendation for his success on the soccer field and in his military career, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates United States Army 1st Lt. Kurt Hunt of Coventry on his designation as a member of both the 2009 All Army and the combined military forces all-star soccer teams, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to United States Army 1st Lt. Kurt Hunt.

By Senators Kitchel, Choate and Illuzzi,

By Representatives Conquest of Newbury, Crawford of Burke, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Leriche of Hardwick, Morley of Barton, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Rodgers of Glover, South of St. Johnsbury, Toll of Danville,

S.C.R. 11.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring retired Caledonia State's Attorney Robert Butterfield for his outstanding public service.

Whereas, Robert "Bob" Butterfield grew up in Vergennes, and he graduated from Middlebury Union High School, and

Whereas, after earning undergraduate and law degrees at the University of Vermont and the University of Maine Law School, respectively, he served as a law clerk for Vermont Supreme Court Chief Justice Albert Barney, and

Whereas, after concluding his court clerkship, Bob Butterfield accepted a job as an Addison County deputy state's attorney, beginning a professional association with the Vermont state's attorney system that would predominate his legal career, and

Whereas, following a year's experience on the prosecutorial frontline, Bob Butterfield became a resource attorney at the Department of State's Attorneys and was subsequently employed as a private practitioner, and

Whereas, the lure of the tropics attracted him to travel across the Pacific to work as a prosecutor in the office of the territorial attorney general in Guam, and

Whereas, after his island sojourn, Bob Butterfield resumed his true calling as a Vermont state prosecutor, initially as a deputy state's attorney in Orleans County, and

Whereas, beginning in 1983, he served as an outstanding deputy state's attorney in Caledonia County before standing for election in 2002 as a candidate to serve as the office's senior litigator, and

Whereas, Bob Butterfield was elected Caledonia County State's Attorney, and the voters continued to express their confidence in his performance until his retirement on January 31, 2009, and

Whereas, his fellow attorneys in Caledonia County admire him greatly, and Bob Butterfield is well respected in St. Johnsbury where he is often spotted on his daily fast-paced walks, often simultaneously reading a book, and

Whereas, outside the courtroom, Bob Butterfield is an enthusiastic kayaker, bicycler and snowboarder and serves on the parish council of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, and

Whereas, after working many 16–18 hour days, Bob Butterfield is looking forward to new life adventures, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors retired Caledonia County State's Attorney Robert Butterfield for his outstanding public service and wishes him 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 Robert Butterfield in St. Johnsbury.

House Concurrent Resolutions

H.C.R. 54

House concurrent resolution in memory of David M. Turner of Irasburg

Offered by: Representatives Marcotte of Coventry and Kilmartin of Newport City

Offered by: Senators Illuzzi and Starr

Whereas, David Turner was a business, civic, and community leader in the Northeast Kingdom where he resided all of his life, and

Whereas, his many professional and community activities kept him involved in projects throughout the region, but he was especially dedicated to serving the citizens of Irasburg, and

Whereas, David Turner served his country as a member of the U.S. Army from 1962 until 1965, and

Whereas, in the years following his honorable military discharge, he was an avid member of the Jay Peak Ski Patrol, and

Whereas, David Turner chose banking as his occupational pursuit, and he proved adept in his field, rising to managerial positions, including vice president, at both the former Chittenden Trust Company and the Lyndonville Savings Bank, and

Whereas, his role as a conscientious and respected public servant was a crucial part of his life, and he brought a sharp mind and good judgment to each of the many public offices with which he was entrusted, and

Whereas, David Turner's military background served him well during his tenure as Orleans Police Chief in the late 1960s and early 1970s, and

Whereas, public education was of great personal importance for David Turner, and he contributed to the governance and administration of public schools through his longtime service as a member and chair of the Irasburg school board, in the identical offices on the board of the Orleans Central Supervisory Union, and as the Lakes Region Union High School auditor, and

Whereas, in the town of Irasburg, David Turner sat on the selectboard and most memorably as the fair and unbiased town moderator who presided at town meeting for 31 years, and

Whereas, David Turner was associated with many nonprofit organizations as a member and leader, including the American Legion, the Elks, the American Red Cross, Northeast Kingdom Human Services, and the Salvation Army, and he also was associated with the local court diversion program, and

Whereas, for 40 years, David Turner was a faithful parishioner of the Irasburg United Church, and was involved with the church's fair and Easter sunrise breakfast, and

Whereas, David Turner's life of constant community service concluded with his death on September 12, 2008, and his survivors include his wife, Mary Jane, his daughter, Amy, his son, Michael, and his three grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of David M. Turner on his death which ended the life of one of the Northeast Kingdom's most admired citizens, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mary Jane Turner in Irasburg.

H.C.R. 55

House concurrent resolution honoring Charlotte Neer Annis

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney and Deen of Westminster

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, for the past seven years, Charlotte Annis has been a valued Dummerston town school board member, and

Whereas, Charlotte Annis has served as the school board's vice chairperson for five years, and

Whereas, during her tenure on the board, she has participated on a number of board-appointed committees, including action planning, classified negotiations, transportation, and budget development, and

Whereas, Charlotte Annis continues to be an active member of the Dummerston Parent Teacher Friend Organization (PTFO) and formerly coordinated Dummerston school's winter activity program, and

Whereas, her time on the board covered several state initiatives, including Act 68 and Act 130 state education funding changes, which included the implementation of a spending cap threshold, as well as Education Commissioner Richard Cate's school consolidation proposal and Act 82, the current two-vote initiative, and

Whereas, Charlotte Annis has served as an accessible and informed liaison to the community on school-related issues, and

Whereas, she has assisted the board and school in dealing with difficult choices in balancing the needs of the children with those of the taxpayers of Dummerston, now therefore be it resolved:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Charlotte Neer Annis for her outstanding public service on the Dummerston school board, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Charlotte Neer Annis in Dummerston.

H.C.R. 56

House concurrent resolution in memory of retired Vermont Air National Guard Lt. Col. David L. Bombard of Burlington

Offered by: Representatives Donovan of Burlington and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, Vermont Air National Guard Lt. Col. David Bombard, known to many of his close acquaintances as “Boomer,” was popular among his colleagues and known as a man of great camaraderie who always had a smile, and

Whereas, his love of aviation was reflected in his career choices, and he proved himself more than capable of meeting the military challenges that encompassed his daily duties, and

Whereas, David Bombard graduated from Rice Memorial High School and the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, his love of aviation led him to embark on a 37-year distinguished military career that began in the United States Air Force in 1966, and

Whereas, desirous of relocating back home to the Burlington area, David Bombard transferred to the Vermont Air National Guard in 1972, and he continued to excel at his duties, earning a broadly-based reputation for achievement and integrity, and

Whereas, the quality of David Bombard’s work did not go unnoticed among his superiors, and he earned many promotions during his military service, eventually reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel, and

Whereas, among the important duty offices he held at the Vermont Air National Guard were wing financial management officer, wing logistic group coordinator, battle commander and finally wing vice commander during Operation Noble Eagle that was organized in response to the events of September 11, 2001, and

Whereas, in recognition of his outstanding record as a Vermont Air National Guard officer in the 158th Fighter Wing, Lt. Col. David Bombard was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal when he retired in 2003, and

Whereas, since his military retirement, Dave Bombard had continued working at the Burlington International Airport on the staff of JetBlue, and

Whereas, he was a technical wizard and continued to fly as a licensed pilot and found great pleasure working with his home flight simulator, and

Whereas, his death at the age of 62 has brought great sadness to his family, including his wife, Wendy, his daughters, Adrienne and Alex, his many other loving relatives, and his numerous close friends both at the Vermont National Guard and at the Burlington office of JetBlue, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends his sincere condolences to the family of Vt. Air National Guard Lt. Col. David Bombard, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 57

House concurrent resolution honoring Springfield High School field hockey coach Joy Benson

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

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, high school sports coaching involves teaching students athletic skills and instilling in the youngsters a sense of fair play, and

Whereas, during her career as a field hockey coach for a decade at Green Mountain Union High School and for the last 23 years at Springfield High School, Joy Benson has excelled at both of these objectives, and

Whereas, Joy Benson was introduced to field hockey as a seventh-grade goalie in Stowe, and she immediately became an avid player who continued the sport in high school and on one of the first field hockey teams at Norwich University, and

Whereas, after graduating from Norwich, she fulfilled her career ambition to become a physical education teacher, accepting a position at Green Mountain Union High School, and

Whereas, Joy Benson's intimate familiarity with field hockey made her an ideal candidate to serve as Green Mountain's coach, a role she performed throughout her ten-year tenure at the school, and

Whereas, in 1986, Joy Benson joined the faculty of Springfield High School, continuing her teaching and coaching roles, and

Whereas, her first year coaching the Springfield Cosmos was a huge success as the team won a state championship title, and her 23-season career record at Springfield was highly successful and personally satisfying, and

Whereas, Joy Benson's demonstrated leadership skills were put to good use during her terms as president of the Field Hockey Coaches Association and the Springfield Teachers' Association, as well as through her role as a board member of the Windsor County South Credit Union, and

Whereas, she has been named the Marble Valley League Coach of the Year and the Division II Coach of the Year, and she was elected to a regional hall of fame in recognition of her success as a high school coach, and

Whereas, with the completion of the 2008 field hockey season, Joy Benson concluded her 33-year coaching career but will remain on the faculty of Springfield High School as a physical education teacher, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Springfield High School field hockey coach Joy Benson as an exemplary leader on the playing field and among her professional colleagues, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 58

House concurrent resolution congratulating Bob Obdrzalek of Springfield on his designation as USA Boxing New England's Vermont Coach of the Year

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

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, Bob Obdrzalek was born in the former Czechoslovakia, where he was a middleweight boxing champion, and

Whereas, beginning in 2002, Bob Obdrzalek started to coach boxing in northern New England with a goal of guiding a new generation of the sport's enthusiasts, and

Whereas, in 2003, while coaching in New Hampshire, one of his boxers won the Vermont Golden Gloves award, and this number rose to four the following year, and

Whereas, in 2005, Bob Obdrzalek received a manager-trainer boxing award, and

Whereas, 2005 marked a watershed for Vermont boxers when Bob Obdrzalek opened the Springfield Boxing Club, and

Whereas, Bob Obdrzalek credits his boxers' dedication as a major reason for their success, and his training program at the Springfield Boxing Club focuses on making certain that safety is paramount, and

Whereas, in 2007, one of the Springfield Boxing Club's members earned the Golden Gloves designation while two others were designated as runners-up for this honor, and in 2008, an identical alignment of award winners also emerged from the club, and

Whereas, since opening the Springfield Boxing Club, Bob Obdrzalek has been awarded the Vermont Golden Gloves Jimmy Sheridan Memorial Manager-Trainer award, and

Whereas, three of his younger boxers won first-place trophies at the November 1, 2008 Junior Olympic Bouts held in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and

Whereas, in recognition of his demonstrated success as a boxing coach, Bob Obdrzalek has been designated as USA Boxing New England's 2008 Vermont Coach of the Year, a well-deserved honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Bob Obdrzalek of Springfield on his designation as USA Boxing New England's Vermont Coach of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bob Obdrzalek in Springfield

H.C.R. 59.

House concurrent resolution honoring Jane McLuckie Lendway for 33 years of outstanding service to the state of Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Montpelier and Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott

Whereas, Jane McLuckie made the wise decision to move from Michigan to Vermont to work with the Vermont division for historic preservation as an

architectural historian, and she began her state service on September 22, 1975, and

Whereas, she fell in love with a native Vermonter and married him, knowing her husband-to-be had firm Vermont roots and would always want to stay in our beautiful state, and

Whereas, Jane Lendway became grants manager at the Vermont division for historic preservation and encouraged numerous preservation and restoration projects throughout the state of Vermont to revitalize our state's communities, and

Whereas, in her role as grants manager she supported important and far-reaching archeological studies on land and under the waters of Lake Champlain, and

Whereas, Jane Lendway helped create the Vermont downtown program, a cornerstone of Vermont's economic vitality and historic preservation movement, and

Whereas, in her tenure at the Vermont division for historic preservation, Jane Lendway pioneered nearly every position in the office, setting high standards of professionalism for the state and national registers of historic places, the certified local government program, the investment tax credit program, and the Vermont downtown program, with the goal of helping Vermont property owners of all types preserve their historic resources and maintain and sustain vital communities, and

Whereas, Jane Lendway served on the Vermont Champlain Quadricentennial Commission, chairing the infrastructure committee, and making important contributions in that effort, and

Whereas, she has been an enthusiastic supporter of Vermont's state-owned historic sites and has participated in their various and sundry special events, including, but not limited to, the dedication of Mount Independence ADA trails, the Justin Morrill Education Center, and children's activities at the Plymouth Cheese & Harvest Festival, and

Whereas, she has always been ready with a helping hand, and

Whereas, the personnel at the Bennington Battle Monument have welcomed Jane Lendway's expertise in lightbulb changing, and

Whereas, Jane Lendway's accomplishments as a volunteer master gardener may be seen and appreciated throughout the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, Jane's generous spirit, kindness, wisdom, sense of humor, unfailing calm, and friendship will be enormously missed by her colleagues, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its appreciation to Jane Lendway for 33 years of service and congratulates her on her retirement as Vermont's state historic preservation officer for the division for historic preservation, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jane and Alan Lendway, her father, Alex McLuckie, and her sister, Suzanne Kardasz.

H.C.R. 60

House concurrent resolution congratulating Diana Leddy on being named the 2009 Vermont Teacher of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Cheney of Norwich, Masland of Thetford, Clark of Vergennes, Donovan of Burlington, Geier of South Burlington, Gilbert of Fairfax, Kilmartin of Newport City, Mook of Bennington, Pearce of Richford, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburg, Waite-Simpson of Essex and Zenie of Colchester

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, Diana Leddy has been a public school educator at the Newton School in South Strafford, and

Whereas, she graduated from Boston College with a major in elementary and special education, and she later earned a master's degree in education from Antioch New England Graduate School, and

Whereas, since 1983, Diana Leddy has been a faculty member of the Newton School in South Strafford, and

Whereas, Diana Leddy is a dedicated classroom instructor who has inspired a generation of youngsters to reach for the highest potential level of academic achievement, and

Whereas, she assisted, along with her Newton School colleagues Joey Hawkins and Danette Hawkins, in the development of new benchmarks for students' writing and in the planning and leading of the state's first primary writing network, and

Whereas, Diana Leddy has compiled her thoughts on teaching writing to students of different ages in a book that she has written, and

Whereas, Diana Leddy is a powerful presence in the classroom, one who makes her students feels safe and cared for while constantly challenging them to reach for new plateaus of achievements, and

Whereas, at a surprise ceremony in September 2008 that the Strafford board of education and the Vermont department of education hosted at Barrett Hall in South Strafford, Diana Leddy was presented the 2009 Vermont Teacher of the Year Award, much to the delight of her admiring colleagues and thrilled students, and

Whereas, as the recipient of this honor, Diana Leddy will travel through the state to meet with other teachers on matters pertaining to public education, and

Whereas, she will represent Vermont in the National Teacher of the Year competition and, in the spring, attend a special recognition ceremony at the White House with President Obama, and

Whereas, Diana Leddy is a most deserving recipient of this award representing the achievements of an outstanding teacher, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Diana Leddy on being named the 2009 Vermont Teacher of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Diana Leddy at the Newton School in South Strafford.

H.C.R. 61

House concurrent resolution welcoming home from military service in Iraq U.S. Army Reserve Specialist First Class Sally Cole of Johnson

Offered by: Representative Nease of Johnson

Offered by: Senator Bartlett

Whereas, among the Vermonters who have served in Operation Iraqi Freedom is Specialist First Class (SFC) Sally Cole (U.S. Army Reserve), who is a member of the 424th Vertical Construction Company headquartered in Rutland, and that unit in turn is part of the 368th Engineering Battalion based in Londonderry, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, SFC Cole has recently returned from a year-long assignment in Iraq during which she was cross-leveled or temporarily assigned to the 412th Engineering Command Gulf Region Deployment (GRD), and

Whereas, the GRD provides sustainable engineering that supports both civilian and military construction projects in Iraq, and

Whereas, the GRD has already completed more than 4,000 construction projects, and

Whereas, from March 5 to March 8, the 368th Battalion will conduct a training exercise at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, during which a special

ceremony will honor battalion members, including SFC Cole, who have served in Iraq, and

Whereas, SFC Cole has served her state and nation most honorably as a member of the United States military deployed in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes home from military service in Iraq U.S. Army Reserve Specialist First Class Sally Cole of Johnson and recognizes her honorable military service and the sacrifices she has made on behalf of our state and nation, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the 368th Engineering Battalion in Londonderry, New Hampshire, for presentation to SFC Cole during the special recognition ceremony to take place at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, in early March.

H.C.R. 62

House concurrent resolution honoring Deborah Lisi-Baker for her leadership role as an advocate for disabled and deaf Vermonters

Offered by: Representatives Minter of Waterbury, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Donahue of Northfield, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lenex of Shelburne, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, Milkey of Brattleboro, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Donnell of Vernon, Orr of Charlotte, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Webb of Shelburne, Wilson of Manchester and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, Deborah Lisi-Baker has devoted her professional and personal life fighting for the rights of persons with disabilities and the deaf, and

Whereas, she prepared for her career as an advocate as an education major at Johnson State College, from which she graduated with high honors and high distinction, and studied mediation at Woodbury College, facilitative leadership and human rights, and evaluation in nongovernmental organizations through the Human Rights Education Associates and the Interaction Institute for Social Change, and

Whereas, her career has been based at the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) in Montpelier, with which she has been professionally associated since its creation 30 years ago as a statewide nonprofit advocacy organization for the disabled and deaf, and

Whereas, for the last decade, Deborah-Lisi-Baker has served as the extremely capable and highly respected VCIL executive director, and

Whereas, her managerial skills enabled VCIL to eliminate a financial deficit and considerably broaden the scope of its critical support services, and

Whereas, of all her many accomplishments at VCIL, Deborah Lisi-Baker is especially proud of her contribution to the growth in the number of Vermonters residing in nursing homes who have been able to return to their own homes and communities, and

Whereas, she has published many informational guides and educational materials, both for her service clientele and the professionals who offer them support services, and

Whereas, Deborah Lisi-Baker's writing and journalistic talents are most widely displayed in her role as editor of the *Independent*, a statewide newspaper for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and their family members, and

Whereas, she serves on the board of many organizations that complement the work of VCIL, and she is the proud founder of the Vermont ADA Coalition, and

Whereas, Deborah Lisi-Baker is a creative, effective, and passionate advocate for the disabled and deaf, and she uses her superb communications skills to enable these Vermonters to live with greater dignity and hope, and

Whereas, after a decade of innovative leadership, Deborah Lisi-Baker is retiring as VCIL's executive director, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Deborah Lisi-Baker for her leadership role as an advocate for disabled and deaf Vermonters, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Deborah Lisi-Baker and to the Vermont Center for Independent Living in Montpelier.