

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

ADDENDUM

OF

FRIDAY, APRIL 03, 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 Resolution

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

S.C.R. 16.

Senate concurrent resolution recognizing the political accomplishments of former Governor Howard Dean.

Whereas, Howard Dean, a young medical doctor from Burlington, served as a member of the House of Representatives in the bienniums of 1983–1984 and 1985–1986, and

Whereas, in 1986, he won his first race for statewide office as lieutenant governor in which role he presided over the senate from 1987 to 1991, and

Whereas, in August 1991, upon the sudden death of Governor Richard Snelling, Lieutenant Governor Dean was thrust into the governorship, and

Whereas, Governor Dean steered the state of Vermont through a difficult economic climate and time by following Governor Snelling's three-year economic recovery plan to its successful conclusion, and

Whereas, during his administration, Governor Dean implemented a broad-based program of health insurance for children under 18, and

Whereas, another special focus of Governor Dean's tenure was his effort to expand and strengthen Vermont's commercial and cultural relations with Canada, especially the province of Quebec, and

Whereas, after serving in the governorship for twelve and one-half years, he entered an historic run for the presidency, and

Whereas, the Dean for America campaign inaugurated grass roots democracy when Howard Dean reminded Americans that "you have the power to end the senseless war in Iraq and take your government back," and

Whereas, although his quest for the nation's highest political office was unsuccessful, Howard Dean introduced the use of the Internet as a major campaign tool that President Barack Obama followed and expanded with great success, and

Whereas, for the past four years, Howard Dean has served as Chair of the Democratic National Committee and introduced an innovative approach to national politics with his 50-state strategy that deployed Democratic political party organizers in every state, even those that had the most minimal history of voting for Democratic candidates, and

Whereas, Howard Dean's 50-state strategy aided President Barack Obama in the building of a political base that helped him to win the 2008 election, and

Whereas, in February 2009, Howard Dean stepped down as Chair of the Democratic National Committee and is looking forward to the next phase in his life's journey, and *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the significant accomplishments and contributions to the state of Vermont and national politics of former Governor Howard Dean and wishes him well in his future endeavors, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama and to Governor Howard Dean.

House Concurrent Resolutions

H.C.R. 90

House concurrent resolution congratulating transportation district 7 on earning VOSHA's Green Mountain Voluntary Protection Program's Star certification

Offered by: Representatives Peaslee of Guildhall, Johnson of Canaan, Aswad of Burlington, Audette of South Burlington, Brennan of Colchester, Burke of Brattleboro, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Higley of Lowell, Howrigan of Fairfield, Kilmartin of Newport City, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Derby, Marcotte of Coventry, Morley of Barton, Potter of Clarendon, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Rodgers of Glover, South of St. Johnsbury, Toll of Danville, Westman of Cambridge and Wheeler of Derby

Offered by: Senators Choate, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Maynard, Mazza, Scott, Shumlin and Starr

Whereas, VOSHA is the Vermont department of labor's occupational safety and health compliance program, and the highest honor this program can

bestow on a public or private sector organization is its Voluntary Protection Program's Star certification, and

Whereas, for an organization to earn this certification, it must submit to a rigorous and lengthy examination of all aspects of its operations with respect to health and safety practices, and

Whereas, beginning in 2006, as the first steps toward the much-coveted VOSHA Star certification, workers in Vermont agency of transportation district 7, which consists of Caledonia, and parts of Essex and Orange Counties and is based in St. Johnsbury, began a collaborative process with VOSHA and completed a comprehensive application, and

Whereas, every safety policy in the district was assessed and, where necessary, revisions were implemented, and

Whereas, the district's employees formed safety component teams and enhanced current safety trainings and, where necessary, developed new ones, and

Whereas, after all the preliminary work was completed, the district participated in an extremely intensive four-day VOSHA on-site evaluation that entailed inspections, observations, and random employee interviews, and

Whereas, once VOSHA thoroughly evaluated the results of the four-day site visit, the long-awaited moment arrived when Star certification was officially bestowed on district 7, and

Whereas, according to Dan Whipple, evaluation team leader for VOSHA, "District 7 is the first organization of its kind in New England, and likely in the United States" to earn this distinguished honor, and

Whereas, Star certification translates into direct benefits for district 7 workers, including much-improved morale, a safer workplace, better team building, an improved standard of care for both the facility and equipment, fewer accidents and corresponding lower workers' compensation claims and premiums, exemptions from certain inspection requirements, and an improved working relationship with VOSHA, and

Whereas, Transportation Manager Dale Peron and the 54 other district 7 employees are to be commended for their determination and perseverance in facilitating district 7's successful quest for Star certification, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vermont Agency of Transportation District 7 and all of its employees on the notable achievement

of earning VOSHA's Voluntary Protection Program's Star certification, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dale Perron at district 7 headquarters in St. Johnsbury and to Secretary of Transportation David Dill in Montpelier.

H.C.R. 91

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Journey East Program of Leland & Gray Union Middle and High School on its tenth anniversary

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

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, a unique and extremely successful example of a community-based international intercultural exchange is the Journey East Program that was established in 2000 at Leland & Gray Union Middle and High School in Townshend, and

Whereas, under its rubric, Leland & Gray has hosted foreign exchange students from Brazil, China, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Indonesia, Korea, Mexico, Switzerland, Thailand, and the Ukraine, and

Whereas, in the opposite direction, Leland & Gray students have studied in high schools in China, the Czech Republic, France, Italy, Germany, Kashmir, Ladakh, and Switzerland, and

Whereas, Journey East's innovative East Asian educational and performance-related programs have been nurtured in a partnership with the Asian Studies Outreach Program at the University of Vermont and the program's former director, Dr. Juefei Wang, and its current director, Dr. Holden Waterman, and

Whereas, a highlight of the Journey East Program has been the Vermont visits of musical and dance performing groups from China and Inner Mongolia, and

Whereas, full scale performances and educational workshops have been held at a number of local schools statewide, and

Whereas, these groups from China and Inner Mongolia have shared their cultural heritage at several Vermont colleges and universities, and in touring the state, the performers have observed Vermont and the Vermont way-of-life first-hand, and

Whereas, the role of these performers at Leland & Gray has led to important revisions to the study of Asia at the schools of the Windham Central Supervisory Union, and

Whereas, the performers have met leading Vermont officials and performed with Grammy Award-winning cellist Eugene Friesen at the prestigious Berklee School of Music in Boston, and

Whereas, six arts teachers from East Asia resided six months at Leland & Gray learning about American culture, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Journey East Program of Leland & Gray High School on its tenth anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Leland & Gray High School and to Dr. Holden Waterman at the University of Vermont.

H.C.R. 92

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Children's Aid Society on its 90th anniversary and its retiring executive director Steve Habif

Offered by: Representatives Lorber of Burlington, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Audette of South Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Cheney of Norwich, Clark of Vergennes, Clerkin of Hartford, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Geier of South Burlington, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hube of Londonderry, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larson of Burlington, Leriche of Hardwick, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, McCullough of Williston, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Morley of Barton, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Peaslee of Guildhall, Pellett of Chester, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Smith of Mendon, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of

Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, Young of St. Albans City, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, for 90 years, the Vermont Children’s Aid Society has provided adoption opportunities for children who would not otherwise have a permanent and loving home, and

Whereas, the flu pandemic of 1918–1919 orphaned thousands of children in the United States, including many Vermont youngsters, and

Whereas, in response to this emergency situation, a group of Vermonters consisting primarily of social workers who had firsthand knowledge of the need to find stable and nurturing homes for the Vermont children who the flu pandemic had orphaned met at the Hotel Vermont in Burlington on April 2, 1919 and established the Vermont Children’s Aid Society, and

Whereas, these caring Vermonters formed this organization for the stated purpose “of engaging in social services activities of prevention, relief, and remedy designed to safeguard the welfare of minors,” and

Whereas, for much of the history of the Vermont Children’s Aid Society, it functioned primarily as an adoption agency that provided lifelong adoption services for birth parents, adoptive parents, and adoptive children, and

Whereas, more recently, in order to meet contemporary needs of young people, the Vermont Children’s Aid Society has expanded its services to include Camp ForMe, designed for adopted children and teenagers, a child and family counseling service, and the Kids-A-Part program for families with an incarcerated parent, and

Whereas, during 2008, the Vermont Children’s Aid Society provided invaluable family support services to nearly 2,000 young people, their families, and caregivers, and

Whereas, the Vermont Children’s Aid Society’s mission of creating new and loving families and providing emotional comfort and support to thousands of children and teenagers remains an ongoing one, and

Whereas, the organization’s 90th anniversary is an especially opportune time to honor its many accomplishments as its much-respected executive director Steve Habif will retire shortly, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont Children’s Aid Society on its 90th anniversary and its retiring executive director Steve Habif, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Children's Aid Society and to Steve Habif.

H.C.R. 93

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the third Vermont State House

Offered by: Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Hooper of Montpelier, Clarkson of Woodstock and Johnson of South Hero

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott

Whereas, the first Vermont State House, a comparatively plain three-story wooden structure, opened in 1808, and

Whereas, by the 1830s, the building proved inadequate to accommodate Vermont's newly bicameral legislature, and a young Vermont architect, Ammi B. Young, designed a new state capitol constructed primarily of Barre granite that resembled an ancient Greek temple featuring a Doric portico and a Roman style dome, and

Whereas, on a cold winter's evening, on January 6, 1857, an overheated furnace ignited a flaming blaze that severely damaged the Second Vermont State House, leaving only the portico reusable, and

Whereas, Boston architect Thomas W. Silloway, a former colleague of Ammi B. Young, was initially selected to design the third Vermont State House, and his desire to construct a temple of democracy conflicted with the goals of adequacy, economy, and fire resistance that clerk of the works and former House Speaker Dr. Thomas E. Powers of Woodstock espoused, and

Whereas, their differences led to Silloway's resignation, and his architectural replacement was Joseph Richards, and Dr. Powers and Joseph Richards proceeded to see the new and much grander edifice through to completion in 1859, and

Whereas, Julian Scott's masterful battle of Cedar Creek painting, depicting this famous Civil War battle scene, was unveiled in 1874 but was initially hung in the governor's office for lack of an alternative space, and

Whereas, Joseph Richards' new west wing opened in 1886, expanding the increasingly cramped Vermont State House, and it included the supreme court's first permanent chamber and a new state library, enabling the former library space to be transformed into the Cedar Creek Room as a proper home for Scott's painting, and

Whereas, electricity first illuminated the building in the early 1900s, the dome was initially gilded in 1907, in 1910, sculptor Mead Larkin's widow donated one of his busts of Abraham Lincoln, and when the supreme court and

state library departed in 1918, their former spaces were reconfigured for legislative and executive branch purposes, and

Whereas, many of the remaining executive branch offices departed in 1949, and, in 1971, the governor's primary working office was relocated to the new Pavilion Office Building, and

Whereas, in the 1980s, a new cafeteria, the speaker's office suite, and legislative council offices were added, and

Whereas, the establishment of the Friends of the State House in 1981 resulted in a private fundraising drive that, with additional public monies, saw the restoration of the Cedar Creek Room, including its long dismantled and stunning stained glass skylight, the legislative chambers and their vestibule, and other rooms, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 150th anniversary of the third Vermont State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Friends of the Vermont State House and the Curator of State Buildings.

H.C.R. 94

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2008 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship boys' ice hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Bohi of Hartford, Clerkin of Hartford, Adams of Hartland, Clarkson of Woodstock, Gilbert of Fairfax and Mitchell of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, the key to success in the game of ice hockey is not premised on the number of shots directed at the opponent's goalie but which team scores the most points, and

Whereas, this ice hockey maxim was once again proven true during the 2009 Division II boys' championship game between the top-seeded Hartford Hurricanes and the third-seeded Burr and Burton Bulldogs, played at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse, in which the Bulldogs outshot the Hurricanes but fell short offensively, and

Whereas, Hartford opened the scoring with a slap shot from the left circle at the 6:19 mark of the first period, and just a few minutes later, a shot from the right direction ricocheted into the net, giving the Hurricanes a 2-0 lead, and

Whereas, in the second period, Hartford added a third goal at 3:18 and assumed a more comfortable 3–0 scoring advantage, and

Whereas, early in the third period, Burr and Burton posted its first point, but less than a minute later, a Hurricane sent the puck into an undefended corner of the Bulldogs goal post’s left end, increasing the Hartford margin to 4–1, and

Whereas, although the Bulldogs came back for another goal less than two minutes later, Hartford’s defense made certain that the Bulldogs’ scoring was concluded, and the 21-1-1 Hurricanes finished the game with a 4–2 victory and brought home the 2009 Division II boys’ hockey championship, and

Whereas, every Hurricane player, including Aaron Mullen, Matt Latvis, Dan Devins, Max Juliano, Cody Vose, Drew Twitchell, Cody Steadman, Josh Bouthillier, John McReynolds, A.J. Hamel, Bobby Murray, Patrick Riley, Ryan Payne, Tim Hamel, Mike Avery, Ryan McGuire, Stephen Durkee, Hudson Cox, Thomas Andrews, Duncan Dowd, Sumner Becker, and Nate Potter, played an exciting season of hockey on the icy surface, and

Whereas, Head Coach Todd Bebeau, Assistant Coach Kevin Guilbault, and Goalie Coach Jake Obar were inspiring instructors, and the services of team manager Dillan Sass and stick boy Nathan Robinson were always timely, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2008 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship boys’ ice hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Todd Bebeau at Hartford High School.

H.C.R. 95

House concurrent resolution congratulating Essex High School on receipt of a 2009 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement

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

Whereas, thousands of college-bound high school students throughout the United States enroll in advanced placement (AP) courses that are offered in the humanities, mathematics, and the sciences, and

Whereas, AP courses offer the enrollees an opportunity to study these subjects at the most challenging level offered in secondary schools, and

Whereas, a primary motivation for a student to take an AP course is to sit for the AP examination in the designated subject, and many colleges and

universities offer students who earn a high enough test score either college credit or a waiver from taking preliminary or required courses, and

Whereas, the AP courses in mathematics and the sciences serve as an important springboard for students wishing to pursue careers in these fields, and

Whereas, AP math and science courses and the corresponding AP examinations are offered in biology, calculus, chemistry, computer science, environmental science, physics (electricity and magnetism), physics (mechanics), and statistics, and

Whereas, each year, the College Board, the administrator of the AP exams, in collaboration with the Siemens Foundation present the Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement, which honor students, teachers, and one high school in each state for their respective accomplishments in the AP science and mathematics exams, and

Whereas, each of the honored high schools is selected “to recognize its commitment to students and leadership in AP participation and performance,” and

Whereas, in 2009, the award’s judges selected Essex High School as the Vermont high school winner of the Siemens Award for Advanced Placement, and

Whereas, this distinguished honor recognizes the excellence of Essex High’s math and science curriculum and the outstanding faculty who serve as its instructors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Essex High School on receipt of the 2009 Vermont high school Siemens Award for Advanced Placement, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Essex High School Principal Robert Reardon.

H.C.R. 96

House concurrent resolution congratulating Janet Medston Perrigo Brown-Wolff of South Burlington on being named the 2009 Vermont Mother of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Audette of South Burlington, Geier of South Burlington and Head of South Burlington

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

Whereas, American Mothers Inc. (AMI) traces its origins to Anna Reeves Jarvis who organized a day of love and friendship across Civil War battle lines that eventually became Mother's Day, and

Whereas, in 1935, AMI began to honor extraordinary mothers as the Mother of the Year when Honorary Chair Sarah Delano Roosevelt, the mother of President Franklin Roosevelt, presented the first award, and

Whereas, since that inaugural presentation, AMI has annually named a Mother of the Year award in each state, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, and

Whereas, in 2009, AMI is pleased to honor Janet Medston Perrigo Brown-Wolff as the 2009 Vermont Mother of the Year, and

Whereas, she was married to Samuel G. Brown II and is the mother of four children, a grandmother of 13 grandchildren, and has one great-grandchild, and

Whereas, in 1997, she married John L. Wolff, Jr. and became the stepmother of his four adult children, and

Whereas, Janet Perrigo Brown-Wolff's professional career was devoted to caring for and nurturing others during her 44 years as a registered nurse and nurse educator, and

Whereas, she is the originator of the nurse practitioner program in Vermont, and

Whereas, her philosophy of parenting centers on "the need to develop an intimate connection with each child thus enabling the child to become their own person," and

Whereas, she also advocates that a parent must be a "protector, provider, disciplinarian, and nurturer," and

Whereas, Janet Perrigo Brown-Wolff's community leadership and role as a parent, stepparent, grandparent, and great-grandparent make her an ideal candidate for this special recognition, and

Whereas, the Vermont Mother of the Year award will be presented to Janet Perrigo Brown-Wolff at the First Congregational Church in Burlington on Saturday, April 4, 2009, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Janet Medston Perrigo Brown-Wolff on being named the 2009 Vermont Mother of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Janet Medston Perrigo Brown-Wolff.

H.C.R. 97

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Hazen Union High School Division III championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Leriche of Hardwick, Morley of Barton, Peltz of Woodbury and Rodgers of Glover

Whereas, having last captured the Division III boys' basketball championship in 2006, the Hazen Union High School Wildcats had become increasingly determined to clinch another, and

Whereas, their play during the 2008–2009 season reflected this desire as the Wildcats reached the Division III championship game at the Barre Auditorium, where Hazen faced the BFA-Fairfax Bullets, and

Whereas, the Wildcats led BFA-Fairfax 11–8 after the first quarter, and by the time the game had come down to six minutes until the final whistle, Hazen was maintaining a narrow 41–39 lead, and

Whereas, motivated to not walk away without the state title, Hazen ignited a scoring spree adding ten points to its tally in the following three minutes while blocking even a single Bullet point, and

Whereas, the Wildcats then proceeded to win the game and capture the Division III championship with a final 60–48 score, and

Whereas, on the trip home to Hardwick, the players were frequently chanting “it's great to be a Hazen Wildcat” and were in a joyous frame of mind, and

Whereas, a caravan of fans' cars, with their headlights creating a stream of light, trailed the bus throughout the journey, and

Whereas, news of Hazen's victory had quickly spread, and crowds of supporters in both Woodbury and Hardwick enthusiastically welcomed and cheered these new sports heroes, and

Whereas, Wildcat players Brandon McLeon, Adam Whitney, Jeb Appleton, Andrew Whitney, Jon Flood, Tanner Benjamin, Ryan Hall, Ryan Tatro, Chris Williams, Justin DeLaricheliere, Billy Vasiliadis, Billy Boyd, George Coultas, Alan Therrien, and Andrew Laggis all celebrated this great victory, and

Whereas, Coach Aaron Hill, who has instilled the value of good sportsmanship in his players, and assistant coaches Mike Baker, Travis Hill, and Jamon Renaud were great leaders for the team, and everyone could rely on the support of team managers Grady Thayer and Dennis LeCours, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Hazen Union High School Division III championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Aaron Hill at Hazen Union High School.

H.C.R. 98

House concurrent resolution honoring Roderick Leach of Plainfield for his extraordinary public service at the agency of transportation

Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott

Whereas, dedicated public servants are not uncommon among Vermont state government employees, but Roderick (Butch) Leach is a gentleman whose conscientiousness and admirable work ethic are truly unsurpassed, and

Whereas, his career in North Montpelier at the district 6 garage of the former highway department, later reorganized into the agency of transportation, is worthy of legislative recognition, and

Whereas, in 1956, Butch Leach's uncle, Bill Wild, at the time an employee at the garage, was able to secure employment for his 19-year-old nephew at the garage, and

Whereas, no one could possibly have envisioned on the day that Butch Leach first walked into the district 6 garage that he was beginning a career that would endure for an amazing 52 years, and

Whereas, his commitment to his job and aiding his fellow Vermonters traveling to their destinations during the hazardous winter months, are best exemplified by his often quoted comment that he would rather "run the equipment than eat," and

Whereas, this remark was evidently based in fact as Butch Leach accumulated over three years of sick leave during his over half-century on the job, and

Whereas, the attention and care he applied to his work-related activities was rewarded with a 52-year record that was blemished with neither a single accident nor an employment infraction, and

Whereas, Butch Leach left state service as simply as he arrived, arranging with his supervisor not to appear at work one Monday in May 2008, having not told any of his colleagues that he was about to end his 52 years of employment, during which he had been at work every single week, and

Whereas, Butch Leach's long-time colleagues decided that his departure from their midst could not go totally unrecognized, and in December 2008, on

a rare day when the garage's employees were not on road servicing duty, they invited Butch to join them for lunch and surprised him by unveiling a well-designed sign dedicating the district's new salt and sand shed in his honor, and

Whereas, today, Friday, April 3, 2009, Butch Leach, his wife, daughter, and granddaughter, Shoshanah, are all gathered in the House chamber to honor Shoshanah's service as a page, and this, Butch Leach's first time ever in the state house, is a wonderful opportunity to honor him for a half century of superb job performance, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Roderick Leach for his extraordinary public service at the agency of transportation, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Roderick Leach of Plainfield.