

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**SENATE and HOUSE  
CALENDAR**

**OF**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009**

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

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

#### Senate Concurrent Resolutions

By Senators Illuzzi and Starr,

By Representative Johnson of Canaan,

#### **S.C.R. 19.**

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Joanie Binns for her accomplishments as manager of the Quimby Country resort.

*Whereas*, Quimby Country in Averill is a shareholder-owned rustic resort that attracts guests from far beyond Vermont's borders who return annually to renew old acquaintances and enjoy the resort's warm hospitality and great outdoor activities, and

*Whereas*, this century-old recreational facility is situated adjacent to Forest Lake and Big Averill Pond, features a central three-story lodge and one-floor cabins, and is reminiscent of the sprawling north country summer camps of a bygone era, and

*Whereas*, the managerial oversight required for Quimby Country's successful operation must be attentive to the twin goals of providing a wonderful vacation experience for visitors and assuring shareholders they have invested in an efficiently and responsibly operated business, and

*Whereas*, for the last 17 years, Joanie Binns has served as Quimby Country's first-class manager and assumed myriad responsibilities she could never have envisioned would enter her portfolio of duties, and

*Whereas*, the scope of her job is as diverse as any comparable position in the hospitality industry, and

*Whereas*, as inn manager, Joanie Binns supervises Quimby Country's daily administration during the summer occupancy season, and even after the last guest departs, she has numerous tasks related to wrapping up the year and preparing for the next, and

*Whereas*, her culinary skills have been successfully tested and guest-approved as Joanie Binns has proven a pastry chef who can create delicious delights, and

*Whereas*, when Quimby Country installed a new septic system, Joanie Binns quickly mastered the technical intricacies to serve as the project's clerk of the works, and

*Whereas*, Joanie Binns has proven economically adroit, demonstrating a keen ability to maximize the value of each dollar and implementing downsizing initiatives to meet the limitations of current economic conditions, and

*Whereas*, she is widely viewed among the resort's guests and directors as a superb manager who has risen to every challenge and met it beyond anyone's expectations, and

*Whereas*, after 17 years of service beyond the call of duty as Quimby Country's manager, Joanie Binns has announced that her tenure at the resort is concluding, and replacing her will be a difficult task, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors Joanie Binns for her accomplishments as manager of the Quimby Country resort, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joanie Binns and to Quimby Country President Lewis Morse.

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

**S.C.R. 20.**

Senate concurrent resolution expressing appreciation of the state house staff and Buildings and General Services security patrol for the professionalism they displayed during the legislative proceedings related to civil marriage legislation.

Senate concurrent resolution expressing appreciation of the state house staff and buildings and general services security patrol for the professionalism they displayed during the legislative proceedings related to the civil marriage legislation

*Whereas*, during the past few weeks, the General Assembly has been engaged in emotionally intensive deliberations relative to civil marriage legislation, and

*Whereas*, these deliberations included Senate and House Committees on Judiciary hearings and meetings, a large public hearing that these committees jointly hosted in the well of the House, and debate on the floor of each legislative chamber, and

*Whereas*, all of these proceedings resulted in enormous crowds of Vermonters coming to the state house to witness and participate in the discussions, and

*Whereas*, aside from the large number of state house visitors, the volume of telephone calls and e-mails increased dramatically, and

*Whereas*, throughout this challenging time, the staff of the Sergeant at Arms' office, the Legislative Council, the Joint Fiscal Office, the House clerk's and Senate secretary's offices, and the employees of the Department of Buildings and General Services who work inside and outside the state house greeted the members of the public in a courteous and professional manner, be it in person or on the telephone, and

*Whereas*, state house and Buildings and General Services staff were unfailingly friendly and helpful, and were even able to smile through what were undoubtedly demanding and trying moments with the phones ringing incessantly and the crowds only continuing to grow, and

*Whereas*, the respect that all of these legislative and executive branch employees showed their fellow Vermonters who, regardless of their political persuasion and points of view, were exercising their rights to participate in the democratic process, is symbolic of the civility and decency that are at the core of Vermont's civic culture, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly expresses its appreciation to the state house staff and Buildings and General Services security patrol for the professionalism they displayed during the legislative proceedings related to the civil marriage legislation, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each legislative office mentioned in this resolution and to the commissioner of buildings and general services.

By Senators Sears, Mullin and Nitka,

By Representatives Lippert of Hinesburg, Morrissey of Bennington, Haas of Rochester, Acinapura of Brandon, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Ancel of Calais, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Audette of South Burlington, Baker of West Rutland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burke of

Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, 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, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, Flory of Pittsford, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Geier of South Burlington, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Helm of Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hube of Londonderry, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Johnson of Canaan, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Larson of Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Derby, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Milkey of Brattleboro, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morley of Barton, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Orr of Charlotte, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Pellett of Chester, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburg, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South 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 Mendon, Smith of Morristown, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Westman of Cambridge, Weston of Burlington, Wheeler of Derby, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, Young of St. Albans City, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington,

**S.C.R. 21.**

Senate concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont court diversion program on its 30th anniversary.

*Whereas*, for the past 30 years, Vermont citizens in every county have successfully addressed crime at the community level through locally controlled and volunteer-managed court diversion programs, and

*Whereas*, court diversion holds individuals who violate the law accountable for their actions in a manner that promotes responsible behavior, and

*Whereas*, court diversion programs around the state have redirected over 75,000 people out of the court system, saving many hours of judicial system staff time and expense, and

*Whereas*, court diversion promotes the development of safer Vermont communities through its individualized approach to low-level crime and by facilitating relationships among citizens, persons responsible for harm, and those harmed by a crime, and

*Whereas*, the court diversion program has responded to the needs of crime victims and overseen the payment of over \$2,800,000 in restitution payments to victims of crime during the past 30 years, and

*Whereas*, court diversion participants have provided over 645,000 hours of community service in their local communities, and

*Whereas*, court diversion has reduced the work of the state's attorneys, defense counsel and courts, saving the state a significant amount of money, and

*Whereas*, 2009 marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of court diversion in Vermont, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly is pleased to honor the court diversion program on its 30th anniversary and its work to improve the criminal justice system, and congratulates the thousands of Vermonters who have been part of its success, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Willa Farrell, Director of Court Diversion.

**House Concurrent Resolutions**

**H.C.R. 103**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Chelsea High School Red Devils 2009 Division IV girls' basketball championship team

Offered by: Representatives Davis of Washington, French of Randolph, Townsend of Randolph and Winters of Williamstown

Whereas, the Division IV girls' basketball season could not have ended with greater excitement as two of the division's best teams, the first-seeded West Rutland Westsiders and the impressive Chelsea High School Red Devils, played against each other in the season's most decisive game at the Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, each school's fans were able to witness an exciting contest as both teams demonstrated skill and command on the hardwood floor, and

Whereas, the Red Devils' history of post-season championship triumphs, six prior to this game, the last in 2005, provided them with a degree of special confidence as they handled the ball adeptly throughout the game, and

Whereas, Chelsea's steady and reliable style of play proved effective as the Red Devils went to their midgame break holding a comfortable nine-point 25-16 lead, and

Whereas, although the Westsiders narrowed the margin during the second half, they were unable to overtake Chelsea's skill at maintaining the point advantage, and

Whereas, when the call of the final whistle was heard, the Chelsea Red Devils had clinched a special victory as they defeated the West Rutland Westsiders and won the 2009 Division IV girls' basketball championship, and

Whereas, the talented Chelsea team consisted of Samantha Bonasera, Jodi Emerson, Robyn Kennedy, Marisa Osgood, Emma Blanchard, Katie Cooper, Courtney Sanford, Morgan Tullar, Jasmine Braman, Whitney Ladd, Carolann Hook, and Michelle Upham, and

Whereas, Head Coach John Parker and the great assistant coaches Melissa Sanford and Mike McCullough served as both inspiring and knowledgeable mentors for the players, and

Whereas, the students of Chelsea High School were delighted with the team's success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Chelsea High School Red Devils 2009 Division IV girls' basketball championship team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Parker at Chelsea High School.

#### **H.C.R. 104**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Spaulding High School Division I Crimson Tide championship girls' basketball team

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

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott

Whereas, the 2009 Spaulding Union High School's girls' basketball team learned not to preclude prematurely the possibility of victory, and

Whereas, as the second-seeded team in the 2009 Division I girls' basketball playoffs, the Crimson Tide survived the preliminary rounds to advance to the championship court and face the first-seeded Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Comets, and

Whereas, the Crimson Tide was challenged to overcome its 0–2 record against the Comets, and

Whereas, the opening quarter was not encouraging for Spaulding, as it ended with the Crimson Tide on the low end of a 13–3 score, and

Whereas, as the halftime break began, the Crimson Tide girls had narrowed the Comets' lead to six points, having outscored BFA-St. Albans 9–5 during the second quarter, but Spaulding still trailed 18–12, and

Whereas, the Crimson Tide's recharged second-half energy enabled this undeniably first-rate basketball squad to finish the third quarter with a narrow but psychologically valuable 32–31 lead, and

Whereas, despite the Comets' regaining the lead early in the fourth quarter, Spaulding's persistently steady play during the contest's waning moments resulted in a new Spaulding lead with 1:30 left to play, and

Whereas, this exciting closing quarter concluded with four successful single-point shots from the foul line that gave Spaulding a 42–37 win over BFA-St. Albans and the school's first girls' basketball championship, and

Whereas, the thrilled members of this special team included Ashley Magoon, Kristy Thygesen, Natalie Shea, Casey Koch, Linsey Barclay, Devyn LaFrance, Olivia Badeau, Abby Prevost, Marissa Velez, Jillian Calderara, Shelby Gregoire, Shannae Harvin, and Aliza Benoit, and Renee Houle served ably as the team's manager, and

Whereas, Coach Tom Roberge was extremely proud of his players' great success and their 21–3 season record, as were assistant coaches Paul Bowles, Greg Fleck, Thurman Wilder, and Trent Benoit, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Spaulding Union High School Division I Crimson Tide championship girls' basketball team, and be it further



Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tom Roberge at Spaulding High School.

**H.C.R. 105**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Spaulding High School students honored as Times Argus athletes of the year

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

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott

Whereas, three student athletes at Spaulding High School received special recognition from the Times Argus newspaper for their outstanding achievements in their respective late fall-winter season sports, and

Whereas, in girls' basketball, Spaulding senior Marissa Velez was honored as the newspaper's player of the year for the second consecutive year, and

Whereas, she played instrumental roles in both the Crimson Tide's semifinal victory against St. Johnsbury Academy and the championship game against BFA-St. Albans in which she completed an impressive 16-point 11-rebound double-double, and

Whereas, Marissa Velez has won great praise from her coach and in the 2009–2010 basketball season will play for the Assumption College Greyhounds in Worcester, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, two Crimson Tide seniors, Kyle Edmunds in the 119-pound class and Reuben Stone in the 189-pound class, were honored as Times Argus wrestlers of the year, and

Whereas, each of these young men earned his 100th high school wrestling victory during 2009, and

Whereas, Kyle Edmunds has earned a 138–41 record while wrestling at Spaulding, and

Whereas, he had four consecutive winning seasons, was a 2009 state champion, and qualified for the New England championship competition each year, placing fifth in 2009, and

Whereas, Reuben Stone also compiled an impressive 138–41 career record at Spaulding, and

Whereas, he exhibited enormous improvement over his four years, jumping from a freshman win-loss tally of 6–21 to a senior performance of 44–6, and

Whereas, his reputation for always trying his best won him the respect of his coach and teammates, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates each of the Spaulding High School student athletes who is a Times Argus honoree, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to Marissa Velez, Kyle Edmunds, and Reuben Stone at Spaulding High School.

**H.C.R. 106**

House concurrent resolution honoring the career accomplishments of former Spaulding High School wrestling coach William Young

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

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott

Whereas, one of the most respected recent Vermont high school wrestling coaches is William Young of Spaulding High School, who sports a 16-year career record of 227 team wins with only 43 defeats and five ties, and

Whereas, under Coach Young's guidance, Spaulding earned Division I runner-up placement at the state championship tournament on five occasions, five of his teams won Northern Vermont Athletic Conference championships, and one of his teams scored even greater glory on the regional level when it brought home that year's New England wrestling championship, and

Whereas, William Young is the first Vermont high school wrestling coach who can cite two of his wrestlers as four-year state champions in their respective weight classes, and

Whereas, one of his wrestlers was a three-time state champion, two were twice recipients of this honor, seven other Spaulding wrestlers were individual state championship winners, and he also coached an independent wrestler not attending Spaulding to an individual state title, and

Whereas, several Spaulding wrestlers he coached won national recognition, including the only Vermont wrestler to have won runner-up honors at the national high school wrestling tournament, two USA Wrestling Association All American designees, and

Whereas, the accolades bestowed on William Young are numerous, including being voted on four occasions the Vermont Wrestling Coaches Association's Coach of the Year, four-time recognition from the National Wrestling Coaches Association, the National Federation Coaches Association designation as Vermont Coach of the Year in Wrestling, his Vermont colleagues' nomination of him for consideration as the National Federation of Interscholastic Coaches Association's National Coach of the Year, and his role

as an award-winning United States representative at an international Peace Through Sport Tour held in Moscow, and

Whereas, in 2008, William Young concluded his superb tenure as the Spaulding High School wrestling coach, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the career accomplishments of former Spaulding High School wrestling coach William Young, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to William Young.

### **H.C.R. 107**

House concurrent resolution in memory of George Gibby of Topsham

Offered by: Representatives Davis of Washington and Conquest of Newbury

Whereas, George Gibby was a leader in promoting fire prevention and safety in Vermont and the nation, and

Whereas, he was born in 1910 and grew up in Winthrop, Massachusetts, and after graduating from high school was employed in his family's foundry, and

Whereas, after the foundry's closure, he entered a partnership with his father in a new printing business named Gibby Press that continued for 59 years, and

Whereas, while still residing in Winthrop, George Gibby served in several civic posts as a community hospital trustee, representative town meeting member, and, most indicative of his future public safety role in Vermont, as a squad captain with the local auxiliary fire department, and

Whereas, in 1952, he relocated his business and family to West Topsham, where he would reside for the next 57 years, and

Whereas, based on his firefighting experience in Massachusetts, in 1953, he was named the first chief of the newly formed Tri-Village Fire Department, and

Whereas, George Gibby recognized the importance of developing a skilled corps of firefighters in Vermont, worked as an instructor in the state firefighting training program, and later served as the program's coordinator for the state's nine northern counties, and

Whereas, his outstanding reputation as a skilled firefighting instructor resulted in his appointment as the Vermont coordinator for the off-campus

program of the National Fire Academy and as the volunteer representative for the New England district of the U.S. Fire Administration's Training Resources and Data Exchange, and

Whereas, in 2002, the U.S. Fire Administration presented George Gibby its J. Flaherty Casey Award in recognition of his exemplary service on behalf of firefighting education programs, and

Whereas, George Gibby along with his late wife Grace was an organizer of the Chop Point Camp and school in Woolwich, Maine, and

Whereas, for many years, he served as treasurer of the West Topsham Community Church, and he helped establish and served on the board of the Valley Health Center in East Corinth, and

Whereas, after nearly a century-long life, George Gibby died at the age of 98 on February 13, and his survivors include his children George, Grant, and Grace, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of George Gibby of West Topsham, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of his children.

#### **H.C.R. 108**

House concurrent resolution praising the bravery of Maersk Alabama Captain Richard Phillips of Underhill and congratulating the U.S. Navy SEALs and the FBI on his dramatic rescue

Offered by: All members of the House of Representatives

Offered by: All members of the Senate

Whereas, beginning on Wednesday, April 8, Maersk Alabama Captain Richard Phillips of Underhill suffered through five days of unbelievably stressful and life-threatening captivity in the Indian Ocean under the repressive control of Somali pirates, and

Whereas, Captain Phillips' bravery and quick thinking from the start of this terrible ordeal was clear as he voluntarily offered himself instead of his crew to the pirates when they assaulted his ship, and

Whereas, the U.S. Navy responded immediately to the crisis by dispatching the destroyer U.S.S. Bainbridge, aircraft for aerial surveillance, and Navy SEALs and by calling in FBI hostage negotiation experts, and

Whereas, Captain Phillips' first attempt at freedom proved fleeting as the pirates immediately retrieved him when he jumped off the lifeboat where he was being held, and

Whereas, on Saturday, April 11, President Obama authorized the Navy to use forceful action should it appear that Captain Phillips' life was in danger, and

Whereas, at dusk on Sunday evening, April 12, the Navy SEALs observed that one of the pirates was pointing an automatic rifle directly at Captain Phillips, and

Whereas, three Navy SEALs, stationed on the stern of the Bainbridge, with the assistance of night-vision scopes, fired one remarkably accurate shot each, resulting in the deaths of the three pirates, and the Navy SEALs then boarded the lifeboat and freed Captain Phillips who had been tied and held at one end of the tiny vessel, and

Whereas, Captain Phillips in a public statement remarked that "the real heroes are the Navy, the SEALs, those who have brought me home," and

Whereas, despite Captain Phillips' modesty, President Obama stated, "I share the country's admiration for the bravery of Captain Phillips and his selfless concern for his crew", adding that Captain Phillips' "courage is a model for all Americans," and

Whereas, the members of the Maersk Alabama crew, now safely in port in Kenya, the Phillips family, and all Vermonters are thrilled and relieved that Captain Phillips' horrendous ordeal is concluded, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly praises the bravery of Maersk Alabama Captain Richard Phillips of Underhill and congratulates the U.S. Navy SEALs and the FBI on his dramatic rescue, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Obama, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Gary Roughead, Commander, Navy Special Warfare Command Rear Admiral Edward G. Winters, III, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III, the Maersk Line Limited in Norfolk, Virginia, and Captain Richard Phillips in Underhill.

### **H.C.R. 109**

House concurrent resolution welcoming to the state house the Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph, Acinapura of Brandon, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Ancel of Calais, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Audette of South

Burlington, Baker of West Rutland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, 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, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, Flory of Pittsford, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, Geier of South Burlington, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Helm of Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hube of Londonderry, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Johnson of Canaan, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kilmartin of Newport City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Larson of Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Derby, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Milkey of Brattleboro, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morley of Barton, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Orr of Charlotte, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Pellett of Chester, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburg, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South 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 Mendon, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Trombley of Grand Isle, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Westman of Cambridge, Weston of Burlington, Wheeler of Derby, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, Young of St. Albans City, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the leading cause of dementia, a disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate, and perform daily activities, and

Whereas, this disease has no single known cause, but the greatest known risk factors for late onset (after age 65) are increasing age and family history, and

Whereas, the course and progression of the disease depend on the afflicted individual, but on average, a person lives for eight to 10 years after an initial diagnosis, although an individual can live with the disease for as many as 20 years, and

Whereas, one in 10 persons over age 65 and nearly one-half of those over age 85 are victims of this dreaded disease, and

Whereas, based on Census 2000 data, 11,000 Vermonters have Alzheimer's disease, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease costs American businesses \$61 billion on an annual basis, and the average lifetime care for an individual with AD is \$174,000.00, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is a tragic disease that can deprive individuals of decades of meaningful living, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is not only a tragedy for the individual victims, but it places an enormous and difficult burden both emotionally and physically on their families, and

Whereas, while a cure for Alzheimer's disease is not on the immediate medical horizon, research efforts to assist in finding a cure and programs to alleviate the problems associated with Alzheimer's disease are a major priority for medical researchers, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the General Assembly has established the Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders to "advise state agencies on matters of state policy relating to Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-related disorders," and

Whereas, the commission's activities have been of great assistance to both AD victims and their families, and

Whereas, the commission's members are visiting the State House today, April 17, 2009, to inform legislators concerning the commission's activities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes to the State House the members of the Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders and congratulates them for their dedication to assisting victims and families of victims of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-related disorders, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.

#### **H.C.R. 110**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Champlain Valley Union High School Red Hawks 2008 Division I championship field hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Lenex of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Orr of Charlotte and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Lyons and Snelling

Whereas, the Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) Redhawks had long played field hockey in Division II, and

Whereas, capable of competing against other Division I teams, it was a logical decision that CVU, as one of the larger high schools in the state, be reassigned to that division, and

Whereas, nonetheless, CVU's first appearance in a Division I field hockey championship game marked a momentous occasion for the team, and

Whereas, having achieved entry into the highest strata of post-season play, the extremely capable and confident Redhawks were challenged to defeat one of the most respected field hockey teams in Vermont, the first-seeded Hartford High School Hurricanes who have repeatedly earned field hockey championship berths, and

Whereas, the game's opening eight minutes resulted in evenly matched performances as each team evaluated the other's strengths and weaknesses and adopted a cautious playing strategy, and

Whereas, an ideal way to score in field hockey is to trigger a penalty corner against the opposing team, and

Whereas, the Red Hawks succeeded at this objective twice during the first half, and

Whereas, the first time at 18:41, Hartford sent the ball directly passed the Hartford goalie to place its first point on the scoreboard, and



Whereas, in the second instance, just over three minutes later, one of the Redhawks took advantage of a rebound off the Hartford goalie's pads and directed the ball into scoring territory, and

Whereas, during the second half, with 3:21 left to play, CVU scored an insurance goal and secured its first Division I championship title as well as a 3-0 shutout victory over Hartford, and

Whereas, celebrating this historic accomplishment in CVU's athletic history were Redhawks Elizabeth Goddette, Lucy Barrett, Kelsey Gagnon, Kelcey Lamphere, Anne Bertolet, Maggie Ryan, Stephanie Burns, Gillian Shelley, Aubrey Deavitt, Katie Longshore, Mireille Kelley, Kathryn Powell, Sami Kassel, Danielle Michael, Emmaleigh Loyer, KK Logan, Louise Gibbs, and Kelsey Jensen, and

Whereas, the wise advice of Head Coach Kate McDonald and assistant coaches Enid Wonnacott and Sarah Malcolm, as well as the assistance that athletic trainer Tony Lora provided were all important contributors to the Redhawks' fantastic 2008 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Champlain Valley Union High School Red Hawks 2008 Division I championship field hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kate McDonald at Champlain Valley Union High School

#### **H.C.R. 111**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the University of Vermont Lady Catamounts 2009 America East championship women's basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Courcelle of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Milkey of Brattleboro, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Pellett of Chester, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, women's basketball at the University of Vermont (UVM) was a top-draw event during the 2008-2009 season, and

Whereas, the Lady Catamounts entered the America East post-season tournament with a 9–4 league record, entitling them to be ranked as the third seed, and

Whereas, the tournament started off with a great 57–45 quarter-final win against the sixth-seeded University of New Hampshire before an appreciative home crowd, and

Whereas, in the semifinals, UVM faced a stiffer challenge when the team traveled to Hartford, Connecticut, to play the second-seeded University of Hartford, but the enthusiastic Hartford fans did not distract the Lady Catamounts from winning a comfortable 66–56 victory, and

Whereas, UVM was now poised to play first-seeded Boston University in the America East championship, and the Lady Catamounts' fans witnessed a great UVM victory in the America East championship game, and

Whereas, early on, UVM trailed Boston University by as many as 12 points, but a rally shortly before the midgame break enabled the Lady Catamounts a halftime lead of 33–28, and

Whereas, at the game's conclusion, the Lady Catamounts had won a 74–66 victory, clinched their first league championship since 2000, their fifth overall, and earned an automatic berth in the 2009 NCCA women's basketball tournament, and

Whereas, UVM junior Courtney Pilypaitis was honored as the America East tournament's most outstanding player, an honor she merited in recognition of her per-game averages of 20 points, 8.7 rebounds, 3.6 assists, and a 91.3 shooting percentage from the foul line, and

Whereas, both teammate May Kotsopoulos and she were named to the America East All-Tournament team, and May Kotsopoulos scored a tournament high of 21 points in the game against Boston University, and

Whereas, although the Lady Catamounts ranked 16th in the NCCA tournament and faced the first-seeded University of Connecticut, they represented their school with enormous athletic skill and fortitude, and

Whereas, the entire team, including Tory Dennerlein, Sarah Madey, May Kotsopoulos, Camille duPont, Tonya Young, Amy Rosenkrantz, Kelli Hier, Jill Rademacher, Ashley Hoyt, Sy Janousek, Andrea Cihal, Courtney Pilypaitis, Sofia Iwobi, Alissa Sheftic, and Kelli Poles, was pleased to have won the league championship, and

Whereas, Head coach Sharon Dawley and assistant coaches Steve Lanpher, Jen MacAulay, and Cat Arnold helped lead the Lady Catamounts to a 21–12 season record, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 University of Vermont Lady Catamounts 2009 America East championship women's basketball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sharon Dawley at the University of Vermont athletic department.

**H.C.R. 112**

House concurrent resolution honoring libraries, librarians and library workers during National Library Week

Offered by: Representatives Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford and Johnson of South Hero

Whereas, throughout the 19th century, local libraries, opened to the community at large, were created in many Vermont towns and villages, and

Whereas, in accordance with 22 V.S.A. § 67, "it to be the policy of the state of Vermont that free public libraries are essential to the general enlightenment of citizens in a democracy," and

Whereas, this same statute also provides that "the trustees, managers or directors of a public library may use library resources as a community center," and "as forums and exhibition areas for the exchange of ideas that encourage the growth of artistic, educational, literary, and scientific knowledge," and

Whereas, public libraries continue in 2009 to serve as the home of literary adventure and pleasure and as a public information resource, with their collections of nonfiction and fiction books of all genres, newspapers, magazines, and reference publications, and

Whereas, at the dawn of the digital age, there were persons who believed that libraries and librarians would no longer serve the central role they have played for generations, and

Whereas, quite the opposite has occurred as librarians have become guides, and public libraries gateways, to the emerging world of online information, and

Whereas, during these difficult economic times, public libraries have assumed an essential role as the place to turn for employment research and other vitally required information, and

Whereas, in celebration and recognition of the continuing importance of libraries in our society, the governor has designated the week of April 12–18 as National Library Week, and the Vermont State Board of Libraries designated April 14, 2009 as Library Workers Day, and

Whereas, throughout the United States, a special focus of this year's National Library Week observances is the Campaign for America's Libraries, and

Whereas, today, April 15, 2009, representatives from the Vermont Library Association and the Vermont Department of Libraries are observing National Library Week by visiting the state house and reminding everyone of the importance of public, school, academic, and special libraries, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors libraries, librarians, and library workers during National Library Week, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Library Association and to the Vermont department of libraries.

**H.C.R. 113**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the winners in the second annual Jr. Iron Chef competition

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Shoreham, Ainsworth of Royalton, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bray of New Haven, Conquest of Newbury, Donovan of Burlington, Larson of Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, McAllister of Highgate, McNeil of Rutland Town, Orr of Charlotte, Partridge of Windham, Ram of Burlington, Taylor of Barre City, Toll of Danville, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, the Burlington Food Council organizes the Jr. Iron Chef competition as a fundraising and public awareness program for the Burlington School Food Project and VT FEED (Vermont Food Education Every Day Farm to School Program, a collaborative of the nonprofit organizations Food Works at Two Rivers Center, the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont, and Shelburne Farms), and

Whereas, the Jr. Iron Chef competition gives middle and high school students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience preparing and cooking nutritious food, and

Whereas, the competition celebrates local food for healthy communities by articulating the importance of school food and the availability in the winter of tasty food that can be served in schools, and

Whereas, the second annual Jr. Iron Chef competition was held at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex on March 29 and included 34 middle school and 15 high school teams, and

Whereas, each team was required to incorporate into a cooked meal a minimum of five of the following local ingredients including: 100% maple syrup (grade B), potatoes, honey, carrots, dairy (milk, cheese, yogurt), sprouts, eggs, apples, local grains (cornmeal and other flour), onions, winter squash (mashed), and other root crops (rutabaga, parsnips, turnips, celeriac, and beets), and

Whereas, middle school team winners included: Most Creative - Chefs of the Hearth (Patullo Homeschool, Burlington, Veggie Bergers), Rashid Daoudi, Megan Nelson, Noah Patullo, Duncan Sheffer, and coach Chip Patullo; Best and Most Use of Local Ingredients - Onion City Aiolers (Winooski Department of Recreation, Johnny Cake Pakoras with Maple Apple Chutney), Tucker DiMasi, Travis Fannin, Dustin Wildes, and coaches Nina Ridhibhinyo and Bob DiMasi; and Best of Show - Hannaford's Top Chefs (Hunt Middle School, Burlington New England Harvest One Pot Meal), Monica Ingalls, Moriah Lasker, Jessie Mills, Rachel Ryea, Destiny Torres and coaches Peggy Rivers and Lynn Plant, and

Whereas, the high school team winners were: Most Creative - Champlain Valley Union High School Chefhawks (Green Pizza and Apples), Clarice Cutler, Oliver Demick, Azulena Royer, Mike Toof and coach Eleanor Marsh; Best and Most Use of Local Ingredients - (Healthy City Team, Burlington High School, Polenta Pizza), Cassandra Davis, Nicole McAdam, Wesley Mead, Joshua Sheffer, Isaac Trainque and coaches Brianna Farver and Melendy Comey; and Best of Show - Hakuna Matata Team (Twin Valley High School, Wilmington, Veggie Huevos Mullenos), Stevie Cunningham-Darrah, Shannon Lozito, Chelsea Schneider and coaches Todd Darrah and Alonzo Paige, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the winners in the second annual Jr. Iron Chef competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Abbie Nelson at the Burlington School Food Project, VT FEED in Richmond, and each of the winning teams.

#### **H.C.R. 114**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Mark Bennett of Brattleboro

Offered by: Representatives O'Donnell of Vernon, Burke of Brattleboro, Edwards of Brattleboro and Milkey of Brattleboro

Whereas, during his nearly three decades residing in the town of Brattleboro, Mark Bennett served his community at his job, as a school board member, and through his active involvement in nonprofit and religious organizations, and

Whereas, he was born in New Jersey, graduated with a degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts, and in more recent years had pursued graduate studies at Keene State College which awarded him a master's degree in educational counseling, and

Whereas, professionally, Mark Bennett had worked for many years at the department of employment and training before accepting a position at the agency of human services, and each of his jobs focused on assisting others to improve their lives, and

Whereas, aside from his many years of helping others as an outstanding Vermont state employee, Mark Bennett's life was dedicated to serving his local community in the public and nonprofit sectors, and

Whereas, Mark Bennett was passionately committed to improving the quality of public education and to that end, he served on the Brattleboro town school board, and

Whereas, the expertise Mark Bennett gained as a town school committee member prepared him to assume his new duties on the Brattleboro Union High School board, to which he was elected in 2002, and

Whereas, on each of these school governance panels, Mark Bennett won praise from his fellow citizens and in particular from educational professionals for the consistently high quality of his work that always placed the students' best interest as his top priority, and

Whereas, local nonprofit organizations, including the United Way of Windham County, Brattleboro Area Affordable Housing, and the annual Men Who Cook fundraiser, appreciated the many hours of volunteer service that Mark Bennett donated to their respective causes, and

Whereas, the parishioners of St. Michael's Episcopal Church recognized that Mark Bennett's leadership was an asset to the congregation, and

Whereas, just a few weeks prior to his 30th wedding anniversary, which he and his wife Jan would have celebrated on April 30, 2009, Mark Bennett died unexpectedly at the age of 55, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Mark Bennett, including his wife Jan, son Tad, daughters Tia, Jessica, and Elizabeth, and granddaughter Avery, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jan Bennett in Brattleboro.

### **H.C.R. 115**

House concurrent resolution honoring the Granges of Vermont

Offered by: Representatives O'Brien of Richmond, Poirier of Barre City, Wheeler of Derby and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, the National Grange is the nation's oldest national agricultural organization, with grassroots units established in 3,600 local communities in 37 states, and 300,000 members who provide service to agricultural and rural areas on a wide variety of issues, including economic development, education, family endeavors, and legislation designed to assure a strong and viable rural America, and

Whereas, over the past 137 years, the National Grange has evolved to include nonfarm rural families and communities, and

Whereas, the major objectives of the National Grange include support for stewardship of America's natural resources, promotion of worldwide free trade, a combination of local and federal support for rural education, assurance of safe and properly labeled food products, organization of cooperatives, and other economic services available to rural Americans, and

Whereas, the National Grange supports the passage of progressive legislation that will benefit U.S. agriculture, rural America, and the nation in general, and

Whereas, after 137 years, it remains the nation's oldest and strongest sustained organizational force working for a better life for rural Americans everywhere, and

Whereas, in Vermont, there are Grange community organizations chartered in 57 towns, and these local granges serve our communities in many ways, such as preparing homemade donuts, sandwiches, and baked beans for town meeting lunches; providing dictionaries to public school students; creating Grange Community Cookbooks with the most delicious old Vermont recipes; operating a fun-filled recreational and leadership development program at the Grange summer camp in Brookfield; awarding Grange scholarships for access to higher education to Vermonters through VSAC; and offering free coffee and homemade donuts at Vermont rest stops during busy holiday weekends, and

Whereas, today, Thursday, April 16, many members of local Vermont granges are visiting the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Granges of Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the master of the Vermont State Grange.

#### **H.C.R. 116**

House concurrent resolution congratulating South Burlington on its designation as a Tree City U.S.A.

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

Whereas, in order to promote the planting and nurturing of trees in municipalities throughout the United States, the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters sponsors the Tree City U.S.A. program, and

Whereas, the benefits of designation as a Tree City U.S.A. include the creation of a framework for action that: facilitates the planting of trees; educates the public on tree related matters; presents a public image that acknowledges the role of trees as an environmental protector; engenders a sense of pride on the part of those persons directly responsible for the trees' care and in the entire community, positions the town to qualify for financial support for forestry related projects; and enhances a community's public image, and

Whereas, the four essential prerequisites for a town or city to receive Tree City U.S.A. designation are the establishment of a tree board or department, enactment of a tree care ordinance, creation of a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2.00 per capita, and the commemoration of Arbor Day with an official proclamation along with a municipal observance of this special day honoring the importance of trees, and

Whereas, the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program has informed the city of South Burlington of its designation as a Tree City U.S.A, and everyone involved in the effort is proud to have earned this distinction, and

Whereas, on April 22, 2009, the city of South Burlington will be honored as a Tree City U.S.A in a ceremony on the state house lawn, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the city of South Burlington on its designation as a Tree City U.S.A., and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to South Burlington Associate Planner Cathyann LaRose.



### H.C.R. 117

House concurrent resolution honoring George Buzzell for his exemplary public service as Orleans County state forester

Offered by: Representatives Wheeler of Derby and Lewis of Derby

Offered by: Senators Illuzzi and Starr

Whereas, in November 1964, George Buzzell began his career as the Orleans County state forester and as an employee of the department of forests, parks and recreation, and

Whereas, he could honestly state that his office consisted of the 460,000 acres of land in Orleans County, and

Whereas, George Buzzell was the epitome of a dedicated public servant and protector of the state's natural resources, and

Whereas, as Orleans County's state forester, George Buzzell was responsible for advising and assisting private landowners within the county with respect to sound forestry management practices, and

Whereas, in working with a private landowner, he would familiarize himself with the landowner's specific situation and concerns through discussions and direct observations, and

Whereas, George Buzzell's carefully considered assistance and advice would follow the best stewardship practices by respectfully taking account of both the landowner's immediate economic needs and the long-term vitality of the forestland, and

Whereas, maple sugaring is important to the economy of the Northeast Kingdom, and George Buzzell was a recognized expert on the health of a sugar bush, and he traveled to other states to offer his advice to sugar makers, and

Whereas, George Buzzell believed that an essential part of his job was to educate future landowners in the ways of sound forestry practices, and to that end he participated in programs associated with Arbor Day observances and at local schools, and

Whereas, with respect to pest control, George Buzzell inspected many shipments of lumber prior to their crossing the border into Canada in order to try to halt the international migration of forestry pests, and

Whereas, the landowners of Orleans County greatly respect the work and wisdom of George Buzzell and have greatly benefited from his assistance for nearly 45 years, and

Whereas, on March 1, 2009, George Buzzell retired from his long-held position of Orleans County state forester, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors George Buzzell for his exemplary public service as Orleans County state forester, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to George Buzzell.

**H.C.R. 118**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 University of Vermont Catamount skiers on their team and individual accomplishments

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Conquest of Newbury, Courcelle of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, Lenex of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Milkey of Brattleboro, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Pellett of Chester, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, the winter of 2009 was an exciting season for the University of Vermont Catamount alpine and Nordic skiers, and their season-long performance was most commendable, and

Whereas, at the 2009 NCAA ski championships that Bates College hosted on the Maine alpine ski slopes and Nordic courses, UVM left a winner in more ways than one, and

Whereas, as a team, the Catamounts placed fifth, higher than any other school from the eastern United States, and UVM finished 18 points ahead of its nearest eastern rival, Dartmouth College, which had dominated regional competition this winter, and

Whereas, eight of the 10 Catamount skiers at the NCAA championships were awarded All-American honors, clearly demonstrating the great depth and skill of the UVM skiing team, and

Whereas, especially noteworthy were the performances of Catamounts David Donaldson and Juergen Uhl, and

Whereas, David Donaldson won the men's giant slalom competition with a combined time in the event's two rounds of 2:30.24 and scored his eighth race victory of the season, and

Whereas, in recognition of this win, he was named a first team NCAA All-American, and

Whereas, his teammate, Juergen Uhl, was the first-place winner in the men's 10K classic Nordic race with a speedy time of 24:14.9, clinching his third race victory of the season, and

Whereas, Juergen Uhl's first place finish in the NCAA Nordic classic race is only the third time that a Catamount skier has achieved this objective, and

Whereas, this impressive victory earned Juergen Uhl the coveted rank of a first team NCAA All-American, and

Whereas, the Catamount ski coaching staff, including Director of Skiing Bill Reichelt, Head Nordic Coach Paul Stone, Assistant Alpine Coach Johnny Davidson, Assistant Nordic Coaches Patrick Weaver and Fred Fayette, also deserve recognition for their contributions to the team's 2009 success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 University of Vermont Catamount skiers on their team and individual accomplishments, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to Bill Reichelt, David Donaldson, and Juergen Uhl at the University of Vermont athletics department.

#### **H.C.R. 119**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks 2009 Division I championship boys' ice hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Lenex of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Orr of Charlotte and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Lyons and Snelling

Whereas, the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks earned a second-seed ranking in the 2009 Division I boys' hockey playoffs, and

Whereas, the Redhawks proved their worthiness for participation in the championship game as they rebounded with strength and skill to overcome a two-point deficit in a 3-2 victory over the Spaulding Union High School in their semifinal game, and

Whereas, following this vigorous test of their hockey mettle, the Redhawks were mentally well prepared to face the Essex High School Comets for the Division I title at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Field House, the same team that defeated the Redhawks in the 2008 championship game and that had won the divisional final for the prior three consecutive years, and

Whereas, CVU remained alert for scoring possibilities from the game's first second and, with 6:23 remaining in the first period, scored the game's first goal when a Redhawk sent the puck into the goal post's far right corner, and

Whereas, the Redhawks' slim lead evaporated when Essex bounced back with a goal at 5:16 into the second period, and

Whereas, the tied score proved temporary, as one of the Redhawks forwarded on into the net a teammate's long outlet pass, giving CVU a 2-1 lead and its first Division I boys' ice hockey championship since 2002, and

Whereas, the 2009 CVU Redhawks boys' ice hockey squad, including Mark Albertson, Mayson Kropf, Peter Levack, Robbie Dobrowski, Nate Lacroix, Wes O'Brien, Eric Robinson, Derek Goodwin, Tim Reichert, Brady Dehayes, Owen Smith, Andrew Childs, Sam Spencer, Chris Howard, JP Benoit, Kyle Logan, Cully Millikin, Ben Soll, Sam Parent, Erick MacLean, Chris McGinnis, and Miles Grunwald, showed its mastery of the puck on the ice, and

Whereas, coaches Doug Hopper and Will MacKinnon and assistant coaches Trevor McGovern provided great advice to the team, and game manager Max Danis and trainer Tony Lora were each a great resource for everyone, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks 2009 Division I 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 Doug Hooper at Champlain Valley Union High School.