

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

ADDENDUM

OF

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, Nitka and Scott,

S.C.R. 22.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets' "Agriview" newspaper on its 70th anniversary.

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture was established pursuant to Act 7 of 1923, and it has over the decades evolved into the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, and

Whereas, by 1937, according to that year's legislative directory, the Department's duties had been expanded to encompass "General administration of laws relating to agriculture, livestock and laws relating to marketing and grading of farm products and the certification of seed potatoes," and

Whereas, a significant role for the Department was, and to this day remains, to promote agricultural interests in a variety of forums, and

Whereas, in the depression year of 1937, many farmers were unable to afford the price of a newspaper, and the Department of Agriculture was concerned that information regarding the services it offered farmers, including the role of its laboratories, was not widely known, and

Whereas, as a way to alleviate this informational deficiency, the Department took advantage of new technological publication advances and established a quarterly newspaper entitled "Agriview" with free distribution to the state's farmers, and

Whereas, as explained in an article published in Agriview's first edition, the paper's purpose was "to bring the department into closer relationship with those whom it is designed to serve" by offering "first-hand information as to its organization, its functions, progress of its various activities and to supply worth-while advice and recommendations resulting from them," and

Whereas, for the past 70 years, "Agriview" has fulfilled this mission with great success, and in 2009, now as both a print copy and online publication, it

continues to serve as a vital information conduit between the agency of agriculture, food and markets and the farming community, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets on the 70th publication anniversary of the Agriview newspaper and expresses best wishes for this outstanding publication's continued success, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets Roger Albee.

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

By Representatives Smith of Mendon, Andrews of Rutland City, Courcelle of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Howard of Rutland City, McNeil of Rutland Town, Acinapura of Brandon, Baker of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Clarkson of Woodstock, Devereux of Mount Holly, Flory of Pittsford, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, Greshin of Warren, Helm of Castleton, Hube of Londonderry, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Scheuermann of Stowe, Till of Jericho and Wilson of Manchester,

S.C.R. 23.

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Andrea Mead Lawrence.

Whereas, the role of American women in international competitive alpine skiing owes much to the pioneering accomplishments of Rutland native and Olympic gold medalist Andrea Mead Lawrence, and

Whereas, her bonding with the mountainous terrain started at an early age when she skied on her many snow days at Pico Peak, the ski area that her parents established, and

Whereas, she was the youngest qualifier for the 1948 United States Olympic ski team and traveled to St. Moritz, Switzerland, and

Whereas, over the next four years, she won many competitions, including the 1951 Arlberg-Kandahar race then considered the unofficial downhill world championship, and

Whereas, at the 1952 Winter Olympics in Oslo, Norway, the United States women's ski team captain Andrea Mead Lawrence was expected to impress everyone in attendance and had already been featured on the cover of Time Magazine, and

Whereas, Andrea Mead Lawrence did not disappoint anyone as she collected her first gold medal skiing down the icy 1,640-yard precipice that served as the giant slalom course at a pace faster than 44 other skiers from 15 nations, and

Whereas, her feats of skiing magic in Norway were hardly over as she returned to the slopes to win the slalom, combining fourth- and first-place finishes in the two-round event, becoming the first and, 57 years later, still the only American skier to win two gold medals at an Olympics, and

Whereas, she returned home to Rutland where an adoring crowd of 5,000 cheering fans greeted her with the utmost admiration and enthusiasm, and

Whereas, her final Olympic appearance in 1956 in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, featured her nearly winning a bronze medal in the slalom competition only four months after the birth of her third child, and

Whereas, Andrea Mead Lawrence had a second and equally fulfilling life as a civic activist and conservationist first in Colorado, where she served on the Aspen planning board, and later in California, where she was elected to and served for 17 years on the Mono County Board of Supervisors, and

Whereas, her concern for the environmental sanctity of the Sierra Nevada Mountains motivated her to help organize the Sierra Nevada Alliance, and she later established the Andrea Lawrence Institute for Mountains and Rivers which works to integrate “economic and ecological integrity” in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and

Whereas, the many honors and accolades she received included documentary filmmaker Bud Greenspan’s naming her as the “Greatest Winter Olympian of All Times” and being the first person inducted into the Vermont Ski Museum Hall of Fame, and

Whereas, following her courageous battle against cancer, Andrea Mead Lawrence, whose heart was in California but whose soul was in Vermont, died at her Mammoth Lake, California, home on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, and her survivors include her children, Cortlandt, Matthew, Deirdre, Leslie and Quentin, and four grandchildren, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of United States Winter Olympian and conservationist Andrea Mead Lawrence, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to her family, to the Vermont Ski Museum, and to the Andrea Lawrence Institute for Mountains and Rivers.

By Senator Lyons,

S.C.R. 24.

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of University of Vermont Professor Emeritus Everett W. Harris of Charlotte.

Whereas, Everett Harris's scholarly life began in a one-room Wolcott schoolhouse and eventually led to a professorship at the University of Vermont's College of Agriculture, and

Whereas, interwoven with his role as an educator was a life-long passion for farming, of which he was an ardent proponent for young Vermonters pursuing agriculturally related careers, and

Whereas, after graduating from People's Academy and the University of Vermont with a degree in agricultural education, Everett Harris devoted the next decade to his twin interests of teaching and farming, and

Whereas, after his father's death, Everett Harris left his teaching job in Chelsea to work on the family farm and assist his mother in the raising of his younger brothers, and

Whereas, he decided to tackle new challenges, earning a doctorate in vocational-technical education at the University of Illinois and then accepting an assistant professorship at Marshall University in West Virginia, and

Whereas, in 1978, Everett Harris returned home to raise his family and join the faculty of his alma mater, the University of Vermont's College of Agriculture, and

Whereas, after a distinguished career in academia, Edward Harris retired from the University of Vermont in 2000 as a Professor Emeritus in Community Development and Applied Economics, and

Whereas, his retirement was in name only as he embarked on new and personally fulfilling roles at the Department of Education where his expertise in technical and agricultural education proved an invaluable resource, and

Whereas, Everett Harris was also a conscientious citizen, chairing the Wolcott school board, serving on the Lamoille County planning commission, and playing primary roles in the establishment of Lamoille County Field Days and the preservation of the Fisher Covered Railroad Bridge, and

Whereas, Everett Harris served as a state and national leader for the Future Farmers of America which, in appreciation for his service to the organization and aspiring farmers, awarded him its Honorary American Farmer Degree, and

Whereas, he was the recipient of many accolades and, perhaps most noteworthy, in 2007, the University of Vermont College of Agriculture and

Life Sciences and its Extension School bestowed on him the Sinclair Cup for distinguished service and exemplary leadership, and

Whereas, this Vermont teacher and farmer, whose Yankee sense of humor was legendary among his colleagues and friends, died on March 3, 2009, leaving his wife, Kathleen, daughters, Susannah and Elizabeth, and three grandchildren, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of University of Vermont Professor Emeritus Everett W. Harris, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kathleen Harris in Shelburne and Elizabeth Harris and Susannah Harris Dicker, both of New York City.

House Concurrent Resolutions

H.C.R. 120

House concurrent resolution congratulating Jay Hoffman and his students who produce the South Burlington Network News at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School

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

Whereas, one of the most impressive examples of an unusual school project is the South Burlington Network News (SBNN) for which Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School technology teacher Jay Hoffman is responsible, and

Whereas, students' participation in SBNN requires a commitment of considerable free time to the development of a weekly, live 15-minute news program, and

Whereas, with portable recording equipment, these aspiring young journalists cover stories while learning the technical, writing, and presentation skills required to air a television newscast, and

Whereas, critical to the success of SBNN's weekly telecasts is the students' mastering of the important lesson of working together as a team, and

Whereas, Jay Hoffman's skills as an instructor have been so successful that his students and he are the proud recipients of several national awards, and

Whereas, in 2008, the Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School was named a winner in the middle school division of eSchool News' Empowered Education Awards in recognition of an SBNN video the contest's judges viewed as "an outstanding example of how technology can be used to enhance the educational learning experience for all students," and

Whereas, Tuttle students Neel Desai, Riya Patel, and Ronak Bhagat won a 3rd prize in CSPAN's 2009 StudentCam competition for their informative documentary *SBNN: Financial Crisis* that will be aired on CSPAN on Wednesday, April 8 as will a taped interview with Neel, and

Whereas, Tuttle student colleagues Samantha Barrett, Hunter Riehle, and Meghan Drouin won honorable mention in the same competition for their video documentary *Money Matters*, and

Whereas, Jay Hoffman recently received personal recognition when he was named one of 47 finalists in the 2009 Cable's Leaders in Learning Awards that the Cable in the Classroom organization administers, and

Whereas, he was selected in the awards' general excellence category and will now be considered for a national 2009 Cable's Leaders in Learning Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jay Hoffman and his award-winning students who produce the South Burlington Network News at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jay Hoffman at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School in South Burlington.

H.C.R. 121

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Hartford High School debaters participating in the national forensic championship

Offered by: Representatives Bohi of Hartford, Clerkin of Hartford, Adams of Hartland and Mitchell of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, high school debate competition challenges students to sharpen their research and forensic skills to reach heights they have not previously achieved, and

Whereas, a high school debate consists of teams engaging in several different rounds or stages, including speeches, rebuttals, and one-on-one crossfires, and

Whereas, perhaps the most distinctive element of a debate is the grand crossfire in which all the members of two participating teams sit across from each other and speak at will in a forum that at times is reminiscent of a screaming match, although team participants would object vociferously to such a negative description of their verbal confrontations, and

Whereas, the popularity of debate is increasing at Hartford High School under the tutelage of teacher James Dixon who has encouraged students to participate in this linguistically centered academic activity, and

Whereas, the National Forensic League annually sponsors high school debate competitions that are held at the state, district, and national levels, and

Whereas, the Hartford High School teams were excellent representatives of their school at the Vermont state competition in February, and

Whereas, at this year's district competition held in the middle of March, seniors Manuel Grajeda and Paul Seaver became the first Hartford High School debate team to win first-place honors in a district competition in which they tested their debating skills against other teams from Vermont, New York, and Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, Manuel Grajeda specializes in catching his opponents' gaffes and describes himself as his team "good cop," carefully determining when to interject into the fray while Paul Seaver, the team's reputed "bad cop," will jump in at any moment, and

Whereas, the Hartford High School team of freshman Rebecca White and senior Noah Detzer won third-place honors at the tournament, and

Whereas, Noah Detzer is the more theatrical member of the team and serves as the opening speaker while Rebecca White is a calmer and more methodical presenter who follows up as the second presenter, and

Whereas, both teams are traveling to Birmingham, Alabama in June to represent their local district at the National Forensic League National Championships, and

Whereas, Jim Dixon has been deservedly named the 2009 Vermont high school debate coach of the year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Hartford High School debaters participating in the National Forensic League championship tournament and their outstanding coach, James Dixon, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 122

House concurrent resolution congratulating Grace Cottage Hospital on its 60th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Marek of Newfane, Deen of Westminster, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Obuchowski of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, on August 7, 1949, Dr. Curtis Otis founded Grace Cottage Hospital in a house that Reverend Horace Fletcher built in Townshend in 1844, and

Whereas, Miss Mary Plumb, vice principal at Leland & Gray Seminary, donated this house to Dr. Otis, and

Whereas, Dr. Abel Grout, a friend of Dr. Otis's, asked that the new cottage hospital be named after his wife, Grace, and

Whereas, Dr. Otis and his wife, Ruth, and their staff, Irene Bills, Bessie Leonard, Val Streeter, Lillie Lyons, and Emma Castle, greeted 900 members of the public on opening day, and

Whereas, in 1950, Hattie Stratton's children donated her home to the hospital, and in 1978 Ruth Heins donated her home, both adjacent to the original hospital building, and

Whereas, a series of major additions and renovations during the 1990s, starting with the Wolff Outpatient Building in 1994, the Messenger Valley Pharmacy in 1996, and then in 1998 the new hospital building, have all transformed Grace Cottage into a modern medical facility serving the West River Valley, and

Whereas, the staff of Grace Cottage Hospital has tirelessly served the people of southeastern Vermont, providing patient care second to none for the last 60 years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Grace Cottage Hospital, an outstanding community health care resource, on the hospital's 60th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend.

H.C.R. 123

House concurrent resolution congratulating Pat and Alan Fowler as recipients of the 2009 Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce Persons of the Year award

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

Whereas, a decade ago, Pat and Alan Fowler decided to settle in Bellows Falls after living in New York, California, on Cape Cod, and spending seven years sailing the Caribbean, and

Whereas, after settling in, each became an active and vital member of the community, and

Whereas, Pat Fowler became the proprietor of Village Square Booksellers which is now a popular destination for purchasing literary wares from new bestsellers to classic novels, and

Whereas, Village Square Booksellers is a commercial success and important economic presence in Bellows Falls, and

Whereas, Pat Fowler is popular among her many customers, and she in turn cherishes the openness of the community and degree of civic involvement that she has found to be unique from any of the other places she has resided, and

Whereas, she in turn has donated time to serving the community of Bellows Falls in many roles such as volunteering to string outdoor Christmas lights when the temperatures were well below the freezing mark, and

Whereas, Pat Fowler has been a mover and shaker on another front through her hard work to establish and maintain the local Boys and Girls Club, and

Whereas, Alan Fowler has directed his attention to serving on the board of Falls Area Community Television (FACT) on which he has made a considerable contribution to its successful operation and programming, and

Whereas, he has also given of his time to other community organizations where his work has been of great benefit, and

Whereas, each year, the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce presents its person of the year award to a worthy recipient, and

Whereas, in 2009, Pat and Alan Fowler were among the many individual nominees, and each thought the other might be designated as the honored person, and

Whereas, when more than 100 citizens of Bellows Falls gathered at the Moose Family Lodge for the award presentation event, there was great appreciation and cheering when it was announced that both Pat and Alan

Fowler were to be honored as people of the year, a special honor for a most deserving couple, and

Whereas, the attendees at the ceremony were pleased with the chamber's designation of both these wonderful persons as award winners, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Pat and Alan Fowler as recipients of the 2009 Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce Persons of the Year award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Pat and Alan Fowler in Bellows Falls.

H.C.R. 124

House concurrent resolution honoring Rose Fowler for her innovative leadership at Greater Rockingham Area Services Inc.

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

Whereas, when Rose Fowler arrived in Bellows Falls, she accepted employment as an administrative aide in the office of Dr. David Stewart, and

Whereas, after several years working for Dr. Stewart, Rose Fowler joined the staff of the Rockingham Memorial Hospital in the accounting department, and

Whereas, when Rockingham Hospital incurred financial difficulties requiring its closure, she played a leading role in the hospital corporation's decision to retain its real estate in order to establish new health care related services at the site, and

Whereas, the general assembly adopted legislation designating the building as the Health Center at Bellows Falls, and a new nonprofit corporation, Greater Rockingham Area Services Inc., was created to manage all of the real estate operations, and

Whereas, state financial assistance was obtained in the form of a community development block grant for the purpose of converting the building into the new Health Center at Bellows Falls, and

Whereas, Rose Fowler took a direct role in the building's conversion process, even assuming personal responsibility for some of the wallpapering and painting that was required, and

Whereas, once the remodeling and renovation work was completed, the Springfield Hospital opened a branch outpatient clinic, bringing an important new primary health care resource to the community, and

Whereas, to complement the services that Springfield Hospital provided, Health Care and Rehabilitation Services became a tenant, and

Whereas, Rose Fowler urged the board of directors of the Greater Rockingham Area Services Inc. to purchase additional nearby real property in order to attract related and much needed health and community service providers to Bellows Falls, and

Whereas, this decision proved a wise one with a day care center being established, and

Whereas, the success of Greater Rockingham Area Services Inc., including the establishment of the dental clinic, is attributed in large measure to Rose Fowler's effective administrative skills, foresight, and perseverance, for which she deserves special recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Rose Fowler for her innovative leadership at Greater Rockingham Area Services Inc., and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rose Fowler at Greater Rockingham Area Services Inc.

H.C.R. 125

House concurrent resolution honoring Dover School principal Susan Mach for her career contributions to public education

Offered by: Representatives Moran of Wardsboro and Hube of Londonderry

Whereas, Susan Mach's career in public education has spanned nearly four decades, and

Whereas, for many years she was a successful classroom teacher, and

Whereas, for the past 12 years, Susan Mach has served as the much-esteemed principal of the Dover School in East Dover, and

Whereas, she is an innovative educational leader who assisted in writing a "Touchstones for Technology" grant that resulted in the New England Patriots football team awarding the Dover School seven new computers, and

Whereas, each year, under Susan Mach's guidance, the Dover School has met the AYP criteria, and

Whereas, Dover School students have consistently received the school district's top scores on various multi-school tests, and

Whereas, she created the M and M (Mrs. Mach) walk protocol for students in the hallways, ensuring a sense of order and decorum when the children move about the building, and

Whereas, Susan Mach's students are familiar with her favorite things, including the 50-plus beanie babies in her office, her preference for birthday cakes that are white with raspberry filling and white frosting and, perhaps best known of all, is their principal's partiality for the flavored coffee she brews in the morning and its aroma that permeates the school building, and

Whereas, Susan Mach is a superb educator and team player who always has her student's best interest uppermost in her mind, and

Whereas, after 39 years in public education, Susan Mach will retire this June and then relocate to Colorado where her daughter resides, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dover School principal Susan Mach for her career contributions to public education, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Susan Mach at the Dover School.

H.C.R. 126

House concurrent resolution in memory of Margaret Jean George of Montpelier

Offered by: Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Hooper of Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott

Whereas, Margaret (Margot) George of Montpelier lived her life almost exclusively in her cherished native city, and she described herself as "all about local," and

Whereas, she attended Boston College and graduated from Vermont College, and

Whereas, as assistant to the director of the Vermont Historical Society, she helped guide preparation and implementation of the 1976 U.S. Bicentennial celebration in Montpelier, and

Whereas, she was a cofounder of the Montpelier Heritage Group, a nonprofit group whose mission is to "prevent and educate against demolition

of historic properties and ‘modernizing’ their exteriors,” and, under its rubric, she created an incredibly successful preservation effort to revive the historic Montpelier cityscape, and

Whereas, as part of Montpelier’s celebration in 1992 of its own centennial, Margot George and the Montpelier Heritage Group created a parade float titled “Cleaning the Windows of the City” that was placed on the back of a 1926 restored Model T pickup, to announce that the Heritage Group was cleaning windows and installing curtains in vacant rooms on the upper floors of buildings in the city’s downtown, and

Whereas, Margot George was an early member of Montpelier on the Move, with a mission to improve the capital city’s business climate, and

Whereas, for many years, Margot George led history walking tours of the city on Saturdays, and she was instrumental in the Montpelier Heritage Group’s publication of two walking tour books and a series of walking tour pamphlets which remain in print for distribution, and

Whereas, a local radio talk show host referred to Margot George as the “Czarina of Downtown” in recognition of her efforts to save Montpelier’s historic character, and

Whereas, she applied her knowledge and skills to her service on the Montpelier Design Review Committee, of which she was chair at the time of her death, and as a member of the Montpelier Historic Preservation Commission, and

Whereas, Margot George developed a successful career as a respected realtor, and most recently was the principal of Coldwell Banker Classic Properties, and

Whereas, she and her partner, John Russell, were the owners of the Thrush Tavern Building, and they were immersed in a project to bring back its interior so well-known to Montpelier residents and the political establishment, and

Whereas, on December 17, 2008, Margot George died, leaving many friends and admirers in her hometown, and the local newspaper, the Montpelier Bridge, eulogized her in an affectionate tribute as “an example to us all” and remarked on “her tenacity that gave no ground to anyone or any proposal that would chip away at the city’s historic integrity,” now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the life and considerable accomplishments of Margaret Jean George for her work and dedication to improve the quality of the historic cityscape of the capital city and the capitol complex district, for its residents, workforce and visitors, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Russell in Montpelier, Helen George Cameron Everson of Tralee, Ireland, and the city of Montpelier planning and development department.

H.C.R. 127

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rick Marcotte Central School teams that participated in the 2009 Vermont Odyssey of the Mind competition

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

Whereas, Odyssey of the Mind is an international competition that challenges students to engage in challenging and unusual problem-solving, and

Whereas, the competition is centered around six categories of team problem-solving, including vehicle, technical, classics, structure, theatrical, and primary, and

Whereas, each team, regardless of its specific problem, works on three components: “long term” and “style,” for which students prepare extensively in advance, and “spontaneous,” for which the participants must devise a fast response to a problem that is introduced in the midst of the competition, and

Whereas, on March 7, 2009, students from across Vermont gathered at Champlain Valley Union High School for the 30th anniversary of the Vermont state tournament of Odyssey of the Mind, and

Whereas, an extremely talented contingent of students, whose coach Ann-Marie Bergeron had thoroughly prepared them, represented the Rick Marcotte Central School in South Burlington, and

Whereas, the Marcotte School structure team, consisting of Carrie Anderson, Mathieu Bergeron, Elizabeth Croll, Clark Deng, Nirali Desai, Nolan Smith, and Joshua Wright, was assigned the “structure” problem, which was to construct a structure of no more than 18 grams, comprising 1/8-inch balsa wood sticks, with the objective that when shock waves were applied, it could support a maximum amount of weight, and

Whereas, this Marcotte School team was awarded first place for its problem and age division, having created a structure able to support 527 pounds, and

Whereas, the Marcotte School “vehicle” team, whose members included Sophia Huang, Melissa Valgoi, Isaiah Hines, Nicholas Knudsen, Ben Knudsen and Michael Lestrangle, were directed to design and build a small vehicle required to travel to four different locations and change appearance at each

site, and for their clever and innovative work, this team was awarded second place for its problem and age division, and

Whereas, both of these teams have been invited to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals to be held in late May at Iowa State University, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rick Marcotte Central School teams that participated in the 2009 Vermont Odyssey of the Mind competition and wishes them the best of success at the World Finals in Iowa, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ann-Marie Bergeron at the Rick Marcotte Central School.

H.C.R. 128

House concurrent resolution congratulating Claussen Enterprises, Inc. of Colchester on being named the 2008 Vermont Retailer of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Condon of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Spengler of Colchester and Zenie of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, William “Willie” Claussen was born into a commercial gardening family in Long Island, New York, and

Whereas, in 1972, William Claussen moved permanently from New York state to Vermont and consolidated the professional gardening operations he had started in each state, and

Whereas, William Claussen worked energetically, eventually establishing Claussen’s Florist and Greenhouse and the Claussen Perennial Farm in Colchester, and

Whereas, he partnered with the equally energetic Chris Conant in the 1980s to keep the business growing, and

Whereas, although William Clausen is now semiretired, he remains the inspiration and backbone of the business, and Chris Conant has assumed the responsibility for daily managerial decisions, and

Whereas, the Vermont Retail Association (VRA) received two dozen nominations for its 2008 “Vermont Retailer of the Year” award and selected Claussen Enterprises, Inc., the parent company for the Claussen gardening businesses, and

Whereas, in announcing the award, the VRA judges noted that “year after year, Claussen’s has overcome every obstacle a Vermont business can face while maintaining only the highest quality in products and service. Their plants are exceptional, their staff is superb, and they exemplify the very best aspects of retail business,” and

Whereas, the town of Colchester is fortunate to have the Claussen businesses in the community and a dedicated public servant such as Chris Conant to serve on its selectboard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Claussen Enterprises, Inc. of Colchester on being named the 2008 Vermont Retailer of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chris Conant at Claussen’s Florist and Greenhouse in Colchester.

H.C.R. 129

House concurrent resolution congratulating John D. Dilts on the completion of his outstanding career in public education

Offered by: Representative Acinapura of Brandon

Whereas, John Dilts has dedicated his career to educating schoolchildren in Vermont’s public schools, and

Whereas, prior to his first professional teaching assignment, he earned an undergraduate degree at Rutgers University and spent a year as a Vista volunteer in Omaha, Nebraska developing a reading clinic for inner city children, and

Whereas, after teaching for four years in New Jersey, John Dilts wisely relocated to Vermont, where he has worked as either a teacher or a school administrator for the past 31 years, and

Whereas, from 1978 to 1981, John Dilts was employed as a resource room teacher in Woodstock, and

Whereas, in 1981, he switched to the administrative side of the educational world in the field of special education in the Rutland Central Supervisory Union, and

Whereas, while working in Rutland, John Dilts earned a master’s degree in special education from the College of St. Joseph in Rutland, and

Whereas, starting in 1990, John Dilts has served as an outstanding school principal, initially at the Sudbury Country School and subsequently at the

Shoreham Elementary and the Rutland Intermediate schools before assuming his present position at the Neshobe Elementary School in Brandon in 2003, and

Whereas, John Dilts is a member and leader of many professional organizations of public school educators, and

Whereas, he has served as an adjunct instructor at both Castleton State College and the College of St. Joseph, and

Whereas, the educational needs of the incarcerated population were the focus of John Dilts's attention during his service on and chairing of the Rutland Community Correctional Center educational advisory board, and

Whereas, locally, he has been a community leader and currently chairs the steering committee of the Boys and Girls Club of Brandon, and

Whereas, at the conclusion of the 2008–2009 school year, John Dilts will retire, and he has earned the respect of his fellow principals around the state, and his teaching staff, students, and their parents, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates John D. Dilts on the completion of his outstanding career in public education and wishes him all the best as he embarks on retirement, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 130

House concurrent resolution congratulating Mike Friel on being named the 2009 Vermont Elementary School Principal of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Edwards of Brattleboro, Milkey of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Mrowicki of Putney and O'Donnell of Vernon

Whereas, principals serve an important role as the leaders of their schools and must work constructively with teachers and students to form a successful educational enterprise, and

Whereas, elementary school principals can profoundly impact a young child's long-term perspective on the learning experience, and

Whereas, Mike Friel has spent his professional career in public education working in the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union originally as a teacher, having taught at the Putney Central School and the Winhall School, and

Whereas, from the classroom he moved on to the principal's office, first for six years at the Putney Central School, then for a dozen years at the Guilford

Central School, and for the past seven years at the Oak Grove School in Brattleboro, and

Whereas, Mike Friel has striven to develop the best possible academic environment, and

Whereas, he has participated in significant academic programs, including serving as a mentor for students training to become a school principal and traveling to China as a member of the Vermont School Leadership Project in association with the Snelling Center for Government, and

Whereas, the teachers at Oak Grove School appreciate his partnering with them in the development and implementation of their classroom activities, and

Whereas, a member of the Oak Grove faculty nominated Mike Friel for the Vermont Elementary School Principal of the Year, an award that the Vermont Principal's Association presents annually to a distinguished school administrator, and

Whereas, after reviewing all the nominations, the association selected Mike Friel as the 2009 recipient of this honor, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, he credits his entire school community with the success of his tenure as principal at Oak Grove School, and

Whereas, in 2010, Mike Friel will travel to Washington, D.C, to represent Vermont and be considered for selection as the National Principal of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Mike Friel on being named the 2009 Vermont Elementary School Principal of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mike Friel at the Oak Grove School in Brattleboro.

H.C.R. 131

House concurrent resolution congratulating Nick Gain of Vernon on being named the 2009 Vermont Boys & Girls Clubs Vermont State Youth of the Year

Offered by: Representative O'Donnell of Vernon

Whereas, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Youth of the Year program was established in 1947 for the purpose of honoring young persons who have served their communities and overcome obstacles in their lives, and

Whereas, each candidate for local club designation as a Youth of the Year must submit a written essay that demonstrates growth and accomplishment

with respect to home and family, spiritual values, community, school, service to the club, life goals, and obstacles that have been overcome, and

Whereas, each of the club winners in this state is then entered into a statewide competition for the honor of being named the Vermont State Youth of the Year, and

Whereas, the judges selected Nick Cain, an 18-year-old senior at Brattleboro High School and resident of Vernon where he lives with his mother and younger brother, and

Whereas, Nick Cain takes great pride in serving as a role model for both his younger brother and younger club members, and he has taken a particular interest in the club's skate park where he readily assists beginning skaters, and

Whereas, he has assumed a student leadership role at Brattleboro Union High School, serving on the student council, chairing its environmental committee, and is a member of the school's Preserve Our Planet's leadership committee, and

Whereas, in recognition of his community participation and leadership at Brattleboro Union High School, he was a recent winner of the school's student-of-the-month award, and

Whereas, Nick Cain has served the greater Brattleboro community in a direct way, working as a peer outreach worker for the local youth services agency, and

Whereas, he has exhibited his art work in local galleries and plans to attend art school in the fall of 2009, and

Whereas, Nick Cain, has shown all the attributes required for a winner of the Vermont Youth of the Year award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Nick Cain on being named the 2009 Vermont Boys & Girls Clubs Vermont State Youth of the Year, and wishes him every success in the Youth of the Year national competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Nick Cain in Vernon.

H.C.R. 132

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Green Up poster winners from the Flood Brook Union School in Londonderry

Offered by: Representatives Hube of Londonderry and Komline of Dorset

Whereas, Green Up Vermont’s mission is “to promote the stewardship of our state’s natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day” which takes place each year on the first Saturday in May, and

Whereas, since the early 1980s, the Green Up organization has sponsored an annual poster contest among the state’s schoolchildren, and

Whereas, over the decades, the colorful and creative winning posters have been displayed at general stores, on public bulletin boards, and now on the Internet as a way of generating enthusiasm for Green Up Day, and

Whereas, in 2009, two fifth grade students from the Flood Brook Union School in Londonderry were poster award winners, and

Whereas, the statewide winner, whose poster is being displayed and admired by many, is Olivia Bellingham, and

Whereas, Olivia Bellingham’s poster was created as a collage, technically a compilation of paper cutouts, and

Whereas, the statewide award poster depicts a little girl with brunette pigtails wearing an orange dress and neatly tied oversized purple shoes, and

Whereas, the little girl is carefully depositing a blue glass bottle into a large blue receptacle and smiling as she thinks of the good deed that she is accomplishing, and

Whereas, this scene is set against a white background with the words “Green Up Vermont” in bright green prominently placed across the poster’s top half, and the entire picture is contained within a bright border, and

Whereas, in recognition of her accomplishment, Olivia Bellingham attended a dinner in Montpelier at which Governor Douglas presented her with a \$200.00 prize, and

Whereas, classmate Pippin Evarts was cited as the grade 5-8 division winner for Windham County in recognition of her poster, also created as a collage, that depicts green mountains, a body of blue water, and a shining red and orange sun, and

Whereas, this poster depicting the geography of Vermont beautifully relates why it is so important to help protect our state’s scenic beauty by participating in Green Up Day, and

Whereas, both Olivia and Pippin are artistically talented fifth graders who have demonstrated their enthusiasm for Green Up Day in a most colorful manner, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Olivia Bellingham and Pippin Evarts of the Flood Brook Union School in Londonderry on their winning entries in the 2009 Green Up poster contest, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the students honored in this resolution and to Green Up Vermont in Montpelier.

H.C.R. 133

House concurrent resolution congratulating Xin Hu of St. Johnsbury Academy on being named a 2009 Vermont student winner of the Siemens Award for Advanced Placement

Offered by: Representative Crawford of Burke

Whereas, an important measurement of high school students' scientific and mathematical knowledge is the scoring on the College Board's advanced placement (AP) examinations, and

Whereas, these rigorous tests are administered to students enrolled in the challenging AP class for that subject, and

Whereas, these science and math courses are offered in biology, calculus, chemistry, computer science, environmental science, physics, and statistics, and

Whereas, successful completion of these courses and high AP examinations scores on the 1–5 scale can serve as a strong indicators of successful academic performance at the nation's leading colleges, and

Whereas, annually, the Siemens Foundation, in collaboration with the College Board, recognizes the special achievements of high school students in these examinations, and

Whereas, from each state, the foundation honors a maximum of one male and one female student who has earned the most scores of 5 on the AP scientific, mathematics, and technology examinations with a minimum of two scores of 5 being a prerequisite for this award, and

Whereas, the students are honored nationally with their names appearing in an advertisement the foundation places in the *USA Today* newspaper and personally with a \$2,000.00 college scholarship, and

Whereas, the 2008–2009 Vermont female student honored for this high achievement is Xin Hu of St. Johnsbury Academy, and

Whereas, Xin Hu can be very proud of her academic accomplishment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Xin Hu of St. Johnsbury Academy on being named a 2009 Vermont student winner of the 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 Xin Hu at St. Johnsbury Academy.

H.C.R. 134

House concurrent resolution congratulating Dr. Kimberly Silloway on her induction into the Vermont Principals' Association Hall of Fame

Offered by: Representatives Crawford of Burke, Lawrence of Lyndon, Reis of St. Johnsbury and South of St. Johnsbury

Offered by: Senators Choate and Kitchel

Whereas, Dr. Kimberly Silloway is a prominent and highly respected oral surgeon in Virginia, and

Whereas, her stellar surgical reputation is reflected in Dr. Kim Silloway's many dental leadership responsibilities and her recent nomination as a Fellow of the Virginia Dental Association, and

Whereas, before ever examining her first patient, Kim Silloway was one of Vermont's most lauded young female athletes, and

Whereas, as a student at St. Johnsbury Academy (SJA), she established women's athletics records and standards of excellence that remain the benchmark a generation later, and

Whereas, as a sophomore in 1980, Kim Silloway was the girls' cross-country state champion, and she was a top competitor in track and field events, and

Whereas, however, Kim Silloway's true calling was to play basketball, and during her three-year varsity Hilltopper hoop career, she scored 1523 points, still an SJA girls' record today, and

Whereas, all of the Vermont girl basketball players who have surpassed this career total scored their points after three-point arc play was introduced, and

Whereas, in the 1982 state championship game against Vergennes Union High School, Kim Silloway scored 35 points, assuring that the championship pennant would be flown in the SJA gym, and

Whereas, at the conclusion of her senior year, Kim Silloway was invited to play in the U.S. Olympic Festival at the Olympic training complex in Colorado

Springs and earned a bronze medal, placing her on the all-time U.S.A. basketball women's roster, and

Whereas, as an undergraduate at the University of Virginia, she delighted her new fans with great basketball-playing performances, earned athletic accolades, and graduated as a scholar athlete, and

Whereas, although her Vermont athletic heroics are now in the past, they are hardly forgotten, and Dr. Kim Silloway will be heading north this May to be inducted into the Vermont Principals' Association Hall of Fame, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Dr. Kimberly Silloway on her induction into the Vermont Principals' Association Hall of Fame, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Kim Silloway.

H.C.R. 135

House concurrent resolution honoring the late James Burlingame on his posthumous induction into the Vermont Principals' Hall of Fame

Offered by: Representatives Crawford of Burke, Lawrence of Lyndon, Reis of St. Johnsbury and South of St. Johnsbury

Offered by: Senators Choate and Kitchel

Whereas, James Burlingame attended Springfield College, earning both a bachelor's and master's degree, and served in the U.S. Navy, and

Whereas, after working for two years as an assistant coach in several sports at Burlington High School, James Burlingame relocated to St. Johnsbury Academy (SJA) where he served as a coach, biology and physical education teacher, and, ultimately, athletic director during the following 21 years, and

Whereas, although James Burlingame coached baseball, basketball, and track during his years at SJA, his historic legacy to the school's sports annals was as a football coach who won 90 games, lost 66, and tied 6, and

Whereas, his football coaching career featured many memorable achievements, including three state championships, first in Division II in 1961, and twice in Division I in 1966 and again in 1968 when the Hilltoppers were undefeated, and for a period of time in the 1960s, the academy compiled a football record of 29–2–1, and

Whereas, the Division I championships were especially impressive because SJA was a smaller school than most of its Division I rivals, and

Whereas, his Hilltopper squads defeated arch rival Lyndon Institute four consecutive years, from 1973 to 1976, a feat that had not been previously accomplished since the 1930s, and

Whereas, James Burlingame's coaching talents were on display before a broad audience when he coached the Vermont team at the 1964 all-star Shrine football game when Vermont defeated New Hampshire in an unexpected 27–13 victory, and he also coached the Vermont all-stars in 1965 and again in 1972 when Vermont won 6–0, and

Whereas, sadly, his 1977 retirement at age 52 proved brief as he died while jogging near his Cape Cod home in 1979, and the baseball field at SJA was named in his honor in 1980, and

Whereas, though over 30 years have passed since James Burlingame's untimely death, his memory is still cherished at SJA, and he will be inducted posthumously this May into the Vermont Principals' Hall of Fame as a coaching honoree, much to the delight of his wife, Nancy, their children, Aurora, Viviannia, Blair, and Brent, and grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the late James Burlingame on his posthumous induction into the Vermont Principals' Hall of Fame, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 136

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2008–2009 two-year college All-Vermont Academic Team

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

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, outstanding students attend two-year colleges and many then matriculate into four-year degree programs at other institutions of higher education, and

Whereas, annually, Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, with financial support from the Coca-Cola company and the USA Today newspaper, organizes the All USA Academic Team, a showcase of outstanding two-year college students throughout the country, and

Whereas, as a first step in developing the All USA Academic Team, the presidents of a state's two-year colleges nominate two students from their respective schools, and

Whereas, these student nominees constitute the membership of an individual state's All Academic Team, and

Whereas, the state's two-year college presidents select students as winners of the Senator Robert T. Stafford for Outstanding Student Leader and Senator George D. Aiken for Outstanding Community Servant Leadership All-Vermont Academic Team Awards, and

Whereas, from among the members of the state All Academic Teams, national judges then select the All USA Academic Team, and

Whereas, although individual Vermont colleges have participated in the All USA Academic Team competition in prior years, an official All-Vermont Academic Team was established in 2005 and celebrates its fifth year in 2009, and

Whereas, as an opportunity to honor the academic excellence of Vermont's top two-year college students and to increase the scholarship possibilities for these students at four-year colleges in Vermont, Dr. Lynda J. Katz, president of Landmark College, and David W. Mulholland, All-Vermont Academic Team executive director, and the Landmark College Student Government Association established the first official All-Vermont Academic Team, and

Whereas, the members of the All-Vermont Academic Team and their home colleges are Michael Tranchina and Miles Chickering of Landmark College and Heather Shelton of Vermont Technical College, and

Whereas, Miles Chickering of Landmark College has been named by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation as the top two-year college student in Vermont and the winner of its New Century Scholarship, and

Whereas, the Senator Robert T. Stafford Outstanding Student Leaders for Vermont's two-year colleges are Michael Moran of Landmark College and Terrance Stanley of Vermont Technical College, and

Whereas, the Senator George D. Aiken Outstanding Community Servant Leaders for Vermont's two-year colleges are Jay Rivera of Landmark College and Jennifer Gile of Vermont Technical College, and now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the members of the 2009 All-Vermont Academic Team, Vermont's New Century Scholar, and its Senator Stafford and Senator Aiken award winners, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each member of the All-Vermont Academic Team and award recipients; to Rod Risley, executive director of Phi Theta Kappa, David Mulholland, executive director of the All-Vermont Academic Team, and to Vermont Technical College and Landmark College.

H.C.R. 137

House concurrent resolution in memory of Dr. Elizabeth C. Faris

Offered by: Representatives Miller of Shaftsbury, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Smith of Morristown and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell, Sears and Shumlin

Whereas, Elizabeth (Cunningham) Faris graduated from the University of Rochester and earned a medical degree from Albany Medical College, where she was one of only five women in her class and where she met her husband, and

Whereas, Dr. Elizabeth C. Faris dedicated her medical career, in professional partnership with her husband, Dr. Arthur Faris, to serving as a caring and compassionate physician in the town of Shaftsbury, and they resided in a previous doctor's home that became their residence and office, and

Whereas, during the many years she practiced in Shaftsbury, Dr. Elizabeth Faris was fondly known as Dr. Bette, and she devoted much attention to the well-being of youngsters attending the Shaftsbury Elementary School, and

Whereas, early on, her fees were \$6.00 for an office visit, and alternative compensation was not unusual, including items such as baked goods and in one instance chickens, and

Whereas, Dr. Elizabeth Faris and her husband continued home visits after many other physicians had discontinued them, and when Medicare and Medicaid were introduced, it was not unusual for them to extend the length of a consultation beyond the compensable time, and

Whereas, professional development was a priority for Dr. Elizabeth Faris, and for many years, even after retirement, she served as executive secretary of the Vermont Academy of Family Physicians, and the organization honored her as "the guiding light of the Vermont Academy of Family Physicians for decades," and

Whereas, the town of Shaftsbury recognized the unique contributions of both Drs. Elizabeth and Arthur Faris when a reception called Faris Day was held in 1979 to mark the 25th anniversary of their practice, and

Whereas, she was a participant in the civic life of Shaftsbury as an active participant in local Democratic politics and as a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, as if a busy medical practice and raising four children with her husband were not enough activity, Dr. Elizabeth Faris pursued numerous hobbies and activities as an accomplished knitter and seamstress, gardener, hiker and camper, swimmer, music lover, and traveler, and late in life, she joined her husband as a fly fishing enthusiast, and

Whereas, the life of Dr. Elizabeth Faris, an amazing Renaissance woman, recently came to a close with her passing in April 2009, and her survivors include her husband, Dr. Arthur Faris, her children, Tom, Ann, twin sons Greg and Chris, and grandson Jaalid, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Elizabeth Faris of Shaftsbury, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Arthur Faris in Shaftsbury.

H.C.R. 138

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs 2009 Division II girls' championship basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Wilson of Manchester, Canfield of Fair Haven, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, Hube of Londonderry, Komline of Dorset and Malcolm of Pawlet

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, the second-seeded Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs girls' basketball team played a steady stream of nearly flawless games this past season as it confidently defeated each opponent and earned the right to play the first-seeded Lamoille Union High School Lancers in the 2009 Division II championship contest at the Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, a win against the Lancers would give Burr and Burton a rare perfect season, and the pressure on the Bulldogs to succeed was apparent, and

Whereas, with the game tied at 14-all in the midst of the second quarter, the Bulldogs ignited a scoring spree that enabled them to leave the court at halftime ahead 24-16, and

Whereas, after the Lancers had narrowed the Bulldogs' lead to six points, the Bulldogs started a new round of precision offensive plays and increased their scoring margin to 16 as they were now ahead 36–20, and

Whereas, the Bulldogs were quickly reminded of the Lancers' first-seed tournament rank as Lamoille soon trailed by only five points, and with 5:26 remaining, there was sufficient time for a reversal of the good fortune Burr and Burton had enjoyed all season, and

Whereas, recognizing the potential of losing their now narrowing championship game lead, the Bulldogs' offense assumed a more energetic stance, and Burr and Burton's defense assisted mightily as it permitted only seven Lancer points during the game's concluding four minutes, and

Whereas, when the game's final second had passed, the 2009 Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs were triumphant as they had won the game 51–43, clinched the 2009 Division II championship title, and completed a perfect 2008–2009 campaign of 24 consecutive victories, and

Whereas, all the Bulldogs, including Sarah Shehadi, Michaela Madden, Nina Shehadi, Colleen Walsh, Sawyer DeVries, Kelsey Kelleher, Jenna Hoffman, Amelia Morrissey, Abby Marsh, Tyler Johnson, Logan Cavanaugh, and Lauren Charnow, were delighted to have been a member of this special team, and

Whereas, no doubt equally excited was coach Jeff Houghton, who was continuing the path his brother Steve Houghton blazed when he coached the Burr and Burton girls' basketball teams to state championships in 1983 and 1986, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs 2009 Division II girls' basketball championship team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jeff Houghton at Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester.

H.C.R. 139

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs 2009 Division II girls' championship ice hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Wilson of Manchester, Hube of Londonderry, Komline of Dorset and Malcolm of Pawlet

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, the Burr and Burton Bulldogs' girls' hockey team faced formidable odds when it skated onto the ice at Norwich University's Kreitzberg Arena for the 2009 Division II championship game against the defending champions the Missisquoi Bay High School Thunderbirds, and

Whereas, not only had the Bulldogs lost to the Thunderbirds in the 2008 Division II title game, but in each of Burr and Burton's 2008–2009 regular season encounters with Missisquoi, the Thunderbirds had been the winners, and

Whereas, the opening minutes of the championship game were not encouraging for Burr and Burton as it was soon at the low end of a 2–0 deficit thanks to Missisquoi's goals at the 2:05 and 9:28 marks of the first period, and

Whereas, less than a minute and a half after the Thunderbirds scored their second goal, the Bulldogs rebounded with their first successful scoring effort, ending Missisquoi Bay's hope of a shutout, and

Whereas, at 7:15 of the second period, the Bulldogs overcame a strong Thunderbird defensive effort and evened the score at 2–all, forcing each team to rethink its playing strategies, and

Whereas, well into the third and decisive period, each team's defensive talent prevented the winning goal from being scored, and

Whereas, a critical moment occurred at 9:02 of the third period when the Bulldogs sent the puck directly into the net and sealed the 2009 Division II girls' hockey victory for their school, marking the third time that Burr and Burton has won top divisional honors in this sport, and

Whereas, each of the girls' hockey bulldogs, including Kristen Palmer, Charlotte Palmer, Piper Ferrone, Whitney Marmer, Melissa Olivia, Nicole Read, Sarah Stearns, Dunja Jovicic, Emma Houser, Viktoria von Waldenfels, Danielle Marmer, Hannah Corkum, Abby Stearns, Brooke Sabol, Megan Miskovsky, Jennifer March, Brooke Woodruff, Jennifer Coppin, Karla Coppin, Shawna Kelley, and Thalia Berard, was thrilled with this exciting and hard-won victory, and

Whereas, head coach Chip Edson did a superb job all season long, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs 2009 Division II girls' ice hockey championship team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chip Edson at Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester.

H.C.R. 140

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs 2009 championship boys' alpine ski team

Offered by: Representatives Wilson of Manchester, Hube of Londonderry, Komline of Dorset and Malcolm of Pawlet

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, the 2009 Vermont high school boys' alpine ski championship at Pico Mountain in Killington was a great day for the skiers from Burr and Burton Academy, and

Whereas, in both the giant slalom and slalom races, the Bulldogs easily mastered the tricky courses and swooshed down the snowy slopes with speed and finesse, and

Whereas, in the grand slalom, Burr and Burton led the pack with the first place finish of 38:24, and other Bulldogs also captured fourth and sixth place in the race, and

Whereas, the two races in the slalom competition each featured a Bulldog in the lead with times of 45:23 and 45:56 respectively, both well ahead of the nearest competitor, and Burr and Burton also earned fourth place in the slalom competition, and

Whereas, when all the scores were tallied, Burr and Burton was the clear first place winner with the low of 62 points, and its nearest rival Essex High School had more than double that score with 128 points, and

Whereas, the triumphant alpine skiing Bulldogs included Chris Ogilvie, James Clarkson, Jared Lennox, Brandon Ogilvie, Ryley Ameden, Colin Henderson, Peter Schow, Mark Nebraska, and Chase Vaughn, and

Whereas, Coach Peter McNealus was of great assistance in advising the skiers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs 2009 championship boys' alpine ski team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Peter McNealus at Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester.

H.C.R. 141

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs 2009 girls' championship snowboarding team

Offered by: Representatives Wilson of Manchester, Hube of Londonderry, Komline of Dorset and Malcolm of Pawlet

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, the 2009 Vermont statewide high school snowboarding (halfpipe) championship meet took place at the Stowe Mountain resort in early March, and

Whereas, snowboarding is a wintertime athletic activity that is fast-paced and challenges the participants to apply their athletic skills creatively, and

Whereas, among the female snowboarders, the Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs proved most skilled in executing the complex maneuvers that are the basis of the sport's popularity, and

Whereas, the Bulldogs turned in great performances as four of the Burr and Burton girls ranked among the top 11 finishers at Stowe, and

Whereas, when it came time to tally the score, Burr and Burton had earned the fewest points, the scoring objective in snowboarding, with 18, while its nearest rival, Black River, was a considerable distance behind at 32, and

Whereas, Bulldog snowboarders Sierra Wright, Hannah Andersen, Genneva Blanchard, Justine Booth, Emery Bourdeau, Paige Emond, Morgan Lendway, Katie McDonald, Chelsea Nunn, Sam Pagliccia, and Ellie Turner had a great day on the slopes made even better by winning first place honors for their school, and

Whereas, coach Amy Herrmann can take great pride in her team's success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs girls' snowboarding championship team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Amy Herrmann at Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester.

H.C.R. 142

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont's elementary, middle, and secondary school principals and assistant principals and technical center directors on Vermont Principal Recognition Day at the state house

Offered by: Representatives Peltz of Woodbury, Donovan of Burlington, Frank of Underhill, Gilbert of Fairfax, Mook of Bennington, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburg, Waite-Simpson of Essex and Zenie of Colchester

Whereas, elementary, middle, and secondary school principals, assistant principals, and technical center directors are academic building leaders-administrators charged with the scholastic and administrative direction of their individual educational institutions, and

Whereas, the implementation of a school or technical center's curriculum is a prime responsibility for these individuals, and their objective is always to provide students with the highest quality education, and

Whereas, academic building leaders-administrators are responsible for applying state and national educational standards in often challenging local circumstances, and

Whereas, they work closely with teachers and parents to ensure the best possible learning experience for each student in the classroom, on the athletic field, in other extracurricular activities, and when working under a school's auspices in the community, and

Whereas, many persons rely on academic building leaders-administrators for advice and guidance in the education of their children, and

Whereas, a technical center director is a distinct type of leader-administrator who must manage an educational complex featuring a regional student body, large campuses, and equipment designed to prepare students for careers in fields as diverse as computer science and automotive repairs, and

Whereas, all of these educational leaders, regardless of their specific school or grade responsibilities, are unsung heroes, and their accomplishments do not receive sufficient recognition, and

Whereas, the Vermont Principals' Association is observing Principals Recognition Day on April 28, 2008 for the purpose of honoring the distinguished service of academic building leaders-administrators, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont's exemplary elementary, middle level, and secondary school principals, assistant principals, and technical center directors on Principal Recognition Day, and be it be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bob Stevens, executive director of the Vermont Principals' Association.