

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**SENATE and HOUSE
CALENDAR**

OF

Thursday, May 7, 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 Brock and Kittell,

By Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Young of St. Albans City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town and Howrigan of Fairfield,

S.C.R. 27.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Lawrence Handy of St. Albans for his civic and entrepreneurial leadership.

Whereas, over a half century ago, Lawrence Handy embarked on a career in motor vehicle sales, and the business he started has evolved into Handy Pontiac Cadillac Buick, one of the largest motor vehicle dealerships in northwestern Vermont, and his sons David and Jeffrey now play major roles in its operation, and

Whereas, he is an active member of St. Mary's Church in St. Albans City, and

Whereas, Lawrence Handy's energy and intelligence have also been applied to his civic roles including service during the middle 1960s and early 1970s on the public service board, and

Whereas, his passion for politics rivals his interest in selling cars, and for many years he served as the Franklin County Democratic Party chair and as a member of the party's state committee, and

Whereas, Lawrence Hardy's commitment to civic service, combined with his expertise in matters pertaining to motor vehicle sales, made him an ideal candidate for appointment to the Vermont motor vehicle arbitration board, and

Whereas, Governor Howard Dean was pleased to nominate him in 1998 as the new car dealer board member, and

Whereas, Lawrence Handy displayed a talent for providing the consumers and manufacturers a fair forum to present their testimony, and

Whereas, his talents as a knowledgeable and fair arbitrator led to his selection as the chair of the board, and

Whereas, Lawrence Handy conducted board hearings professionally but with just a touch of levity to relax hearing participants, and

Whereas, participating parties quickly discovered his great patience, and

Whereas, on March 20, 2009, after ten successful years of respected public service on the Vermont Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board, including presiding as chair, Lawrence Handy concluded his board tenure, and

Whereas, his wife Lorraine, with whom he will celebrate 56 years of marriage on July 4, his children David, Jeffrey, Susan and Joanne, and his grandchildren are all very proud of him, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Lawrence Handy of St. Albans for his civic and entrepreneurial leadership, *and be it further*

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

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

By Representatives Koch of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, McDonald of Berlin, Porier of Barre City and Taylor of Barre City,

S.C.R. 28.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Thunder Road International Speedbowl on its 50th anniversary season.

Whereas, in 1960, Ken Squier, a young stock car racing announcer and occasional driver, decided to build a new racing venue in central Vermont, selecting Quarry Hill in Barre Town as the site, and

Whereas, on Thursday, June 30, 1960, the day of the week having been chosen because it was payroll day in most of Barre's granite quarries, the Thunder Road International Speedbowl opened its doors to an overflow audience in excess of 5,000 eager fans, and

Whereas, Thunder Road is a high-banked ¼ mile "short track" with a course featuring a narrow front stretch and a challenging "widowmaker" wall, and

Whereas, after Ken Squier sold Thunder Road in the 1970s, the track faced legal and economic problems that caused it to close intermittently, and

Whereas, recognizing the cultural, economic and social importance of Thunder Road in Barre, Ken Squier teamed with his new business partner, Tom Curley, to repurchase the track, and together they reinvigorated the sport of stock car racing in Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1988, Thunder Road's grandstand, buildings and other support facilities were extensively renovated, making the track far more pleasant for fans and drivers alike, and

Whereas, in 2004, Tom Curley was deservedly named the Auto Racing Promoter of the Year, and

Whereas, Thunder Road's 50th anniversary season of exciting stock car racing started on May 3, and, to celebrate, the track's management has announced that the front gate admission price will remain the same as last year throughout the season, and

Whereas, special 50th anniversary season highlights include the appearances of racing legend Bobby Allison and all-time stock car champion Richard Petty on June 18 and July 30, respectively, an appearance by famed driver Tony Stewart, who will compete in the Governor's Cup on June 25, and the much anticipated Chittenden Milk Bowl race, featuring nationally recognized late model car drivers, to conclude the season on September 27, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Thunder Road International Speedbowl on its 50th anniversary season of great stock car racing, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to Tom Curley and Ken Squier.

By Senators Kitchel and Choate,

By Representatives Crawford of Burke, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Morley of Barton, Peaslee of Guildhall, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Rodgers of Glover, South of St. Johnsbury and Toll of Danville,

S.C.R. 29.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating A. Richard Boera on being named Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce's 2009 Citizen of the Year.

Whereas, A. Richard Boera grew up on Staten Island, New York, was a commissioned United States naval officer, graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology and then earned a graduate degree at California Institute of Technology, and

Whereas, in 1970, Richard Boera assumed the position of comptroller/business manager at Lyndon State College, and

Whereas, when he retired in 1989 as Lyndon State College's Dean of Business Affairs, Richard Boera was proud that after his first year at the college there were no annual deficits and that the college had doubled its enrollment from 600 to 1,200, undergone a major building program, and added new technology to oversee the larger physical plant, and

Whereas, in honor of his exemplary tenure at Lyndon State College, he was honored with the 1989 Lyndon Citizen of the Year Award, and

Whereas, after his retirement from Lyndon State College, Richard Boera applied his financial expertise as a consultant with the Caledonia North Supervisory Union and as interim business manager of Umbrella and of St. Johnsbury's school district, and

Whereas, Richard Boera has served in volunteer municipal roles, including Lyndon town and village auditor, Lyndon justice of the peace and planning commission chair, and interim Lyndon selectboard member, and

Whereas, he assumed numerous leadership positions with many non-profit and economic development organizations, including the Boy Scouts, Caledonia Fair Association, Lyndon Historical Society, Lyndon Institute, Sanborn School, St. Johnsbury Development Fund and the St. Johnsbury-Lyndon Industrial Park, and

Whereas, the restoration of the 1857–1900 district #6 one-room schoolhouse in Lyndon Center was a project he personally supervised, and the building has now been placed on the Vermont and National Registers of Historic Places, and

Whereas, in 2005, Richard Boera was presented the Caledonia Public Service Award, and

Whereas, in recognition of Richard Boera's nearly four decades of exceptional service as an educational administrator, public servant and community volunteer extraordinaire, the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce has selected him as the organization's 2009 Citizen of the Year, and the award will be presented at a dinner to be held on May 9 at Lyndon State College, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates A. Richard Boera on being named Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce's 2009 Citizen of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richard Boera in Lyndon.

By Senators Choate and Kitchel,

By Representatives Larocque of Barnet, Peaslee of Guildhall, Reis of St. Johnsbury and South of St. Johnsbury,

S.C.R. 30.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Caledonia Essex Ambulance Service on its 25th Anniversary.

Whereas, the Caledonia Essex Ambulance Service (CALEX) is a private non-profit organization founded in 1984 when Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital in St. Johnsbury divested itself of its ambulance service, and

Whereas, it is the primary Emergency Medical Service (EMS) provider for over 13,000 residents in an area of 250 square miles in the most rural part of Vermont, commonly called the Northeast Kingdom, specifically in the towns of St. Johnsbury, Waterford, Kirby, Concord, Victory, Granby, and Barnet, and

Whereas, over the years, CALEX has evolved from a volunteer service to one that now pays seven full-time and 18 part-time employees, and

Whereas, as the first emergency responder organization in Vermont's EMS District #5 to achieve licensure as a paramedic responder, CALEX now provides paramedic level care to all of the residents in its service area, and

Whereas, in 2008, CALEX responded to 2,237 calls at all hours of the day and night, and it provides the primary backup ambulance service for 14 surrounding towns and paramedic intercepts for 21 towns in Caledonia and Essex counties, and

Whereas, CALEX was the first EMS in its service area to employ a priority dispatching system, reducing its lights and siren response 50 percent since its inception and contributing to an increased level of safety for responders, patients and all motorists in its service area, and

Whereas, as a leader in teaching public CPR and first-aid classes, CALEX has trained several thousand individuals in life-saving techniques, and

Whereas, since the year 2000, CALEX has been the recipient of awards in honor of its outstanding work, including Vermont Ambulance Service of the Year (2000 and 2008), Vermont EMS Leader of the Year (2001), Vermont

Paramedic of the Year (2002), and the Governor's Award for Workplace Safety (2006), *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Caledonia Essex Ambulance Service on its 25th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jay Wood, director of the Caledonia Essex Ambulance Service, the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont office of EMS and injury prevention at the Department of Health, Vermont Ambulance Association President Jim Finger, the chief executive officer of Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, Paul Bengtsen, and St. Johnsbury town manager Michael Welch.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott,

S.C.R. 31.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating O.U.R. House of Central Vermont, Inc. on its 20th anniversary.

Whereas, in 1989, citizens in Washington County who were concerned about the sexual abuse of children and sought to address this problem in a way that would be the least painful for the victims and their families, established O.U.R. House in Barre, and

Whereas, O.U.R. House through its original role as a children's advocacy center provides "a comprehensive, culturally competent, multidisciplinary team response to allegations of child abuse in a dedicated, child-friendly setting," and

Whereas, these response mechanisms, which are at the core of a children's advocacy center's operation, enable child victims and their families to complete the difficult and painful process of reporting an incident of sexual abuse, and

Whereas, O.U.R. House is a charter member of the National Children's Alliance and was the first children's advocacy center in Vermont, and

Whereas, more recently, O.U.R. House has assumed a second and equally important role, establishing the Special Investigative Unit (SIU) for Washington County, and

Whereas, SIUs are multidisciplinary task forces "that investigate sexually based crimes (both against adults and children)," and their scope will eventually be expanded to include investigations of incidents of domestic

violence and other crimes against vulnerable persons (the mentally and physically disabled), and

Whereas, in 2009, O.U.R. House is commemorating its 20th anniversary and its outstanding work addressing incidents of sexual abuse, both against children and now adults, and it merits legislative commendation, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates O.U.R. House of Central Vermont, Inc. on its 20th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the president of OUR House, Steve Mackenzie.

House Concurrent Resolutions

H.C.R. 155

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Joseph T. Steventon of Rochester

Offered by: Representative Haas of Rochester

Whereas, Joseph Steventon was born in Connecticut, but for most of his life resided in the town of Rochester on the family farm, and

Whereas, during World War II, Joseph Steventon served in the United States Army, graduating from the Signal Corps Officer's Candidate School, followed by Radar School and Radio School, and

Whereas, promoted to the rank of 1st lieutenant, he was officer in charge of Morse Code School and later was assigned to the 989th Signal Service Company, serving as an executive and technical officer, and

Whereas, in 1943, Joseph Steventon married Margaret Roberts, and in 1946, they returned to his family's farm in Rochester, and

Whereas, in addition to working on his farm, where he grew fruits and vegetables and maintained a beautiful greenhouse, Joseph Steventon was employed at the Weyerhauser plant in Hancock and then at Omya in Florence, only concluding his employment in the year 2000 at the age of 80, and

Whereas, Joseph Steventon took an active interest in the civic life of Rochester and served on the local school board and as the town's civil defense chairman, and

Whereas, as an individual attentive to the issues affecting the welfare of the town of Rochester, Joseph Steventon stood for election to the House of

Representatives in 1968, and the voters assessed his candidacy favorably, electing him to the first of his six terms, and

Whereas, for a decade, he was a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources and participated in the deliberations leading to the enactment of Act 250, and, during his final term, he served on the Committee on Government Operations, and

Whereas, Joseph Steventon was active in fraternal organizations, including the American Legion and the Masons, held an Extra Class amateur radio license, avidly hunted and fished, enthusiastically played keyboard on many occasions, and he always had a smile on his face, and

Whereas, after 89 years of an active and personally fulfilling life, Joseph Steventon died, leaving his wife, Margaret, his children, Joan, Thomas, Charles, Robert, and Bruce, 10 grandchildren, and eight 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 Joseph T. Steventon, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Margaret Steventon in Rochester.

H.C.R. 156

House concurrent resolution welcoming to the state house the participants in the Vermont National Guard state partnership with Macedonia and Senegal

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, Acinapura of Brandon, Baker of West Rutland, Krawczyk of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, South of St. Johnsbury, Stevens of Waterbury and Weston of Burlington

Whereas, the National Guard's State Partnership Program (SPP) was established in 1993 to link individual states in the United States with democratic nations around the world in order to foster cooperation in mutually beneficial activities across all sectors of society, and

Whereas, there are now 62 nations participating in an SPP, and among the program's objectives are improving military interoperability between the military forces of the United States and a partner nation, assisting in the development of democratic institutions in the partner country, promoting the United States' humanitarian values, and fostering open market economies, and

Whereas, currently, two state partnerships are operating in cooperation with the Vermont National Guard, and

Whereas, a Vermont SPP was established in March 1995 between Vermont and Macedonia when the first Vermont military team arrived in that nation, and many more have since followed, and

Whereas, the SPP between Vermont and Macedonia evolved into a bilateral affairs office, and it is now a program within the Office of Defense Cooperation at the Pentagon, and

Whereas, the projects that have been conducted through the Vermont–Macedonia SPP have shown the Macedonian military how the U.S. military operates, assisted Macedonia in its preparation for NATO membership, and in a civilian context have focused on business and country marketing, operating a crisis management center, and management in the areas of higher education and environmental policy, and

Whereas, in May 2008, the Vermont–Senegal SPP relation was initiated, and a robust and dynamic relationship has emerged during the intervening months, and

Whereas, representatives of Vermont organizations, the State Department, the National Guard Bureau, the U.S. military’s African Command, the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School, and Senegal are participating in a three-day workshop being held May 6–8 in Essex, and

Whereas, this educational workshop will facilitate the exchange of ideas between Vermonters and Senegalese in both the military and civilian sectors, and

Whereas, representatives of the Vermont National Guard and from both Macedonia and Senegal are visiting the State House today, May 5, 2009, where they have an opportunity to see democracy in action, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes to the state house the participants in the Vermont National Guard state partnerships with Macedonia and Senegal, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to the Vermont National Guard and the visiting delegations from Macedonia and Senegal.

H.C.R. 157

House concurrent resolution in memory of Joseph J. Flory

Offered by: All members of the House

Offered by: All members of the Senate

Whereas, high school guidance counselors advise and counsel students about important academic and career path decisions, and

Whereas, students rely on and trust high school guidance counselors as mentors who place a student's best interest as the first and sole priority, and

Whereas, Joseph Flory devoted the past dozen years of his distinguished 39-year career as a secondary school educator to his duties as a guidance counselor at Rutland High School, and

Whereas, his compassion, empathy, and wisdom earned him the admiration and friendship of the students he worked with and enormous goodwill among the school's faculty and staff, and

Whereas, a Rutland native, Joseph Flory graduated from Mount St. Joseph Academy and Castleton State College, and

Whereas, after graduating from college, he worked at Mount St. Joseph Academy as a classroom teacher, a guidance counselor, a role he was drawn to based on his strong interest in helping students navigate their way through the thicket of choices they make as high school students, and as vice principal, and

Whereas, Joseph Flory also served as a guidance counselor at Proctor High School and most recently at Rutland High School, and

Whereas, he would bring baked goods into school to share with whomever needed sustenance to get through the day and was always willing to meet with students, with whom he maintained enduring and warm friendships, and

Whereas, on Tuesday, April 21, Joseph Flory's was on a special mission to purchase a gift for the guidance department secretary to commemorate Administrative Professional's Day when he died unexpectedly, and

Whereas, the Rutland High School community reacted with enormous shock and sadness on learning that Joseph Flory's life had concluded, and

Whereas, the unsolicited and moving student letters that the *Rutland Herald* has published since Joseph Flory's death are evidence of the lasting and profound impact he had on their lives, and

Whereas, the memory of Joseph Flory will always remain central in the minds and hearts of his family, including his wife, Representative Peg Flory of

Pittsford, his sons and their wives, Michael and Adrian, Gregory and Leanne, and Mark and Jennifer, and his six grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its most sincere condolences to Representative Peg Flory, her children, and her grandchildren on the passing of their much-loved and treasured husband, father, and grandfather, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Representative Peg Flory, to each of her sons, and to Rutland High School Principal Peter Folaros.

H.C.R. 158

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vincent's Drug & Variety Store on its receipt of the 2009 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year Award

Offered by: Representatives Minter of Waterbury, Stevens of Waterbury, Adams of Hartland, Ancel of Calais, Aswad of Burlington, Audette of South Burlington, Baker of West Rutland, Botzow of Pownal, Clark of Vergennes, Crawford of Burke, Deen of Westminster, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Fisher of Lincoln, Flory of Pittsford, French of Randolph, Grad of Moretown, Head of South Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Hube of Londonderry, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Krawczyk of Bennington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Marek of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, Milkey of Brattleboro, Miller of Shaftsbury, Moran of Wardsboro, Nease of Johnson, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Pugh of South Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Sweaney of Windsor, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown and Zuckerman of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott

Whereas, since 1963, the President of the United States has designated National Small Business Week to recognize the contributions of small business to the American economy, and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), 97 percent of the businesses in Vermont are small businesses, and

Whereas, National Small Business Week will be observed in 2009 during the week of May 17, and

Whereas, as a central part of National Small Business Week, SBA presents a number of awards on the state, regional, and national levels, and

Whereas, one of these awards is the Jeffery Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year Award, honoring a family-owned business that has passed from one generation to another and in which the family-owner being honored is the business's majority owner and operator and has a minimum 15-year track record with the business, and

Whereas, in 2009, the Vermont state and New England regional winner of the Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year Award is Vincent's Drug & Variety Store (Vincent's), which is located in downtown Waterbury, and

Whereas, the uncle of John Vincent, the business's current owner, opened a drug store in 1911 at the crest of Main Street in downtown Waterbury, and

Whereas, John Vincent's father purchased the business in 1940, and John Vincent subsequently bought it in 1972 after graduating from the Hampden College of Pharmacy, and

Whereas, under the ownership of John Vincent and his wife, Val, the business has grown considerably and been relocated to a modern space at the Waterbury Shopping Center, and two years ago, the store's pharmacy was expanded and the shopping area redesigned to be larger and more energy-efficient, and

Whereas, the Revitalizing Waterbury organization nominated Vincent's Drug & Variety Store for the Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year Award in recognition of this business's outstanding contribution to the economy of downtown Waterbury, the employment it provides to local residents, and its incomparable quality of customer service, and

Whereas, on June 9, *Vermont Business Magazine* will host a ceremony on the Burlington waterfront at which the award will be formally presented to John and Val Vincent, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vincent's Drug & Variety Store and John and Val Vincent on the receipt of the 2009 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John and Val Vincent in Waterbury.

H.C.R. 159

House concurrent resolution honoring the history of baseball and softball at the University of Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Audette of South Burlington, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Potter of Clarendon, Ram of Burlington, Weston of Burlington and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, baseball, and its companion game softball, are often referred to as the great American pastimes, and

Whereas, beginning in 1888, and for the next 111 years, the quintessential American sport of baseball has been a mainstay of athletic competition at the University of Vermont (UVM) campus, and

Whereas, the UVM baseball Catamounts originally played at Athletic Park, and on April 17, 1906, they competed in the first baseball game at their current home, Centennial Field, defeating the University of Maine 10–4, and

Whereas, for not quite as many years, the UVM Lady Catamounts have played on the softball diamond at Archie Post Field, and

Whereas, softball has been a popular sport on the hilltop campus, and

Whereas, entering the 2009 season, the UVM baseball and softball Catamounts sported many laudable athletic records, and

Whereas, throughout baseball's 111 seasons, there have been 1,485 wins, 1,306 defeats, and 34 ties, and the softball Catamounts' record, starting in 1977, stands at 429 wins, 595 losses, and 4 ties, and

Whereas, the baseball Catamounts scored the most total single-season victories (32) in 2003, a season when they won the first of two America East regular season championships, also winning it in 2006, and

Whereas, the softball Catamounts' comparable year was 1990, when the team won 27 contests and was the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference runner up, and

Whereas, in 1978, when the softball team played an abbreviated 12-game schedule, it won 10 games and scored 44 runs in a contest against Vermont Technical College, and

Whereas, the most runs the baseball Catamounts ever scored in a single game were 27 against Middlebury College in 1984, and

Whereas, the single-season baseball batting crown belongs to Ethan Barlow, who achieved an incredible .455 batting average in 1996, and the parallel

career record belongs to Jim Wawruck, who batted .366 over the three seasons from 1989 through 1991, and

Whereas, in softball, the top single-season batter was Sue Duke with a .481 batting average in 1994, and her career counterpart is Kristen Nestor who batted .407 in the four seasons from 1994 to 1998, and

Whereas, on the pitching mound, the baseball Catamount hurler with the most wins in a single season was Richard DeNicola with 10 victories in 1962, and the parallel UVM career pitching honors belong to Richard Cassani (1961–1963) and Brady Frost (1990–1993), who each left the mound victorious on 21 occasions, and

Whereas, the historic Catamount softball pitching star on both counts is Katie Quinn who won 15 games in 1990 and 43 during her UVM career on the mound from 1989 to 1992 to, and

Whereas, Vermonters can cite many wonderful memories of exciting UVM softball and baseball games and the great pleasure they have brought the Catamounts' many fans, and

Whereas, as the era of both UVM intercollegiate softball and baseball is concluding, it is timely for the General Assembly to pay tribute to all the young women and men who have proudly worn the Catamount uniform on the diamonds at Archie Post, Athletic Park, and Centennial Fields, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the role of baseball and softball in the history of the University of Vermont's intercollegiate athletic program and cultural heritage, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to University of Vermont Athletic Director Dr. Robert Corran and to the University of Vermont's archives at the Bailey Howe Library.

H.C.R. 160

House concurrent resolution in memory of Allen S. Myers

Offered by: Representatives Webb of Shelburne, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston and O'Brien of Richmond

Offered by: Senators Lyons, Racine and Snelling

Whereas, since 1973, when Allen (Al) Myers graduated from the University of Vermont and became a teacher at the Williston Central School, students at

the school were privileged, and also delighted, to be assigned to his classroom, and

Whereas, he mastered the art of teaching as an imparter of knowledge and developer of academic skills and as a champion of child-centered and student-empowered learning, and

Whereas, he contributed to the educational curriculum of many schools as a co-author of the Vermont Geography Book, and

Whereas, his life at the Williston Central School extended beyond the classroom to his role as director of the school's vibrant drama program that presented a broad menu of theatrical performances ranging from musicals to Shakespeare, and

Whereas, Al Myers demonstrated his love of the theater on his other home stage, the Lyric Theatre Company of Burlington, which he joined in 1976, and

Whereas, although his Lyric Theatre colleagues thought affectionately of Allen Myers as the company's class clown who could recite excerpts of Monty Python routines and had perfect comedic timing, the scope of his duties was broad, encompassing acting, directing, producing, designing sets, and working on the technical crew, and

Whereas, in honor of Al Myers' unique and beloved role at the Lyric Theatre Company, in 2005 he was designated a lifetime member, and

Whereas, his rich and multi-faceted life had a dimension apart from the classroom and stage, as he was a member of the Champlain Valley Historical Reenactors, in which he served as commander of Company A of the Second Vermont Volunteer Infantry Regiment, and

Whereas, the group's members devote much time to drills and other preparations for the reenactment of Civil War military history, and Allen Myers had traveled to Gettysburg as a reenactor, and

Whereas, he was also a devout individual who was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Burlington, and he served as the scoutmaster of the church's Boy Scout Troop, and

Whereas, Al Myers died on Saturday, April 25, at the age of 57, and by Thursday, April 30, more than 2,000 persons had joined the In Memory of Al Myers Facebook page, and

Whereas, a celebration of Allen Myers' life will occur at the Williston Central School on Saturday, May 16, at noon, and

Whereas, the Williston Central School has lost an extraordinary teacher, drama director, mentor, and friend, and

Whereas, most especially mourning his unexpected death are his wife, Deborah, and three children, Briana, Eli, and Meredith, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Allen Myers, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 161

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Sledcats sled hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Milkey of Brattleboro, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Audette of South Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Branagan of Georgia, Davis of Washington, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, French of Randolph, Geier of South Burlington, Gilbert of Fairfax, Head of South Burlington, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Larson of Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, McFaun of Barre Town, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, Poirier of Barre City, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Stevens of Shoreham, Taylor of Barre City, Trombley of Grand Isle, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, the Northeast Disabled Athletic Association (NDAA) is a nonprofit Vermont organization established to provide support for individuals with physical disabilities who wish to participate in recreational and competitive athletics, and

Whereas, sled hockey is one of the sports the NDAA has promoted, and in 2004, under its auspices, the Vermont Sledcats were formed, and

Whereas, sled hockey is a an action-filled version of ice hockey “played primarily by people with mobility disabilities” who sit in a sled with two hockey skate blades under the seat, and “the checking, raised puck shooting, and penalty killing” that are found in standard ice hockey are equally present in this version of the game, and

Whereas, the Vermont Sledcats’ roster ranges in age from 15 to 56 and comes from throughout the state, and the team plays under the careful scrutiny of coach Joe Clark, a faculty member at Winooski High School, and

Whereas, Cairns Arena in South Burlington serves as the Vermont Sledcats' home ice, and the team also hosts summer practices at the Riley Rink in Manchester, and

Whereas, in April 2009, the Vermont Sledcats played in their first tournament, the New England Invitational Sled Hockey tournament in Westfield, Massachusetts, in which they represented Vermont in grand style against teams from New York, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Texas, and

Whereas, over the weekend of October 23–24, at the Cairns Arena, the Vermont Sledcats will host Vermont's first tournament celebrating the team's entry into the Northeast Sled Hockey League, and its competitors are slated to include the New Hampshire Wildcats, the Buffalo Sabres, the Connecticut Wolfpack, the New York Rangers, and the Pennsylvania Center-Pedes sled hockey teams, and

Whereas, the Vermont Sledcats have developed into a formidable team in this fast-paced sport, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont Sledcats sled hockey team for the opportunities it has provided to physically disabled ice hockey enthusiasts and wishes the team good luck on its entry into the Northeast Sled Hockey League, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Northeast Disabled Athletic Association President Patrick Standen.

H.C.R. 162

House concurrent resolution in memory of Gloria Miller of Corinth

Offered by: Representatives Davis of Washington, Conquest of Newbury and Winters of Williamstown

Whereas, Gloria (Houle) Miller of Corinth was a graduate of Spaulding High School, and she later completed cosmetology school, and

Whereas, for many years, she owned and operated Gloria's Salon of Beauty in East Corinth and was a consultant for Jafra Skin Care Products, and

Whereas, Gloria Miller was a member of Riverside Grange No. 455 and, as a 4-H leader, taught grooming, cooking, and sewing, and

Whereas, she was a devoted parishioner of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Bradford and received the Recognition of Women in Ministry Award for her service to the church, and

Whereas, most notably, Gloria Miller was locally renowned as a baker, candy maker, and preserver of fresh fruits and vegetables, and

Whereas, annually, she would enter her homemade confections in competitions at both the Vermont Farm Show and the Tunbridge World's Fair, and she was a frequent blue-ribbon winner, and

Whereas, in 2005, the Tunbridge World's Fair presented her a special award in recognition of her many years of outstanding competition, and

Whereas, she appeared on WCAX television's Across the Fence program to bake her Vermont Farm Show prize-winning apple pie, and

Whereas, most recently, she battled cancer in an extremely public way, actively fundraising for the American Cancer Society and serving as a Look Good Feel Better representative for the organization in the midst of her own cancer battle, and

Whereas, Gloria Miller's valiant effort to fight cancer ended with her death on April 2, and her survivors include her husband, Guy Miller Sr., her sons Guy Jr. and Stanley, three grandchildren, and three 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 Gloria Miller, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Guy Miller Sr. in Corinth.

H.C.R. 163

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Corinth moderator John A. Pierson Jr.

Offered by: Representatives Davis of Washington, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford and Winters of Williamstown

Whereas, John Pierson was a much admired leader in the town of Corinth, who participated in an amazingly diverse set of activities, and

Whereas, he resided in East Corinth throughout his life, graduated from the Bradford Academy, and managed and expanded the service station and garage business his father had established, and

Whereas, he brought his automotive expertise to building, owning, and racing race cars and serving as chief pit steward at Bradford's Bear Ridge Speedway, and

Whereas, the voters of Corinth had enormous respect for John Pierson's common sense, ethics, and wisdom and, for 32 years, he was elected to serve as town moderator, and his adept performance was valued during the 25 years that he served as moderator for the Corinth school district, and

Whereas, John Pierson's commitment to quality public education led to his serving two terms on the Corinth school board, and he was a founding member of the Oxbow Union High School board, and

Whereas, to make up for budgetary constraints, he annually provided local teachers with a \$100.00 contribution toward the cost of field trips, and for many years, he served on the Riverbend Career and Technical Center's auto mechanics advisory committee, and

Whereas, the Blake Memorial Library benefited from his service as a trustee, and

Whereas, protecting the public was also a matter of importance for John Pierson, and he served for many years as a member and chief of the local fire department, and

Whereas, the parishioners of East Corinth Congregational Church valued John Pierson as a respected trustee and, for 57 years, he assisted with the church's annual chicken barbecue fundraiser, and

Whereas, John Pierson was a great outdoor recreation enthusiast, having played baseball and basketball as a high school student and later on the East Corinth team, and having coached Babe Ruth and Little League baseball, and for the past 15 years, he administered a privately owned community field complex, and

Whereas, for 60 years, John Pierson played badminton and, with his wife, Peggy, volunteered as a badminton instructor at the Waits River Valley School, and they successfully represented Vermont in the National Senior Games, and

Whereas, since the 1960s, he had volunteered at Northeast Slopes, a local ski area, and had recently served as the organization's treasurer and as an instrumental player in the planned installation of a T-bar, and

Whereas, John Pierson, who gave so much to his community and derived enormous pleasure from an active life, died on April 4, 2009, leaving as survivors his wife, Peggy, his children, Alan, Stephen, Wade, Kaye, and Wendy, seven 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 John A. Pierson Jr. of Corinth, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Peggy Pierson in Corinth.

H.C.R. 164

House concurrent resolution commemorating the opening of the newly rebuilt Harris Hill Ski Jump in Brattleboro

Offered by: Representatives Milkey of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Edwards of Brattleboro, Masland of Thetford and O'Donnell of Vernon

Whereas, ski jumping and Vermont have been closely intertwined for over eight decades through the Harris Hill Ski Jump in Brattleboro, and

Whereas, Brattleboro native Fred Harris had already earned his place in the athletic and winter lore of northern New England when, as a Dartmouth undergraduate student, he founded the Dartmouth Outing Club and the college's winter carnival, and

Whereas, after graduating from Dartmouth, Fred Harris returned to Brattleboro and started a winter carnival and outing club in his hometown, and

Whereas, another Fred Harris project, the Harris Hill Ski Jump, has left a tangible impact on Brattleboro and winter athletic competition in New England, and

Whereas, Fred Harris built the famous ski jump in 1922 as a wooden trestle and earth structure with a 200-step climb to the top, and

Whereas, this impressive structure, the state's only Olympic ski jump, became the setting for 18 national and regional championships, and it has served as the site of the annual Harris Hill Ski Jumping Competition, an event which attracts thousands of paying spectators and the top American and international ski jumpers, and

Whereas, after the winter of 2005, the Harris Hill Ski Jump was shuttered due to safety concerns about the aging structure, and its future was left in doubt, and

Whereas, despite the major financial challenge, a dedicated team of local volunteers, through the nonprofit Harris Hill Ski Jump Inc., raised \$575,000.00 and designed and built a new steel ski jump that rises majestically 700 feet over Brattleboro, and

Whereas, on the weekend of February 14-15, 2009, following a four-year hiatus, competitive ski jumping returned to the famous Brattleboro site as over 8,000 spectators joyously watched some of the world's best ski jumpers,

including 15-year old Tara Geraghty-Moats of West Fairlee, jump adroitly at the 85th Harris Hill Ski Jumping Competition, and

Whereas, the reopening of the Harris Hill Ski Jump is a wonderful event for the sport of ski jumping and the town of Brattleboro, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to commemorate the opening of the newly rebuilt Harris Hill Ski Jump in Brattleboro and commends the many volunteers who brought it to fruition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Harris Hill Ski Jump Inc. in Brattleboro.

H.C.R. 165

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Wardsboro 4th of July parade and street fair on its 60th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Moran of Wardsboro

Whereas, the town of Wardsboro has had a tradition of a strong sense of community since its founding in 1780, and

Whereas, Wardsboro has exhibited a love of its past with the publication of several history books about the town and its inhabitants, and

Whereas, the Wardsboro parade and street fair is the longest running, consecutive 4th of July celebration in Vermont, and

Whereas, the parade and street fair has grown to become the town's most all-inclusive event, involving volunteers of all ages and interests, and

Whereas, the Wardsboro parade and street fair brings together townspeople and countless visitors from the area and from out of state, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the town of Wardsboro on its 60th annual 4th of July parade and street fair, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Wardsboro 4th of July parade and street fair committee.

H.C.R. 166

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Essex High School Fed Challenge team on its outstanding performance

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

Whereas, with the economic volatility of recent months, a fundamental understanding of fiscal policy has assumed increased importance, but unfortunately, economics education is often minimized or neglected in high school curriculums, and

Whereas, a shining exception to this general trend in secondary education is the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's Fed Challenge that invites high school teams from throughout the bank's district to act as mock Federal Open-Market Committees, and

Whereas, the teams, one of which was from Essex High School, include many of the leading public and private schools in New England, and they engage in intensive analytical research in preparation for their presentations at the bank's Boston headquarters, and

Whereas, a team's presentation starts with an analysis of leading, concurrent, and lagging indicators of economic growth and concludes with a monetary policy recommendation that sets a Federal Funds Rate target designed to achieve the Federal Reserve's dual congressional mandates of price stability and sustainable economic growth, and

Whereas, a panel of the bank's economists then questions the team's members to test the depth of their knowledge of monetary policy development and the overall economy, and

Whereas, Essex High School's excellent preliminary round presentation on April 1, in which it scored higher than Boston Latin High School, earned the Vermonters a return invitation to Boston for the final regional competition on April 28, and

Whereas, Essex High School again performed extremely well and was awarded second place ahead of Phillips-Andover Academy and just slightly behind perennial winner Choate-Rosemary Hall, and

Whereas, Essex High School's Fed Challenge team's members, including Chris Bergeron, Matt Breuer, Olivia Horton, Sean Maguire, and Zach Smith, all deserve high commendation for their notable scholastic achievement, and their coach, Charlie Burnett, was critical in the students' success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Essex High School Fed Challenge team on its outstanding performance, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Charlie Burnett at Essex High School.

H.C.R. 167

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Vermont National Guard Assistant Adjutant General Alan Howard Noyes

Offered by: Representatives Condon of Colchester, Koch of Barre Town, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, Poirier of Barre City, Taylor of Barre City and Head of South Burlington

Whereas, Alan Noyes was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, he began a long and distinguished military career on December 7, 1942 in the Army Air Corps, in which he served as an aerial gunner and turret mechanic with the first B-29 Wing organized in World War II, performing duty in China, India and the Pacific, and

Whereas, in 1948 he graduated from Boston University with a degree in business administration, and

Whereas, Alan Noyes was recalled to active duty during the Korean War, and, while serving with the 22nd Bomb Wing at March Field, California, he received his commission as a second lieutenant, and

Whereas, he worked as a radio broadcaster in Massachusetts before he and his wife, Joyce, moved to Barre in 1960, and

Whereas, Alan Noyes served as vice-president and general manager of Barre radio stations WORK and WSNO, which informed and entertained central Vermont listeners and were the launching pad for the start of many local broadcasting careers, and

Whereas, he continued to serve the broadcasting community, after his so-called "retirement" in 1990, as the long-time executive director of the Vermont Association of Broadcasters, and he is responsible for making the organization one of the strongest of its kind in the country, and

Whereas, as a community leader, Alan Noyes served as the first president of the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, founded the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation, and helped bring the Bombardier Corporation to Barre, and

Whereas, Alan Noyes' municipal public service entailed five years as a Barre city alderman from 1966 to 1971, and he sat on the committee that assisted in the formation of the Barre Ambulance Service, and

Whereas, he was a longtime member of the Barre Kiwanis Club, serving a term as president, and was an active member of the Masonic Lodge, the Barre Elks, and the American Legion, and

Whereas, in addition to his busy civilian life, Alan Noyes continued his military career with the Vermont National Guard as state preparedness liaison officer, an assignment he held for nearly 11 years, and

Whereas, in April 1981, Alan Noyes was appointed assistant adjutant general for air, and was reassigned from the Air Force Reserve to the Vermont Air National Guard, and

Whereas, he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general on June 1, 1983, and in September 1984, General Noyes retired from federal military service, although he remained on duty as assistant adjutant general, on state status, until January 1988, and

Whereas, Alan Noyes, a great patriot, broadcaster, community leader, military officer, and family man died on April 26, 2009, and his survivors include his wife, Joyce, six children, and 13 grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of former Vermont National Guard Assistant Adjutant General Alan Noyes, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joyce Noyes of Barre Town.

H.C.R. 168

House concurrent resolution congratulating Chroma Technology Corporation of Bellows Falls on being named one of the world's most democratic companies

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, on April 14, 2009, in celebration of Democracy in the Workplace Day, WorldBlue, a nonprofit organization specializing in organizational democracy, named 40 for-profit and nonprofit organizations as the world's most democratic companies or organizations, and

Whereas, the named organizations and companies are spread geographically around the globe in Canada, England, India, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the United States, and

Whereas, the industries represented on the honoree list include aerospace, health care, manufacturing, media, retail, technology, and telecommunications, and the award winners have a combined total in annual sales of nearly \$12 billion, and

Whereas, one of the honorees named as a democratic company is employee-owned Chroma Technology of Bellows Falls, and

Whereas, Chroma Technology Corporation manufactures optical filters for scientific study and offers employee ownership, a cash profit-sharing plan, a strong health benefits package, leadership opportunities, and management by committee, and

Whereas, the company's staff turnover is low and it is proud of its product, and

Whereas, in order to be designated one of the most democratic companies, Chroma Technology Corporation was required to complete a detailed evaluation of its practices with respect to certain democratic principles, including "transparency, dialogue and listening, integrity, accountability and choice on a leadership, individual, and the company's systems and processes level," and

Whereas, these companies were honored in order to demonstrate that corporate success can be achieved with less pomp, more employee participation, and fewer senior titles in order to be competitive in a new democratic age, and

Whereas, Chroma Technology Corporation was delighted to be honored for its democratic corporate culture, which continues to serve as a successful business model, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Chroma Technology Corporation of Bellows Falls on being named one of the world's most democratic companies, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chroma Technology Corporation in Bellows Falls.

H.C.R. 169

House concurrent resolution congratulating the new International House of Pancakes Restaurant in South Burlington for serving pure Vermont maple syrup

Offered by: Representatives Branagan of Georgia, Pugh of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Ainsworth of Royalton, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clerkin of Hartford, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue

of Northfield, Edwards of Brattleboro, Fagan of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Higley of Lowell, Howard of Rutland City, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hubert of Milton, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lewis of Derby, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, McAllister of Highgate, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Mitchell of Barnard, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Donnell of Vernon, Pellett of Chester, Ram of Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Smith of Mendon, South of St. Johnsbury, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Turner of Milton, Webb of Shelburne, Wheeler of Derby, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington and Young of St. Albans City

Whereas, the International House of Pancakes (IHOP) is a national chain of restaurants which is familiar to millions of Americans nationwide for its pancakes, French toast, and waffles offered from early in the morning until late at night, and

Whereas, prior to March 2009, IHOP had steadfastly refused to serve pure maple syrup, Vermont's or any other state's, at any of its locations, and

Whereas, recognizing Vermonters' overwhelming preference for pure maple syrup, IHOP had always refrained from opening a restaurant in Vermont, a state in which there is an abundance of wonderful sugar shacks and other unique local eateries serving homemade pancakes and true Vermont maple syrup as a standard option, and

Whereas, IHOP realized that if the chain were ever to advertise truthfully that it has locations in all 50 states, then establishing a Vermont restaurant was required, and

Whereas, after much deliberation and planning, IHOP has now ventured into the Green Mountain State with the opening of a new restaurant in South Burlington, and

Whereas, recognizing this new IHOP would be far more profitable if the menu reflected the tastes of the local population, the franchise owner, Sam Handy, Jr., secured special permission from IHOP's corporate headquarters to offer pure Vermont maple syrup at a small additional cost, and

Whereas, the slight premium price charged for pure Vermont maple syrup reflects its special quality and the extra effort of local maple sugar bush owners to create the highest quality product, and

Whereas, Sam Handy, Jr., is also considering purchasing eggs and dairy products produced on local Vermont farms, and

Whereas, the successful introduction of pure Vermont maple syrup at the IHOP in South Burlington might prompt IHOP's corporate headquarters staff to reevaluate its policy to not offer pure maple syrup at any other IHOP restaurant, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the new International House of Pancakes restaurant in South Burlington and Sam Handy, Jr., for serving pure Vermont maple syrup, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sam Handy, Jr., at the International House of Pancakes in South Burlington and to the chain's corporate headquarters.

H.C.R. 170

House concurrent resolution congratulating The Grafton FAST Squad on being named the 2009 First Responder Service of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, first responder services are often essential for the saving of a human life, and

Whereas, communities are continually upgrading their first responder services as technology advances and in order to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible, and

Whereas, annually, Vermont EMS (Emergency Medical Services) honors one first responder service for its accomplishments and record of community service, and

Whereas, after careful assessment, the Vermont EMS has named The Grafton FAST Squad as the 2009 First Responder Service of the Year, and

Whereas, the appropriately named FAST Squad was established in 1981 to provide quick emergency medical response service for the town of Grafton, and

Whereas, since its creation, the FAST Squad has striven to grow and improve in its capabilities and level of service, and

Whereas, a recent example of the squad's service improvement is the purchase of a new multi-purpose custom-built rescue truck which was

purchased with funds from both private foundations and the community, and local residents donated more than one-half of the \$130,000.00 total cost, and

Whereas, four FAST Squad members, Rachel Laliberte, Keith Hermiz, Anne Craven, and Lisa Kissel, completed an extensive EMT course under the auspices of Rescue Inc. of Brattleboro, and

Whereas, credit for the FAST Squad's record of service and the respect it has won in Grafton can be attributed to all its volunteers and the leadership of its recent past president, Margaret (Armstrong) Heale, and its current president, Anne Craven, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates The Grafton FAST Squad on being named the 2009 First Responder Service of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Anne Craven in Grafton.

H.C.R. 171

House concurrent resolution congratulating Seldon Technologies, Inc. on its third place ranking in the Artemis Project's top 50 water companies survey

Offered by: Representative Sweaney of Windsor

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, Seldon Technologies was established as a limited liability company in 2002 when a Dartmouth Ph.D. candidate, Christopher Cooper, met Alan Cummings and together they formed a new company to engage in advanced research, design, and development of water and other liquid purification systems, and

Whereas, Seldon Technologies started its laboratory work in borrowed space at Dartmouth College and, in 2003, the company constructed its own laboratory, a 2,500-square-foot facility in Windsor, and

Whereas, the company has operated as an incubator for new technological advances with its first patent issued in 2007 and eight in the application process, and

Whereas, this research has evolved through the winning of numerous contractual projects for federal military and civilian agencies, and

Whereas, the scope of Seldon Technologies Inc.'s work has involved water and other fluid filtration research with applicability on earth as well as a futuristic contract with NASA, one of several it has won from the space

agency, to develop a filtration system for lunar dust in anticipation of astronauts' eventual return to the moon for extended stays, and

Whereas, Seldon Technologies' corporate structure was reorganized in 2007 when its several corporate units were merged into Seldon Technologies, Inc., and

Whereas, the Artemis Project has recently released the results of the first top 50 water companies surveyed with the intent "to identify the leading game-changing technologies that provide venture grade investment opportunities in the water sector," and

Whereas, the assessment examined a company's "ability to become an industry leader through market opportunity coupled by a depth of intellectual property and know-how," and it also applied advanced mathematical analysis to its ranking of the water companies, which were based both domestically and internationally, and

Whereas, the Artemis Project ranked Seldon Technologies, Inc. as third on its list number, which is an enormous achievement for a firm started in a college laboratory less than seven years ago, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Seldon Technologies, Inc. on its third-place ranking in the Artemis Project's top 50 water companies survey, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alan Cummings at Seldon Technologies, Inc. in Windsor.

H.C.R. 172

House concurrent resolution congratulating John Charles Dugan on being named the Vergennes Boys & Girls Club's 2009 Youth of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes and Clark of Vergennes

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, the development of good character and complementary leadership skills in high school students can benefit them in many ways as they proceed through life, and

Whereas, an award that honors young persons who have worked to acquire and improve these personal traits gives them a great incentive to continue their personal growth, and

Whereas, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes annually names a high school student from its membership as the Youth of the Year, as do the organization's other clubs in Vermont, and

Whereas, the Youth of the Year is honored for leadership, community service, and contributions to the club, and

Whereas, a panel of local community members selects the award's winner after interviewing the candidates and reviewing the essays that the candidates each submit that address career goals, challenges, home and school lives, service, and moral character, and

Whereas, the local winners from the individual Boys & Girls Clubs are honored at a luncheon held in Montpelier and are given a tour of the State House, and

Whereas, the Greater Vergennes Boys & Girls Club selected John Charles (J.C.) Dugan as the 2009 recipient of this honor, and

Whereas, J.C. Dugan brought to the competition for the award all of the qualities that the judges were seeking, and

Whereas, the judges consider J.C. Dugan a perfect role model based on the way he treats his peers as their big brother and the way he welcomes and supports new members of the club, and

Whereas, his service activities have included working on Green Up Day, helping to conduct a kite-flying contest, and serving as the club's leadership group president, which involves assisting in the planning of club events and the development of fundraising activities, and

Whereas, the judges were especially impressed with his deportment during the interview, and were delighted to present the Youth of the Year Award to so worthy a candidate as J.C. Dugan, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates John Charles Dugan on being named the Vergennes Boys & Girls Club's 2009 Youth of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Charles Dugan in Vergennes.

H.C.R. 173

House concurrent resolution honoring the golden anniversary of Ted's Pizza Shop in Rutland City

Offered by: Representatives Howard of Rutland City, Andrews of Rutland City, Courcelle of Rutland City and Fagan of Rutland City

Whereas, the history of this Rutland City eatery began in the late 1950s when Raymond "Ted" Vignoe and his mother decided to sell pizza from their front porch during what was then known as the Italian Feast, and

Whereas, their success led to the November 1958 opening of Ted's Pizza Shop on State Street near Noyes Avenue as the community's first stand-alone Italian pizzeria and grinder shop, and

Whereas, for the next 16½ years, Ted's Pizza Shop, at its original location and later at 91 State Street, was under the attentive proprietorship of Ted Vignoe, who had the great assistance of his wife, Helen, and

Whereas, in May 1975, Ted Vignoe sold his thriving pizzeria to the Romeo family, including his long-time employee Tony Romeo and Tony's mother and sister, and

Whereas, Tony Romeo is proud of Ted's Pizza's half-century of success, has maintained scrapbooks relating the business's history, and has always kept the business's original name, and

Whereas, pride in past accomplishments has hardly kept Tony Romeo from introducing new and delectable entrees to his menu, including spaghetti and ziti, and the pizza is offered with thin, medium, or thick crust, and a variety of grinders are served cold or toasted, and

Whereas, Ted's Pizza Shop has hosted live radio broadcasts of the WSYB Christmas Fund appeal, most recently in December 2008, and

Whereas, the restaurant's large and faithful customer base includes many dignitaries including perhaps most notably West Rutland native and Grammy Award-winning country singer Dan Tyminski, who has been know to praise Ted's Pizza from the stage during a concert, and

Whereas, individuals call from across the nation to order gift certificates to send to local family and friends, and

Whereas, in November 2008, Ted's Pizza Shop marked a half-century of selling pizza and other favorites to Rutlanders, and this is a cause for great celebration, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ted's Pizza Shop and Tony Romeo and his family on marking the restaurant's golden anniversary and extends best wishes for many years of continued success, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tony Romeo at Ted's Pizza Shop in Rutland.

H.C.R. 174

House concurrent resolution congratulating and extending best wishes to the Woodstock Union Middle School Science Bowl team

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Energy's National Science Bowl is an exciting competitive program created to entice middle school students to engender student enthusiasm for studying science, and

Whereas, entry into the annual National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C., is premised on a student's qualifying for an individual school's team that proceeds to win a regional competition, and

Whereas, the Woodstock Union Middle School organized its original Science Bowl team only six years ago, and prior to 2009, a Woodstock team had already appeared in Washington, D.C., on two occasions,

Whereas, this year's team attracted interested and talented students who worked diligently to prepare for the regional competition, and

Whereas, the 2009 Woodstock student participants included Reid Langona, Charles Kahn, Jaired Stewart, and Sawyer Mattsson, who each brought a lively scientific curiosity and strong work ethic to the team, and

Whereas, these four youngsters, who prepared with the able assistance of first-year coach Ryan Becker, proudly represented their school at the 2009 Northern New England Science Bowl held at Dartmouth College, and

Whereas, the four Woodstock students were quick and, more importantly, accurate responders during five rounds of fast-paced questions on a broad range of scientific topics, and

Whereas, in four of the five rounds, Woodstock scored the most points, which when tallied translated into an overall first-place finish, and

Whereas, this victory earned the team and their coach an all-expense-paid trip from April 30 to May 4 to our nation's capital to represent northern New England at the National Science Bowl, and

Whereas, a race of model hydrogen fuel-cell cars that the participating teams build and bring to Washington, D.C., is an exciting segment of this national academic event, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates and extends best wishes to the Woodstock Union Middle School Science Bowl team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ryan Becker at Woodstock Union Middle School.

H.C.R. 175

House concurrent resolution congratulating Castleton State College President David Wolk on his receipt of the New England Board of Higher Education's Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement

Offered by: Representatives Hube of Londonderry, Acinapura of Brandon, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Ancel of Calais, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Audette of South Burlington, Baker of West Rutland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Brennan of Colchester, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, Condon of Colchester, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, 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, French of Shrewsbury, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Heath of Westford, Helm of Castleton, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of Canaan, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morley of Barton, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, O'Donnell of Vernon, Obuchowski of Rockingham, Pearce of Richford, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Rodgers of Glover, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Mendon, Smith

of Morristown, Stevens of Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor, Toll of Danville, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Westman of Cambridge, Weston of Burlington, Wheeler of Derby, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

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

Whereas, Castleton State College President David Wolk has distinguished himself as an educator and public servant in the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, born in Rutland, David Wolk graduated from that community's public high school, earned his undergraduate degree at Middlebury College, and received a master's degree in education from Harvard University, and

Whereas, in an earlier work experience at Castleton State College, he directed the VT LEAD Project, and

Whereas, over the years, David Wolk developed a passionate interest in public service and served the city of Rutland as both an alderman and a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, for two bienniums, he represented Rutland County in the Vermont Senate, where he was a respected member of that legislative body, and

Whereas, Governor Dean recognized that David Wolk's intelligence, political savvy, and professional background as an educator were attributes that in combination would well serve the executive branch, and he appointed him to serve as a public policy specialist, and

Whereas, although he was successful in this post, David Wolk decided to refocus his career more directly in the field of education, and he accepted the principalship of his alma mater, Rutland High School, and he oversaw the school's historic move to its campus on Woodstock Avenue, and

Whereas, the Rutland school board later appointed him as the system's superintendent, and

Whereas, in 2000, the state board of education, recognizing his educational expertise, named David Wolk as Vermont's commissioner of education, and

Whereas, although his tenure in this post had only been for a year, in 2001, his record of achievement persuaded the board of trustees of the Vermont State Colleges to select him as the new president of Castleton State College, and

Whereas, in this capacity, David Wolk has overseen an academic and architectural renaissance on the campus as the curriculum has been improved and major new construction projects have been implemented, and

Whereas, in recognition of his many accomplishments as an extraordinary educational administrator and public servant, the New England Board of Higher Education recently awarded Castleton State College President David Wolk its 2009 Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Castleton State College President David Wolk on his receipt of the 2009 New England Board of Higher Education's Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Castleton State College President David Wolk.

H.C.R. 176

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Veterans' Home as it commemorates its 125th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, on November 24, 1884, the governor signed Act 180, a law that incorporated "The Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Vermont" (the Soldiers' Home) and designated the institution's initial trustees, and

Whereas, Act 180 authorized the trustees to maintain "in this State a home for deserving soldiers and sailors, and such members of their families as said trustees may deem proper," and

Whereas, the trustees selected the land and buildings of the Trenor W. Park Home as the ideal location, and the property was conveyed to the trustees by means of a quitclaim deed on January 15, 1887, and

Whereas, the Soldiers Home accepted its first resident, a Civil War infantry veteran named George E. Wood of Randolph, who had served in Company E of the 2nd Regiment, and

Whereas, on November 12, 1954, the Soldiers' Home's board of trustees convened a special meeting and amended its bylaws to provide for the admission of wives and widows of veterans, and

Whereas, in accordance with Act 53 of 1971, the name of “The Trustees of the Soldiers’ Home in Vermont” was officially changed to “The Veterans’ Home in Vermont” (Vermont Veterans’ Home), and

Whereas, the Vermont Veterans’ Home’s chapel was dedicated in May of 1990 and officially named “The Four Chaplains All Faith Memorial Chapel” in memory and honor of the four U.S. military chaplains who on the night of February 2, 1943, when a German submarine attacked the U.S.T.A. Dorchester on which they were serving, gave up their life jackets in order that others could live, and

Whereas, the Vermont Veterans’ Home’s bylaws were further amended in 1999 to authorize the admission of Gold Star parents, and

Whereas, pursuant to Act 121 of 2004, the Vermont Veterans’ Home was officially designated as “a body corporate and politic and a public instrumentality of the state,” and

Whereas, 2009 marks the 125th anniversary of the Vermont Veterans’ Home, which remains a welcoming place for Vermont’s veterans, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Veterans’ Home as it commemorates its 125th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Veterans’ Home in Bennington.

H.C.R. 177

House concurrent resolution congratulating Bennington Project Independence on its 30th anniversary and the opening of its new Dr. Richard A. Sleeman Center

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, adult day programs offer a compassionate and cost-effective alternative to nursing home care for older persons and younger adults with disabilities, and

Whereas, one of the most respected adult day programs in Vermont is Bennington Project Independence (BPI), and

Whereas, BPI is the only adult day program in Vermont to have received a 100 percent consumer satisfaction rating and to have been evaluated as having

no deficiencies in recent assessments by the department of disabilities, aging, and independent living and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and

Whereas, the organization has been on the cutting edge in its offering of innovative medical services and caregiving program areas, and

Whereas, BPI works closely with families and individual participants and has a high success rate in cases where similar organizations have refused to provide service, and

Whereas, on March 23, 2009, BPI occupied a new state-of-the art adult day facility to be known as the Dr. Richard A. Sleeman Center, and

Whereas, in addition to being a dream home for BPI's programs and administrative offices, the new facility is a great example of historic preservation working in combination with environmental sensitivity and energy efficiency, and

Whereas, the core structure of the new center is a former 1785 agricultural building that has been beautifully restored while incorporating new construction elements that reflect green technology and include recycled materials, and

Whereas, the prior owner of the property was so impressed with BPI's mission that he gifted back 50 percent of the purchase price, and another donor made a \$2.5 million capital campaign contribution, and

Whereas, BPI is also committed to being a conscientious land steward when it restores with accessible access paths one of Vermont's oldest apple orchards which is located on the property, and

Whereas, the opening of the Dr. Richard A. Sleeman Center marked a pivotal moment in BPI's history and is an extraordinary way to celebrate its 30th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Bennington Project Independence on its 30th anniversary and the opening of the Dr. Richard A. Sleeman Center, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bennington Project Independence Executive Director Linda Wichlac.

H.C.R. 178

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont State Representative Margaret Cheney and U.S. Representative Peter Welch on their recent marriage

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford, Adams of Hartland, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Leriche of Hardwick and Nease of Johnson

Whereas, members of the Vermont General Assembly and the U.S. House of Representatives work hundreds of miles apart and have limited opportunities to become personally acquainted, and

Whereas, the geographic distance that frequently separates Vermont State Representative Margaret Cheney of Norwich from U.S. Representative Peter Welch of Hartland proved a challenging, but not insurmountable, barrier to their developing a friendship that evolved into a romantic relationship, and

Whereas, as their commitment to one another became an increasingly stronger bond, they decided to share their lives with one another, and these two lawmakers from Windsor County committed themselves to formalizing their partnership through the act of marriage, and

Whereas, on January 1, 2009, Vermont State Representative Margaret Cheney and U.S. Representative Peter Welch began the new year by exchanging vows of love and commitment at an intimate family wedding ceremony performed in her home with his sister, who is a member of the Ursuline Order of Roman Catholic nuns, serving as one of the officiators, and

Whereas, the couple's many friends on all sides of the political aisle were delighted to learn the great news and celebrated this new joyful union, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vermont State Representative Margaret Cheney of Norwich and U.S. Representative Peter Welch of Hartland on their recent marriage and proclaims its heartfelt best wishes for many wonderful years of life together, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 179

House concurrent resolution honoring the American Cancer Society's 2009 Relay for Life events in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington and Morrissey of Bennington

Whereas, in 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Washington ran around the track at the University of Puget Sound for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society, and

Whereas, in 1986, Dr. Klatt decided to devise a 24-hour multi-person relay, and the City of Destiny Classic 24-Hour Run Against Cancer became the model for Relay for Life events that are now held throughout the United States and internationally in 21 countries, and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life unites cancer survivors, their families, and friends in a special effort to raise funds for research into the causes of and cures for cancer, and

Whereas, in 2009, the Vermont Relay for Life regional events and their locations include: Bennington County Relay for Life (Bennington); Relay for Life of Caledonia County (St. Johnsbury); Relay for Life of Central Vermont (Montpelier); Relay for Life of Chittenden County (Essex Junction); Relay for Life of Franklin County (Highgate); Relay for Life of Northeast Kingdom (Newport); Relay for Life of Rutland County (Rutland); Windham County Relay for Life (Brattleboro); and the Relay for Life of Windsor County (Woodstock), and

Whereas, four Vermont institutions of higher education, including Castleton State College, Middlebury College, Norwich University, and the University of Vermont, sponsor their own Relay for Life events, and

Whereas, the enthusiasm that Relay for Life events generate in Vermont does not end when the cold weather arrives as evidenced by the Relay for Life Nordic Style that took place on March 7–8 in Stowe, and

Whereas, these 14 Vermont events have annually raised thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society and demonstrate that Vermonters, both the event participants and their financial supporters, are contributing to the fight against cancer, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the 2009 Relay for Life events in Vermont and all of those persons associated with these important activities in the fight against cancer, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Northern New England Region office of the American Cancer Society in Williston.

H.C.R. 180

House concurrent resolution honoring Gary Anderson for his exemplary record of public and community service in Hyde Park

Offered by: Representative Martin of Wolcott

Offered by: Senator Bartlett

Whereas, Gary Anderson has resided in Hyde Park since his birth and graduated from Lamoille Central Academy and the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, for 16 years, he was employed in the accounting department at Copley Hospital in Morrisville, performing financial duties and monitoring Medicare rules, and

Whereas, Gary Anderson first served as a public official when the voters elected him a Hyde Park village trustee, and he retains his association with the village through his role as its auditor, and

Whereas, in 1989, he began his full-time career as a public servant when he was elected to the dual positions of Hyde Park town clerk and treasurer, as well as to the board of civil authority, and

Whereas, Gary Anderson also applies his financial expertise in his role as auditor for the Hyde Park school district, and

Whereas, his extensive involvement in the public life of the town, village, and school district of Hyde Park has hardly precluded him from assuming active leadership roles in numerous fraternal, civic, and religious organizations which often call upon his financial knowledge, and

Whereas, Gary Anderson is a member of Mt. Vernon Masonic Lodge #8, has served as Past Master and remains an active Mason, and he belongs to the Coral Chapter #16 of the Eastern Stars of which he is a past Worthy Patron and now serves as secretary, and

Whereas, among his other organizational memberships are the Odd Fellows, the local R.S.V.P. board, for which he is treasurer and the bingo night chef, the Lamoille Home Health & Hospice, for which he served as treasurer, and the Hyde Park veterans memorial committee, and

Whereas, Gary Anderson volunteers his oral reading skills twice yearly, once during Literacy Week at the Hyde Park Elementary School and once for the Hyde Park Community Circle Christmas wreath ceremony, and

Whereas, he has worshiped at the Puffer United Methodist Church for over three decades and, of course, for many years has served as treasurer, and

Whereas, in all of his activities, be they in the public, nonprofit, or religious sector, Gary Anderson has served with great distinction, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Gary Anderson for his exemplary record of public and community service in Hyde Park, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Gary Anderson in Hyde Park.