

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**HOUSE AND SENATE
CALENDAR**

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

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Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Representative or Senator requests floor consideration before the end of today's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration must be communicated to the House Clerk's office or Senate Secretary's office respectively.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 55.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the birth of Maxten Smith at the Whiting Elementary School

Offered by: Representative Stevens of Shoreham, Helm of Fair Haven, Canfield of Fair Haven and Taylor of Barre City

Whereas, the majority of births in Vermont occur at a local hospital with a growing number taking place in the newborn's parents' home, and

Whereas, certainly an unanticipated locale for the arrival of a new Vermonter was a second-grade classroom in the town of Whiting, and

Whereas, on Friday, January 21, 2011, Tim and Corey Smith of Castleton, believing that sufficient time was available to drive from their Rutland County home to their child's intended birth site at Porter Hospital in Middlebury, began the exciting journey with no scheduled intermediate stops on the itinerary, and

Whereas, when the Smiths arrived in Whiting, the mother-to-be realized that the time needed to complete the trip to Middlebury was longer than her baby was prepared to wait for that first memorable voicing of arrival, and

Whereas, the couple decided their default destination was the immediately proximate Whiting Elementary School, and

Whereas, once inside, the couple was quickly directed to the second-grade classroom of Tim Smith's cousin Lacey Smith, and although no doubt extremely surprised, she happily welcomed her relatives as the students were quickly ushered out the door, and

Whereas, as a second-grade teacher at the Fair Haven Grade School, Corey Smith must have felt comforted to be in a location with which she could personally identify, and

Whereas, water was boiled and towels were gathered, but the minimal time available meant that paramedics were still dashing to the school when Maxten Smith, weighing in at 8½ pounds, arrived on the scene, and

Whereas, the delighted students dutifully informed a newspaper reporter that Maxten was the first baby born at their school, and they have prepared a series of commemorative drawings that Lacey Smith is binding as a special memento for Maxten of his first day in the second grade, and

Whereas, the class has received a picture of baby Maxten and is looking forward to his planned return visit in the spring, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the birth of Maxten Smith at the Whiting Elementary School, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tim and Corey Smith in Castleton and to Lacey Smith's second-grade class at the Whiting Elementary School.

H.C.R. 56.

House concurrent resolution honoring the 2010 Harwood Union High School Division II girls' cross-country championship team

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Greshin of Warren, Donahue of Northfield, Ellis of Waterbury and Grad of Moretown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, after capturing the 2009 Division II girls' cross-country championship, the Harwood Union High School Highlanders were eager to demonstrate their enduring running talent, and

Whereas, the 2010 championship meet was held, as has become traditional, at the Thetford Academy cross-country course and proved to be an extremely rewarding event for the Harwood girls, and

Whereas, a Highlander was the first-place finisher of the five-kilometer run, and her superb teammates finished third, seventh, tenth, and thirteenth, and

Whereas, when these combined finishes were tallied, Harwood was the team with the lowest and therefore the winning point total, and

Whereas, at 33 points, Harwood came in a solid 35 points ahead of its nearest rival, second-place Middlebury Union High School, repeating its 2009 accomplishment, and

Whereas, all of the girls on the 2010 Harwood cross-country roster, including Jaime Thomas, Laurel Whitney, Kate Stevens, Olivia Nishi, Hannah Woodruff, Haley Robinson, Yana Lotspeich, and Mariah Eilers, ran their best throughout the fall cross-country season, and

Whereas, Coach John Kerrigan and Assistant Coach Tom Strasser inspired their students to outpace their competition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Harwood Union High School Division II girls' cross-country championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 57.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Harwood Union High School Highlanders 2010 Division II championship girls' golf team

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Greshin of Warren, Grad of Moretown, Donahue of Northfield and Ellis of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, the Harwood Union High School Highlanders girls' golf team has developed a consistent history of strong driving and accurate putting on the fairways and greens of Vermont, and

Whereas, this legacy of excellence includes five Division II titles earned prior to the 2010 season, and

Whereas, the 2010 Highlander girl golfers were eager to continue the Harwood reputation for great swings and leaving the course victorious, and

Whereas, fans of the team were optimistic the 2010 season would be a memorable one in the history of Harwood Union High School golfing, and

Whereas, after performing to expectations throughout the spring, the decisive high school girls' golfing championship tournament was played at the Proctor-Pittsford Country Club on June 8, and

Whereas, in Division II, the two upper class Highlanders played rounds of 99 and 101, and even if the lone Harwood freshman's score of 105 had been calculated in the final score, the team would still have captured the tournament's top placement with the lowest point total, and

Whereas, when the results of the 10th–12th grade players were tallied, Harwood had won the 2010 Division II girls' golfing champion winner with 200 points, defeating second-place Black River (217 points) and third-place Otter Valley (240 points), and

Whereas, Highlander girl golfers Samantha Quinn, Christine Milne, and Miranda Milne each capped a great spring on the links when they captured the

well-deserved 2010 Division II state title, and their coach, Brian McCarthy, proved that his teaching suggestions were applied skillfully, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Harwood Union High School Highlanders 2010 Division II championship girls' golf team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Brian McCarthy at Harwood Union High School.

H.C.R. 58.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Harwood Union High School Division II championship girls' soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Greshin of Warren, Donahue of Northfield, Ellis of Waterbury and Grad of Moretown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, in 2010, the Harwood Union High School Highlanders, after coming close to winning the Division II 2009 girls' soccer title, only to lose to Milton High School in the championship game at Randolph High School, were presented the chance to reverse the outcome in a championship game against the same opponent at the identical location, and

Whereas, despite two shutout defeats at the end of the regular season and having lost nine seniors to graduation in 2009, the Highlanders remained optimistic that the 2010 playoffs could end in their favor, and

Whereas, the concluding games of the regular season proved therapeutic as all of the Harwood playoff opponents remained scoreless, and

Whereas, mindful that history could well repeat itself, the Highlanders excitedly entered the 2010 championship game but were understandably concerned, and

Whereas, in the 18th minute of the game, a Harwood junior midfielder, with an assist of a freshman who played the same position, scored the sole goal of the day, and

Whereas, although the Milton Yellowjackets entered the game with an enviable 13–0 record and engineered a 12–6 shots-on-goal margin, the only tally that ultimately counts, the number of goals scored, belonged to Harwood 1–0, and

Whereas, delighted Highlanders Laura Bataille, Liza Mackey, Meg Audet, Ashlyn Raymond, Megan Raymond, Caitlin Touchette, Sam Drake, Anna

Hofmann, Naomi Koliba, Ashley Pitrowiski, Jessa Sargent, Nina Yandow, Laura Moore, Abby Riegel-Aylward, Julia Simoes, Lauren Alexander, Zoe Alves, Anna Bauer, Haley Cleary, Amy Graham, Sarah Hoyne, and Taylor Yandow and team manager Sam Winters each savored this special victory, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jon Hammond and his able assistant coaches Katie Magnus and Erik Bauer can deservedly share credit for the Harwood victory against Milton, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Harwood Union High School Division II championship girls' soccer team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jon Hammond at Harwood Union High School.

H.C.R. 59.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II championship field hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Greshin of Warren, Donahue of Northfield, Ellis of Waterbury and Grad of Moretown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, in 2010, the Harwood Union High School Division II Highlanders brilliantly mastered the sport of field hockey and were the first-seeded team for the playoff competition, and

Whereas, the Highlanders proceeded to win a berth at the championship game against the Otter Valley Otters which was played at Moulton-Winder Field in Burlington, and

Whereas, the offensive drive of the Highlanders was exhibited as they deftly maneuvered their field hockey sticks to outshoot their opponents 11–4, definitely indicative of the ultimate scoring hierarchy, and

Whereas, at 16:03 of the first half, Harwood scored the first goal of the game after achieving its second corner of the contest, and

Whereas, although two minutes later the Otters tied the game, the energized Highlanders then took advantage of an Otter strategic error and soon thereafter scored again, taking a narrow 2–1 lead, and

Whereas, near the conclusion of the first half, the Highlanders built a foundation for another goal, their third and the final of the game, and

Whereas, although an intensive second half of exciting and scoreless field awaited both teams, when the final whistle was blown, the Highlanders departed triumphantly as the 2010 Division II champions, and

Whereas, Highlanders Sophia Lisaius, Chelsea Delphia, Sydnie Rutledge, Sarah Reid, Haley Spittle, Ashley Nelson, Emily Reagan, Katie Martin, Rebecca Hamel, Emma Cummings, Charlotte Thompson, Ahn Jacobson, Meghan Burrows, Caitlyn Bandy, Rachel Krcmar, Jocelyn Noyes, Laura Greshin, Naomi Cormier, Eklutna Kenney, Megan Meany, and Taylor Garrand experienced a memorable season, and

Whereas, Head Coach Heidi Hill, Assistant Coach Pierce Ferris, and Manager Kaitlyn Wimble offered superb guidance to all the players, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II championship field hockey team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 60.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Harwood Union High School Highlanders 2010 Division II championship boys' track and field team

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Greshin of Warren, Grad of Moretown, Donahue of Northfield and Ellis of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, in the spring of 2010, the Harwood Union High School boys' track and field team featured some of the top Division II competitors, and

Whereas, the breadth and depth of their skills extended to all variants of the sports encompassed within the track and field realm, and

Whereas, the Highlanders performed superbly in their respective events during the months preceding the state championship meet held at Fair Haven Union High School, and

Whereas, the state crown is based exclusively on scores earned at the championship meet, and none of the praise-worthy triumphs from earlier in the season mattered on this ultimate day of reckoning, and

Whereas, recognizing that the best athletes in their division would challenge them throughout the day, the Highlanders strenuously trained for this day and

did not depart from the western Rutland County competition site disappointed, and

Whereas, Highlander victories in running races measuring 400 meters in 52.42 seconds, 1,500 meters at four minutes and 19.25 seconds, and 3,000 meters in nine minutes and 19.37 seconds earned a solid point base for Harwood, and

Whereas, the school also earned top marks in field events with first-place victories in the shot put (47-05.50) and the discuss (142.0), along with a commendable second-place finish in the high jump of six feet, two inches, and

Whereas, each of these young athletes, including Simon Butler, Thomas Jacobs-Moore, Patrick Markley, Nicholas Montgomery, Timothy Shepard, Colin McGlynn, Nicholas Wisniewski, Nathan Cutler, Christopher DeGray, Thomas Fuller, Patrick Meany, Zachary Munro, Seth Naikus, Dylan Thompson, Zak Williams, James Hermanowski, Philip Bair, Sam Boylan, Mitchell Kuiper, and Jacob Pitman, displayed both great individual abilities and team sportsmanship, and Head Coach Taggert Haslam took great pride in their accomplishments, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Harwood Union High School Highlanders 2010 Division II championship boys' track and field team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Taggert Haslam at Harwood Union High School.

H.C.R. 61.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Harwood Union High School Highlanders 2010 Division II championship boys' lacrosse team

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Greshin of Warren, Grad of Moretown, Donahue of Northfield and Ellis of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, in the spring of 2010, an extremely skilled and talented squad of boy lacrosse players represented Harwood Union High School in interscholastic competition with a promising potential to capture their school's first lacrosse state championship, and

Whereas, upon defeating fourth-seeded U-32 13-8 in the semifinal playoff game, the deservedly top-seeded (15-2) Highlanders earned a place in the Division II boys lacrosse championship contest in Burlington where they

confronted the third-seeded Rice Memorial High School Green Knights before hometown fans, and

Whereas, wasting not a moment, Harwood quickly established a 2–0 lead and continued to exhibit great offensive agility and prowess, commanding a seemingly insurmountable 9–2 advantage with 3:47 remaining in the first half of play, but the Division II championship proved to be a more challenging objective, and

Whereas, the Green Knights maximized their opportunities in the closing moments of the first half, and the Highlanders departed from the field at halftime holding a 9–4 lead, and

Whereas, an offensive energy permeated the second half of play, and with 2:38 remaining in the third quarter, Harwood secured a seemingly safe 11–6 lead, and

Whereas, that margin of comfort proved fleeting as within 33 seconds into the fourth and final quarter, Rice reemerged as a true contender, having added two goals, and the Green Knights inched even closer when with 9:19 remaining, they narrowed Harwood’s lead to 11–9, and

Whereas, the closing 5 minutes and 39 seconds proved decisive as Harwood rebuilt its lead to 13–9 with two quick goals in a 20-second time frame, and

Whereas, although Rice made one more valiant attempt to win the game, scoring two final goals during the game’s exciting last minute, Harwood was not to be denied its first-ever lacrosse state championship, and

Whereas, all of the dedicated Highlander boy lacrosse players, including Adam Thompson, Ryan Spittle, Erik Bertalan, Troy Mitchell, Damien Gile, Macon Randolph, Conor Lyons, Joe DuCharme, James Colyer, Ben Harmon, Kevin LaFlamme, Taylor Armstrong, Jake Lockett, Anshe Lotspeich, Brendan Devine, Jarrid Quirion, Jesse Perrault, Kaile Daley, Ben Nussbaum, Will Hofmann, Max Beilke, Cameron Rutledge, and Jack O’Shea, benefited from the guidance of Head Coach Ryan Foster and assistant coaches Timmy Griffith and Russ Beilke, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Harwood Union High School Highlanders 2010 Division II championship boys’ lacrosse team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ryan Foster at Harwood Union High School.

H.C.R. 62.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Southwestern Vermont Medical Center on earning its third consecutive designation as a Magnet Hospital for Nursing Excellence

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Komline of Dorset, Manwaring of Wilmington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Moran of Wardsboro and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, nurses are the unsung heroes of every hospital, and

Whereas, the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nursing Association, has developed a special recognition for hospitals offering especially commendable nursing services, and

Whereas, a health care facility that successfully completes the extremely rigorous evaluation process is designated as a Magnet Hospital for Nursing Excellence, a status for which each of its 377 recipient hospitals must reapply on a quadrennial basis, and

Whereas, the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) was proud in 2002 to be listed as the first Vermont hospital meeting this gold standard for nursing care, and in 2006, SVMC demonstrated renewal was merited, and

Whereas, despite the well-deserved reputation SVMC has earned for nursing proficiency, as 2010 approached, hospital management knew that as far as the ANCC was concerned, the potency of past glory would soon expire, and

Whereas, once again, SVMC was required to convince the ANCC that upon intense empirical review, involving a procedure necessitating over 14 pounds of paper, renewal of Magnet Hospital status was truly warranted, and

Whereas, after assessing SVMC on the determinative factors of quality, autonomy, innovative thinking and practices, and communications and collaboration, as practiced in the hospital's nursing services, the ANCC announced on October 29, 2010 that SVMC was being awarded Magnet Hospital for Nursing Excellence accreditation for a third consecutive four-year term, and

Whereas, SVMC is the first Vermont hospital to be awarded a third Magnet Hospital certification, joining an elite group consisting of only two other New England hospitals and 29 others nationally, and

Whereas, consumers of SVMC's health care services can anticipate the documented benefits of health care offered at a Magnet Hospital, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Southwestern Vermont Medical Center on earning its third consecutive designation as a Magnet Hospital for Nursing Excellence, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington.

H.C.R. 63.

House concurrent resolution honoring Ken Barrett as a most distinguished citizen of the town of Chester

Offered by: Representative Dakin of Chester

Whereas, public, nonprofit, and religious organizations in the town of Chester have long appreciated the many ways that Ken Barrett has contributed to the local quality of life, and

Whereas, a Chester town employee for nearly four decades, Ken Barrett has taken responsibility for the magnificent Christmas holiday display that is annually assembled in front of the town hall, and

Whereas, as a citizen of Chester, Ken Barrett was elected a justice of the peace and sat on the board of civil authority, and

Whereas, Ken Barrett takes great pride in preserving the heritage of all of Chester, having served on a town hall restoration committee and as treasurer of the Chester Historical Society, and

Whereas, the academic pursuits of local students have also come under his purview as a trustee of the John Butler Scholarship Committee, and

Whereas, in his role as Chester cemetery sexton, Ken Barrett is responsible for the maintenance of the town's cemeteries and other selected municipal lands, and his interest in cemetery conservation has led to membership in the Vermont Cemetery Association and the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, and

Whereas, in recognition of his continued dedication to the town of Chester, Ken Barrett was presented the Flamstead Award, which bears the town's original name, and

Whereas, at the Congregational Church of Chester, Ken Barrett has assumed major leadership positions, and

Whereas, Ken Barrett's love of the dramatic arts is exercised through his board membership and acting successes in the Chester Players Guild, and

Whereas, his enjoyment of outdoor activities is manifested in his camping and kayaking endeavors and in his avid gardening, and

Whereas, travel in a recreational vehicle has been enhanced for Ken Barrett through his Rolling Wheels Sams Camping Club affiliation, and

Whereas, pumpkin decorating skills are a personal specialty for Ken Barrett, and occasionally he will liven a cake with his artistry, and

Whereas, with his municipal government career at a close, Ken Barrett will no doubt remain active in the Chester community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ken Barrett as a most distinguished citizen of the town of Chester, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ken Barrett in Chester.

H.C.R. 64.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Milton town clerk John Cushing on his receipt of a 2010 National Association of Secretaries of State Medallion Award

Offered by: Representatives Hubert of Milton, Turner of Milton, Johnson of South Hero and Krebs of South Hero

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Secretary of State honors civically minded individuals or organizations, and

Whereas, one category of this annual recognition is the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) Medallion Award which honors "individuals, groups, or organizations," with an established record of increasing electoral participation and improving their operation, furthering civic education, and of service to state government, especially as it relates to the improvement of democracy in a state, and

Whereas, one of the 2010 NASS Medallion Award winners was Milton town clerk and treasurer John Cushing who has ably fulfilled the duties of these offices since 1969, and

Whereas, when John Cushing stood for election and won these posts as a young man over four decades ago, he could hardly have envisioned the life career on which he was embarking nor the continued leadership and guidance he would come to offer to his colleagues throughout Vermont, and

Whereas, a graduate of Milton High School and Champlain College, John Cushing has been a leader in the development of computerized municipal land records and has contributed to the state legislative assessment of the methods used to preserve and access these essential local documents, and

Whereas, during his distinguished career, he has been a leading and instructive voice on many matters affecting municipal governance and finances in Vermont, and

Whereas, he is a certified municipal clerk and treasurer and a twice past president of the Clerks' & Treasurers' Association, and

Whereas, his colleagues have recognized John Cushing, naming him the 1993 VMCTA Clerk & Treasurer of the Year and the 2002 Vermont League of Cities and Towns Municipal Person of the Year, and

Whereas, his other public sector roles included service as a deputy fish and game warden for 38 years and membership on the Milton volunteer fire department for 29 years, and

Whereas, this father of three and grandfather of nine is proud to be a Vermont maple sugarmaker, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Milton town clerk John Cushing on his receipt of a 2010 National Association of Secretaries of State Medallion Award, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 65.

House concurrent resolution honoring Frederick Henry Webster of Coventry as a truly venerable Vermonter

Offered by: Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Batchelor of Derby, Higley of Lowell, Kilmartin of Newport City, Lewis of Derby, Strong of Albany and Young of Albany

Offered by: Senators Illuzzi and Starr

Whereas, since his birth on February 25, 1921, Coventry native Frederick Webster has lived a true Vermont life, and

Whereas, after graduating from Orleans High School as class valedictorian, Frederick Webster departed for the University of Vermont, establishing a school men's cross-country running record while earning his degree, and

Whereas, his pedagogic career started at Hinesburg High School, and with World War II raging, he soon enlisted in the United States Navy, and

Whereas, in 1945, Frederick Webster was deployed to China and in 1984, the Taiwanese government presented him the SACO (Sino-American Cooperative Organization) Medal, and

Whereas, back in Vermont, Frederick Webster resumed teaching, first at BFA-St. Albans and, after several intermediate stops, at his alma mater Orleans High School and ultimately at Lake Region Union High School, and he served a term as president of the Vermont Teachers' Association, and

Whereas, as a working farmer, he owned farms in Fairfield and Hinesburg, the town where he served as a tax collector and overseer of the poor and worked as a local sheriff, and

Whereas, in 1966, as a now-single father of eight, he returned to Coventry, moving into the renovated one-room schoolhouse which he had attended as a young child, and in 1972 he purchased his family's farm from his parents, a decision that would later prove decisive, and

Whereas, Frederick Webster served his faith as a church deacon, and

Whereas, beginning in 1985, Frederick Webster began devoting his time to gathering and preserving a huge collection of 1,500 pieces of antique farm equipment, now located in reconstructed barns that were moved to his family farm, and he oversees the collection from a specially built construction shop that his children refer to as the glass house, and

Whereas, Frederick Webster and his antiques have appeared in parades, he has welcomed many school groups to tour his Rural History site, and he has documented his collection on over 200 hours of videotape, and

Whereas, on Saturday, February 26, 2011, his family and friends will gather to celebrate the life of Frederick Webster, Coventry's own preservationist extraordinaire, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Frederick Henry Webster of Coventry as a truly venerable Vermonter, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Frederick Webster in Coventry.

H.C.R. 66.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Currier's Market in Glover and its owner, James Currier, on being named the 2010 Vermont Grocers' Association Retailer of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Young of Albany, Strong of Albany and Marcotte of Coventry

Whereas, annually since 1977, the Vermont Grocers' Association has named a Retailer of the Year, and in 2010, the recipient of this special designation is Currier's Market located in the center of the Orleans County town of Glover, and

Whereas, this high-quality full-service market is not your typical grocery store as it is home to a grand collection of animal mounts that could rival those of a natural history museum, and

Whereas, Currier's Market has served Glover since 1967 when it opened as a joint venture of James (Jim) Currier and his parents, and for decades, his late wife, Gloria, was an essential and welcomed colleague, and

Whereas, Jim Currier's three grown children, Jeff, Shari, and Julie, have worked with their father, and Jeff and Shari continue to fulfill a daily mission to operate a community grocery that places the customer first, and

Whereas, they are constantly helping customers in every possible way, even turning to a competitor if the stock of a requested item is depleted, and most importantly, listening to customers who offer great advice, and

Whereas, Jim Currier is dedicated to his store, having expanded the retail space over the years and personally stacked 18 and 1/2 cords of wood that he is using this winter to heat the building, and

Whereas, his great deli counter is home to some of the Northeast Kingdom's most delicious sandwiches, and

Whereas, when not busy in the market, Jim Currier is actively engaged in his community as a justice of the peace and board member at a local bank and the church where he worships, and through his support of nonprofit organizations and the town of Glover's volunteer fire department, ambulance service, schools, and recreation committee, and

Whereas, athletically ambitious, Jim Currier is an avid runner who has competed in one 100-mile and two 50-mile road races, and

Whereas, Jim Currier genuinely cares about his customers, knows everyone in the community, and is greatly admired as an outstanding businessman, civic leader, and, most importantly, friend, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Currier's Market in Glover and its owner, James Currier, on being named the 2010 Vermont Grocers' Association Retailer of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jim Currier in Glover.

H.C.R. 67.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Elizabeth Josephine Surdam Hoag Bushee on her 100th birthday

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington and Corcoran of Bennington

Whereas, Elizabeth Josephine Surdam Hoag Bushee, known to her friends as Betty Bushee, was born a century ago on February 21, 1911 in Waterbury, Connecticut, and

Whereas, her mother died in childbirth, when Betty was only two years old, and while her four older siblings, Clarence, Esther, Dorothy, and Robert, were placed temporarily in a Connecticut group home, she was too young for admittance, and

Whereas, her father brought Betty to an aunt's and uncle's home in Bennington, while he looked for work, for an interim stay that has now extended to 98 years, and

Whereas, she comfortably settled into Bennington, and on graduating from high school, was employed at the Benmont Paper Mill for her entire working career, and

Whereas, twice married, first to Fred Hoag and then to Weldon Bushee, Betty Bushee's large family now includes many nieces and nephews, as well as their children and grandchildren, who reside nearby in Bennington and as far away as Oregon, and

Whereas, distance has not been a barrier for family visits, and she boasts of having visited each of the 48 lower continental states, and

Whereas, Betty Bushee enjoys challenges, is an avid jigsaw and crossword puzzle (always answered in ink) solver, plays many table and card games, and is especially interested in photography, and

Whereas, while all of these activities have given her countless happy hours of enjoyment, Betty Bushee's true avocation in life has been bowling, and

Whereas, Betty Bushee's accuracy in knocking down the bowling pins has resulted in her winning a national senior bowling championship, attending two Senior Olympics as a Vermont bowler, accruing many awards, and election to the Vermont State Bowling Hall of Fame, an honor of which she is extremely proud, and

Whereas, her sharp wit, good humor, and strong stamina amaze everyone at the Bennington Project Independence, who are eagerly anticipating celebrating Betty Bushee's 100th birthday, which is on February 21, 2011, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Elizabeth Josephine Surdam Hoag Bushee on her 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Betty Bushee in Bennington.

H.C.R. 68.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the semiquincentennial anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Shoreham

Offered by: Representative Stevens of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, during the French and Indian War, Colonel Ephraim Doolittle directed construction of the Crown Point Road extending from Charlestown, New Hampshire, to the shore of Lake Champlain, and

Whereas, on arriving at the lake, he found fertile soil suitable for cultivation, and

Whereas, through his initiative, funds were raised to secure a charter of municipal incorporation from the Province of New Hampshire which Governor Benning Wentworth issued on October 9, 1761, and

Whereas, the metes and bounds for this newly incorporated town of Shoreham began "at a Tree Marked Standing by the Water Side of the Wood Creck so called (on an East Point from Ticonderoga Fort)," and measured 25,000 acres or slightly more than six square miles, and

Whereas, on May 10, 1775, Hand's Cove in Shoreham was the launching point for Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys to secure Fort Ticonderoga across Lake Champlain, and

Whereas, the merino sheep was a farm animal prized for the profits derived from its wool in the decades preceding the Civil War, and

Whereas, Shoreham was the birthplace of Vermont Governors Silas Jennison and Ebenezer Jolls Ormsbee, United States Congressman Charles Rich, and Civil War-era United States Paymaster General Clayton North, and

Whereas, most prominent of all of Shoreham's native sons has been Levi Morton, who served as governor of New York state, vice president of the United States under President Benjamin Harrison, and United States ambassador to France, a position which enabled him to drive the first rivet into the Statue of Liberty during a ceremony welcoming this gift from the people of France, and

Whereas, proximity to Lake Champlain has long attracted tourists to the town, and

Whereas, the Shoreham Apple Co-Op opened the first controlled atmosphere storage facility in 1946, and

Whereas, Shoreham is a wonderful community, a great place to live or visit, and in 2011 is proudly celebrating its semiquincentennial anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the semiquincentennial anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Shoreham, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Shoreham town clerk and the Shoreham Historical Society.

H.C.R. 69.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the town of Poultney on its 250th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Donaghy of Poultney

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, on September 21, 1761, New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth granted a municipal incorporation charter to a select group of proprietors, providing that "Beginning at the North West Corner of Wells," and culminating in a tract of six square miles, a township named Poultney was established, and

Whereas, nearly all the named proprietors in the grant were residents of Connecticut and Massachusetts, including Ethan Allen and his relatives, and they were each required to pay rent of an ear of Indian corn annually for the first 10 years, and

Whereas, the first settlers in Poultney arrived in April 1771, and on March 8, 1775, Ethan Allen's brother, Heber, was chosen as town clerk at the first town meeting, and

Whereas, in the late 18th and into the early 19th centuries, Poultney was a community of small family farms, and

Whereas, the tariff of 1824, of which Poultney resident and Congressman Rollin C. Mallery was a strong advocate, transformed Vermont into a major sheep-raising and wool production center, and

Whereas, later in the 19th century, dairy cattle had replaced sheep as the farming animal of choice, and

Whereas, many distilleries, producing corn and rye whiskey and cider brandy in particular, were prevalent in the 1820s, but a temperance movement swept the town, and, within a decade, the distilleries had vanished, and

Whereas, melodeon production was active in the 1850s and 1860s, but this musical aspect of Poultney's economy also proved of limited duration, and

Whereas, the Eureka Quarry, established in 1852, began the slate industry in Poultney, attracting immigrants from Ireland, Wales, Italy, and eastern Europe, and creating an industrial foundation that remains central to Poultney's economic vitality to this day, and

Whereas, in 2011, Poultney is a thriving community in Rutland County, looking forward to an optimistic future while pausing to commemorate and celebrate 250 years since its incorporation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the town of Poultney on its 250th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Poultney town clerk and the Poultney Historical Society.

S.C.R. 5.

Senate concurrent resolution designating March 31, 2011 as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day.

Offered by: Senator Brock

Whereas, a congenital diaphragmatic hernia birth defect occurs in one in 2,000 live births in the United States and accounts for eight percent of all major congenital anomalies in the country, and

Whereas, based on the National Center for Health Statistics' tally of 4,115,590 live births in 2004, the annual number of babies born with congenital diaphragmatic hernia birth defect is approximately 1,800, and

Whereas, the comparable number of annual numbers for two far better known diseases—cystic fibrosis and spina bifida—is one in 3,000 live births and seven in 10,000 live births respectively, and

Whereas, although not nearly as well known as these other physical maladies, congenital diaphragmatic hernia can be equally dangerous and potentially fatal, and

Whereas, congenital diaphragmatic hernia is a low-profile birth defect that has not received the attention and awareness it certainly merits, and

Whereas, families of children with congenital diaphragmatic hernia and adults with this birth defect are joining forces to have March 31 proclaimed in all 50 states as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day, and

Whereas, since March 31, 2008, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day has been proclaimed by 36 states and many cities and counties in the United States, and

Whereas, greater public knowledge in Vermont of a congenital diaphragmatic hernia birth defect will provide those with this malady with a special opportunity to educate Vermonters concerning their health difficulties, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 31, 2011 as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tiffanie Myers in Franklin.

S.C.R. 6.

Senate concurrent resolution recognizing Gerald Myers for his outstanding accomplishments in the United States military and in local and state government.

Offered by: Senate committee on Institutions

Offered by: House committee on Corrections and Institutions

Whereas, one of the city of Winooski's native sons, Gerald Myers has distinguished himself as an officer in the United States Air Force and as a municipal and state government administrator, and

Whereas, Gerald Myers earned an undergraduate degree at Norwich University and was later awarded a master's degree from Troy State University, and

Whereas, on being commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force, Gerald Myers quickly proved himself to be a capable and energetic leader during his 22 years of military service, and

Whereas, Gerald Myers was chosen as one of the elite officers to attend the Air War & Air Command and Staff College, and

Whereas, upon his military discharge, Lieutenant Colonel Gerald Myers returned home to Winooski, and his hometown offered him a new challenge to serve as Winooski town manager, the city's professional staff director, and

Whereas, during his seven years at Winooski City Hall, he played a major role in the redevelopment of downtown Winooski as modern residential and office spaces were constructed, revitalizing the economic center of this industrial city, and

Whereas, his success in municipal government attracted the attention of Governor Douglas who in 2007 appointed Gerald Myers to serve as Commissioner of Buildings and General Services at an especially critical time when the severe problems at the Bennington state office complex were at the top of the department's agenda, and

Whereas, over the following three years, he dedicated extensive time and effort to the Bennington reconstruction project while simultaneously overseeing all aspects of state building management and future facilities planning, and

Whereas, in every assignment he tackled, Gerald Myers was always a leader who inspired confidence and demonstrated commendable administrative skills, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes Gerald Myers for his outstanding accomplishments in the United States military and in local and state government, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Gerald Myers in Winooski.

S.C.R. 7.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department on its centennial anniversary.

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

Offered by: Rep. Greshin of Warren

Whereas, the town of Waitsfield was incorporated in 1782 and encompasses both lowlands in the Mad River Valley and adjacent mountainous terrain, and

Whereas, although fires periodically erupted in Waitsfield during the town's first 128 years, the responses to these flames were ad hoc as the community lacked a formally organized fire brigade, and

Whereas, as the 20th century began, many rural Vermont municipalities recognized that organizing a volunteer fire department to quell flames threatening village centers and agricultural buildings was a civic priority, and

Whereas, the citizenry in Waitsfield proved no exception to this evolving local commitment to fire protection, and

Whereas, in 1910, a group of concerned Waitsfield freemen met to establish the community's first volunteer firefighting company, and

Whereas, from this original company emerged a commitment to dousing flames and minimizing the impact of fire damage to life and property, and

Whereas, over the past century, this local firefighting service, located in the heart of the Mad River Valley and staffed with a well-trained supply of always-available volunteers, has evolved into the modern-day Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department that provides reliable and timely fire protection to each of these towns, and, on a more limited basis, to other nearby communities through the mutual aid system, and

Whereas, on July 31, 2010, the Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department commemorated its centennial anniversary with celebratory activities held in the town of its birth, and

Whereas, the Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department, under the expert leadership of Chief Delbert Palmer, is a community resource that has enormously benefited the Mad River Valley and provided the public with the highest quality fire protection coverage, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department on its centennial anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department Chief Delbert Palmer.

S.C.R. 8.

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and the Vermont Center for Independent Living's celebration of this landmark legislation.

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina

Offered by: Reps. Hooper of Montpelier and Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Whereas, Americans who, because of a mental or physical disability, require additional assistance to participate fully in societal activities, have long faced difficult challenges, and

Whereas, historically, in the United States, there were no legal requirements that public accommodations and services be made accessible to the disabled to the greatest extent possible, and

Whereas, government and commercial buildings and multifamily housing units that were not accessible to the physically disabled were common, and

Whereas, students in classrooms, litigants in courts, and other persons engaged in other government-funded activities were not entitled to support services such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, and

Whereas, Congress addressed this fundamental inequity when it enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that President George H.W. Bush signed into law on July 26, 1990, and which became Public Law 101-336, and

Whereas, this historic federal legislation prompted the states to enact their own complementary laws, and Vermont's ADA was enacted as Act 243 of 1992, and

Whereas, in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of enactment of the federal ADA, on Thursday, July 22, the Vermont Center for Independent Living in Montpelier held a special celebratory event under a big tent located on the State House lawn, and a community dance followed later that afternoon, and

Whereas, the enactment of the federal ADA marked an historic occasion in the long effort and struggle of disabled Americans to be treated as truly first-class citizens, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and the Vermont Center for Independent Living's celebration of this landmark legislation, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Center for Independent Living in Montpelier.

S.C.R. 9.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Onion River Community Access Media on its silver anniversary.

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina

Offered by: Reps. Hooper of Montpelier and Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Whereas, in the Cable Communications Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-549), Congress provided in section 2 that a cable television “franchising authority may establish requirements in a franchise with respect to designation or use of channel capacity for public, educational or governmental use” (known as PEG channels or services), and

Whereas, in 1985, Cox Cable, the owner of the cable television system serving Montpelier, began hosting a PEG production and transmission facility at its Berlin offices, and

Whereas, after Adelphia Cable assumed ownership of Montpelier’s cable system, it continued managing the PEG services, but the trend was emerging nationwide for PEG production and transmission centers to be operated independently of a cable company, and

Whereas, in September 2003, Onion River Cable Access Media Inc. (ORCA Media) was established, and on February 3, 2004, this new organization was granted a contract to serve as the PEG operator in Montpelier, and

Whereas, just weeks later, on March 13, 2004, ORCA Media Inc. moved all aspects of the Berlin PEG operation to a more publicly accessible new home at City Center in downtown Montpelier, and

Whereas, in addition to the city of Montpelier, ORCA Media Inc. now serves as the PEG provider for cable viewers in Berlin, Bethel, Braintree, Calais, Duxbury, East Montpelier, Middlesex, Moretown, Randolph, Rochester, Waterbury, and Worcester, and

Whereas, ORCA Media Inc.’s three channels, 15, 16, and 17, provide multiple types of programs, including in-studio productions, live coverage of Montpelier City Council and other capital city governance panels, artistic, athletic, and governmental (including state legislative) programs, as well as externally created videos and program services, and

Whereas, through the Vermont Media Exchange, ORCA Media Inc. can transmit programs to other Vermont PEGS, and the Internet is becoming an

increasingly important technical tool for receiving and transmitting programs to viewers, and

Whereas, the great work of Executive Director Kenric Kite, Technical Director Madhavan S. Nair, Office Manager Joanne Crowley-Watkins, and Outreach Coordinator Tim Tavcar, and the supportive guidance of board chair John Bloch and his colleagues, Mike Abadi, Senator Bill Doyle, Mike Doyle, Esther Farnsworth, and Frederick Weston, have enabled ORCA Media Inc. to become one of Vermont's premier PEG systems, and

Whereas, on Saturday, July 10, 2010, ORCA Media Inc celebrated its silver anniversary with festivities on the Vermont College of Fine Arts field, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Onion River Community Access Media Inc. on its silver anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kenric Kite at ORCA Media Inc. in Montpelier.

S.C.R. 10.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Capitol Stationers of Montpelier on its 60th anniversary.

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina

Offered by: Reps. Hooper of Montpelier and Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Whereas, historically, Vermont's downtowns frequently featured a locally owned stationers, but in recent years, they have been permanently closing their doors, and

Whereas, given this commercial climate, it is wonderful to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Montpelier's Capitol Stationers, and

Whereas, Capitol Stationers' tale is that of the Bigglestone family's six decades of maintaining a highly respected and appreciated stationery store in the heart of downtown Montpelier, and

Whereas, Bill Bigglestone, known to one and all as Mr. B, had labored long hours as a traveling salesman who serviced stationery stores throughout New England, and

Whereas, in 1950, deciding to end his grueling travel schedule, Mr. B purchased the Richmond Office Equipment Company in Montpelier, which he initially renamed Capitol City Stationers and soon thereafter changed to Capitol Stationers as it has been known for nearly 60 years, and

Whereas, Mr. B and his wife, Nora, operated this highly respected retail establishment until their retirement in 1982, and

Whereas, originally headquartered on State Street, in 1962, the same year Mr. B's son, Don, became a full-time employee, Capitol Stationers moved to Main Street into a building next to the fire station, and later that same year, Mr. B expanded his business, opening a second location back on State Street that sold office furniture and equipment, and

Whereas, he subsequently opened a gift shop on State Street in 1964, and, in 1967, consolidated the three locations into a new home on Main Street next to City Hall, where the store remained until 1996 when the family moved it across Main Street to its current location, and

Whereas, responsibility for managing this still family-operated enterprise passed from Mr. B to his son, Don, in 1982, and more recently, the leadership of the store has been transferred to Mr. B's grandsons, Eric, who came on board in 1991, and Kent, whose tenure started in 1993, and

Whereas, through the years, the family owned stationery stores in Barre, Berlin, Burlington, St. Johnsbury, and in Ponte Verde, Florida, but after the 1992 Montpelier flood destroyed much of the inventory, the Bigglestones decided to consolidate their business into the downtown Montpelier store and a satellite location, "Mr. B's," at the Berlin Mall, and

Whereas, Capitol Stationers' 60th anniversary in June 2010 was celebrated in the Montpelier Historical Society's newsletter, and the store is now thriving as the place in town to purchase office supplies, maps, novelty gifts, and greeting cards, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Capitol Stationers of Montpelier on its 60th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Eric and Kent Bigglestone at Capitol Stationers in Montpelier.

S.C.R. 11.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring the visionary leadership of Tracy Gallo during her state government service.

Offered by: Senators Doyle and Cummings

Offered by: Rep. Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Whereas, Tracy Gallo is a native Vermonter who graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in health education, and

Whereas, her academic concentration in health policy became a significant, but hardly the exclusive, basis of her dynamic career in the public and nonprofit sectors, and

Whereas, among the organizations that benefited from her expertise in health-related matters were the Lynn (Massachusetts) Community Center, the Vermont Department of Health, Planned Parenthood, the American Cancer Society, Kaiser Permanente, Pennsylvania State University, and the Massachusetts Department of Health, and

Whereas, during the past decade, Tracy Gallo assumed major program leadership and organizational responsibilities in Vermont state government, first at the Vermont Department of Education, and more recently, from April 2007 until July 2010, at the Department of Human Resources, and

Whereas, at the Department of Education, her duties extended beyond the traditional classroom environment as she directed a statewide HIV/AIDS education program designed to educate Vermonters in ways to prevent the spread of this serious form of infection, and

Whereas, after constructively contributing to the enhancement of HIV/AIDS education in the state, Tracy Gallo demonstrated her great versatility, assuming new responsibilities at the department, first overseeing career and technical education competency and development throughout the state, and then for three years directing the Division of Lifelong Learning which affects all educational sectors under the department's jurisdiction, and

Whereas, her outstanding work at the Department of Education attracted the attention of the Department of Human Resources which in 2007 hired her to serve as its Director of Workforce Development and Wellness, and

Whereas, under the broad rubric of Tracy Gallo's responsibilities in this key role was executive branch state employee training, including implementation of an online training program and coordination of the performance measurement program; creation of a succession planning project in anticipation of retiring baby boomer state employees; and drawing on her vast experience in health education, developing a highly praised wellness agenda for state employees, featuring free flu vaccinations and incentives to increase physical fitness activities, and

Whereas, she brought enormous enthusiasm and creative and innovative ideas to her work at the Department of Human Services, continuously earning the respect and admiration of her colleagues until concluding her state service in July 2010, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the visionary leadership of Tracy Gallo during her state government service, *and be it furthe*

Resolved That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tracy Gallo in Montpelier.

S.C.R. 12.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Central Vermont Tennis Association on its 40th anniversary.

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina

Offered by: Reps. Hooper of Montpelier, Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Klein of East Montpelier

Whereas, the promotion of amateur, and broadly inclusive, local tennis competition has been the primary goal of the Central Vermont Tennis Association (CVTA) since the organization was established in 1970, and

Whereas, the CVTA has, throughout its existence, sponsored a summer of community tennis competition that opens with a series of matches organized in the format of a ladder, and

Whereas, in late August, a committee reviews the ladder standings which serve as the basis for a tournament played from late August through Labor Day weekend and that was originally held at the Montpelier High School tennis courts, and

Whereas, the tournament features singles and doubles competition for junior players and these categories plus a mixed players category for adults, and

Whereas, by the middle 1970s, this annual summertime tennis competition had grown to include nearly 100 participants, each of whom was considered a CVTA member, and

Whereas, for several years, the CVTA also hosted the Cho Lee Tournament in Barre as part of that community's Heritage Days in honor of a respected Barre tennis player and court caretaker, and

Whereas, the Barre tournament, and much of the administrative work associated with the CVTA in the 1970s and 1980s, was conducted under the expert auspices of Maria Broggin, the CVTA's first treasurer and a perennial champion in multiple events at the Montpelier tournament, and

Whereas, Maria Broggin's solo efforts kept the tournament alive during its lower participation years during the 1980s, and by the end of that decade, Dana McCarthy had added her invaluable administrative support, and

Whereas, in memory of Maria Brogini, who died from colon cancer in 1999, the CVTA named the Montpelier tournament for her, and the association annually contributes a donation to the People's Health and Wellness Clinic in Barre with the request that the funds help finance colon cancer screenings, and

Whereas, the CVTA has decided not to associate with the United States Tennis Association in order to retain the community-based ambiance of the Montpelier tournament, and

Whereas, 2010 marks the 40th anniversary of the CVTA, and the recently completed refurbishment of the Montpelier High School tennis courts will enable some of the matches to be played at that location, as well as the Montpelier Recreation Field and U-32 High School in East Montpelier, and

Whereas, in commemoration of this special anniversary in the history of this outstanding athletic organization, the CVTA celebrated in grand style on Saturday, September 18, 2010, with a festive event at the Montpelier Recreation Field that included participants from the 1970 tournament, several generations of players using wooden rackets and old style draw sheets, and a display of newspaper articles from throughout the four decades, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Central Vermont Tennis Association on its 40th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dana McCarthy in Montpelier.

S.C.R. 13.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Riverside Grange on its centennial anniversary.

Offered by: Senators Kitchell, Benning and MacDonald

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

Whereas, the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, best known as the Grange, was established on December 4, 1867 in Washington, D.C., as a national agricultural advocacy organization, and

Whereas, a stellar example of a local Grange unit is the Riverside Grange #455 which was organized on December 29, 1910 under the leadership of A.E. Whitcomb with the participation of 41 charter members, and

Whereas, its meetings were held at the Waits River School, and the first Master of Riverside Grange was E.S. Locke, and

Whereas, in 1918, the Riverside Grange voted to send a delegate, Robert Hodge, to the State Grange Conference in Burlington, connecting Riverside Grange members with colleagues from across Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1934, local evening meetings became more readily viable with the installation of electric lights in the Riverside Grange hall, and

Whereas, 1937 was the year Riverside Grange members took to the airwaves, broadcasting a Grange Lecturer's presentation on the radio, and

Whereas, the Riverside Grange conducted neighboring activities in the community and during World War II sent packages to local men stationed overseas, and

Whereas, after many years, in 1952, the East Orange Church became the Riverside Grange's new home and soon thereafter, in 1953, George Richardson led the effort to purchase the "White Rabbit" building as a new grange hall, and

Whereas, the Riverside Grange has won state and national Grange awards and has conducted many charitable fundraising appeals and community service activities, and

Whereas, a new home for the Riverside Grange became a reality with the purchase of the West Topsham School in 1977, and

Whereas, Riverside Grange member and former Representative Kermit Richardson has been honored with election to three National Grange offices, and

Whereas, after a century of fraternal and community service activities, the Riverside Grange looks back on its first 100 years with pride as it anticipates a bright future, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Riverside Grange on its centennial anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Riverside Grange #455.