

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

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**Text of House Concurrent  
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**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. 70.**

House concurrent resolution in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Lyndon State College

Offered by: Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon and Crawford of Burke

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, the 1910 session of the General Assembly enacted Act 61, "Providing Teacher Training Courses in High Schools and Academies," and in 1911, a one-year teacher training program was established in rented space at Lyndon Institute operating as the Lyndon Normal School, and

Whereas, the duration of the curriculum was incrementally extended from one to four years, culminating in the awarding of the first bachelor's degrees in 1944, and

Whereas, in accordance with Act 61 of 1947, Lyndon Normal School became Lyndon Teachers College, and

Whereas, the new college assumed increasing importance as a source for training excellent teachers for the Northeast Kingdom's elementary and secondary schools, and

Whereas, in 1961, the Vermont State Colleges were established, pursuant to Act 247, and the redesignated Lyndon State College broadened its available majors, eventually offering degrees in, among other fields, atmospheric sciences, electronic journalism arts/TV studies, and mountain recreation management, and these three academic programs have earned national recognition as outstanding in their respective fields of study, and

Whereas, in the tradition of its teacher training heritage, experiential education remains an important aspect of the Lyndon State College curriculum, and

Whereas, a majority of the Lyndon State College students represent the first generation of their families to attend college, and 80 percent are enrolled in professional academic degree programs, and

Whereas, Lyndon State College is committed to collaboration among the Northeast Kingdom's business, education, governmental, and nonprofit leadership in order to enhance individual and regional prosperity, including the creation of more job opportunities in the region, and

Whereas, Lyndon State College proudly begins its second century with a modern campus and a clear vision of its future as an academic institution offering outstanding opportunities for its students, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Lyndon State College, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lyndon State College President Carol A. Moore.

#### **H.C.R. 71.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the life of Rutland native John Deere on his 207th birthday

Offered by: Representatives Helm of Fair Haven, Howrigan of Fairfield, Batchelor of Derby, Branagan of Georgia, Burditt of West Rutland, Clark of Vergennes, Devereux of Mount Holly, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Johnson of Canaan, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lewis of Berlin, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Perley of Enosburg, Shaw of Pittsford and Winters of Williamstown

Offered by: Senators Brock, Campbell, Flory, Giard, Hartwell, McCormack, Mullin and Sears and Westman

Whereas, the name John Deere is associated internationally with the highest-quality motorized equipment and other implements for farming, and

Whereas, although the company that bears his name is internationally known, John Deere's biography is not nearly so familiar, and

Whereas, Rutland native John Deere was born on February 7, 1804, and at the age of 17 he departed for Middlebury to begin a blacksmith apprenticeship, and

Whereas, after marrying Demarius Lamb in 1827, he and his wife relocated to nearby Vergennes, where he continued to pursue his trade as a blacksmith, and

Whereas, having moved to Grand Detour, Illinois in 1836, John Deere in 1837 created the world's first commercially successful self-scouring steel plow capable of operating in the tough midwestern prairie soil, demonstrating his

mechanical creativity and laying the foundation for the company now known by his name, and

Whereas, although he was hesitant at first to abandon his life as a blacksmith, John Deere soon realized that plow manufacturing was a far more rewarding endeavor, and in 1841, his manufacturing facility was able to produce 75 plows in a single year, and

Whereas, in 1849, the partnership of John Deere, Charles Gould, and Robert Tate produced over 2,000 plows at its factory located in Moline, Illinois, and

Whereas, although his partnership soon dissolved, John Deere continued manufacturing plows, exercised leadership in business, civic, and political affairs, and was an abolitionist who actively supported the Union cause, and

Whereas, in 1864, he secured his and his company's first patent, which was for a "new and useful Improvement in Molds for Casting Steel Plows and Other Articles" and which would be followed by additional patents in subsequent years, and

Whereas, Deere & Company, the corporation that exists to this day, was established in 1868 with John Deere as president, and all the original stockholders were close family members, and

Whereas, under his leadership, the company continued to prosper, and in 1874, it introduced its renowned leaping deer trademark that is still in use 137 years after its creation, and

Whereas, in 2011, Deere & Company operates 11 sales and service centers in the state that supply high-quality products for Vermont's farms, homes, and industries, and

Whereas, although John Deere remained a resident of Moline, Illinois, for the balance of his life, his agricultural and manufacturing legacy deserves this legislature's special recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the life of Rutland native John Deere on his 207th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Deere & Company in Moline, Illinois, to the Rutland Historical Society, and to Rutland City Mayor Chris Louras.

**H.C.R. 72.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Miles Yucht of Shaftsbury on his scholastic achievement as a 2010 Siemens Award winner

Offered by: Representatives Miller of Shaftsbury and Campion of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, one of the most widely recognized forms of scholastic excellence is for a secondary school student to achieve a perfect score of 5 on the advanced placement (AP) examinations, and

Whereas, the Siemens Foundation is committed to “nurturing tomorrow’s scientists and engineers,” and honoring outstanding students in mathematics and the sciences is one way it encourages this objective, and

Whereas, one form of recognition the foundation annually bestows on academically promising students is the Siemens Award presented to the male and female students in every state who have earned the highest number of perfect scores in the AP examinations in mathematics and science, and

Whereas, in 2010, the Vermont male award winner is Miles Yucht, a senior at Mount Anthony Union High School (MAU) in Bennington, who remarkably scored a 5 on the AP calculus exam as an 8th grader, and continued this top-scoring result in physics as a high school freshman, a second calculus test as a sophomore, and in biology as a junior, and

Whereas, although these four admirable performances were the exclusive basis of his being recognized with the accompanying \$2,000.00 college scholarship, Miles Yucht also earned perfect AP scores in U.S. history, languages and composition, and Spanish, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, Miles Yucht is a member of both the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society, and is an MAU Scholars’ Bowl team member, and

Whereas, an extremely physically fit young man, Miles Yucht is a dedicated cross-country runner and captains his school’s Nordic ski team, and

Whereas, his musical interests find expression through his participation in the MAU symphonic and jazz bands, and

Whereas, a community-service-oriented student, he is a member of the Rotary-connected MAU Interact Club, and

Whereas, Miles Yacht is now in competition for a national Siemens Award scholarship of \$5,000.00, and he hopes to study mathematics, in combination with music performance or music education, as a college student, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Miles Yucht of Shaftsbury on his scholastic achievement as a 2010 Siemens Award winner and wishes him future academic success, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Miles Yucht in Shaftsbury.

**H.C.R. 73.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of after-school programs for the youth of Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Burke of Brattleboro, Clarkson of Woodstock, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenex of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Partridge of Windham, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Sharpe of Bristol, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Trieber of Rockingham and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, youngsters spend 1,000 hours a year in school but 5,000 in their communities, and how they use this time is critical to their academic, career, and personal development, and

Whereas, according to United States Department of Education studies, youths engaged in constructive pursuits, be they in schools or communities, are more likely to develop into productive adult citizens, and

Whereas, Vermont's 360 plus after-school programs annually serve over 20,000 children and youth, keeping them actively engaged outside the classroom through a wide range of innovative and engaging programs and learning opportunities which assist them in building a strong foundation for the future, and

Whereas, it is critical that children participate in safe, structured, and stimulating activities during the time of day that juvenile crime hits its peak, between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., and

Whereas, after-school programs provide Vermont with economic benefits through direct program-related job creation and in facilitating parents working productively during the after-school hours, and

Whereas, involving parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of Vermont's young people fosters better communities, and

Whereas, after-school programs also play a strong role in supporting families as effective partners in their children's education, and

Whereas leaders in the Vermont after-school community are continuously improving the quality of these programs and have created a video library of best practices in Vermont through the *Lights! Camera! Learning!* project, and

Whereas, today, February 23, 2010, is After-School Day at the State House, and program leaders, teachers, directors, advocates, and students are gathered in Montpelier to celebrate the continued success of after-school programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the importance of after-school programs for the youth of Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence.

#### **H.C.R. 74.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Weston Playhouse Theater Company in celebration of its 75th (diamond) anniversary

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Jamaica

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, the Weston Playhouse Theater Company (WPTC) has been a star on Vermont's and the nation's theatrical firmament for three-quarters of a century, and

Whereas, in 1935, Mrs. Herbert Otis Bailey provided generous funding for the construction of a new theater in the town of Weston which was located in a converted Congregational church that architect Raymond Austin beautifully redesigned with a Greek Revival façade, and

Whereas, in 1937, the Weston Theater Committee, under Raymond Austin's leadership, accepted a proposal from Boston Conservatory drama instructor Harlan Grant to establish a professional summer stock company, opening with Noel Coward's *Hay Fever*, starring a young Lloyd Bridges, and

Whereas, during the 1940s, the Weston Theater Club, the theater's then owner, acquired a neighboring building to house actors and host a post-show light entertainment known as the Cellar, and performances were offered in other Vermont communities, and

Whereas, this successful thespian enterprise suffered a severe setback on the early morning of July 17, 1962 when a fire severely damaged both buildings, but not the company, and that evening's scheduled performance of *Write Me A Murder* occurred in a tent, and a rebuilt theater reopened a year later with *The Fantasticks*, and

Whereas, Walter Boughton, chair of the Amherst College drama department, became the theater company's second director in 1972, and despite floods in the 1970s which twice caused major damage, by the 1980s, the company was thriving, and

Whereas, in 1988, a new tri-directorship was initiated under the joint leadership of Malcolm Ewen, Tim Fort, and Steve Stettler, and they have led the WPTC in new directions, theatrically, with more Broadway and musical presentations, and organizationally, converting the playhouse into a nonprofit organization, establishing a \$2-million endowment, and implementing many capital improvements to the theater complex, and

Whereas, many outreach and education activities now occupy the WPTC's staff on a year-round basis, bringing great credit to this wonderful theater company, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Weston Playhouse Theater company in celebration of its 75th (diamond) anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Weston Playhouse Theater Company.

**H.C.R. 75.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Clyde Prouty for his exemplary public service on behalf of the town of Londonderry

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Jamaica

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, Clyde Prouty has resided in Londonderry for over half a century and developed a close association with the town, and

Whereas, he started working for the town in 1963, and in 1965 was elected as road commissioner, a key role in a rural community, and remained in that office for many years, and

Whereas, with his encyclopedic knowledge of the town's highways and need to travel regularly throughout the community, Clyde Prouty brought a strong familiarity of Londonderry's landscape and contours when he was appointed to the planning commission in 1970, and

Whereas, at town meeting in 1975, the Londonderry electorate chose Clyde Prouty to serve on the selectboard, and it has come to rely on his thoughtful contributions to the operations of town government, having always reelected him when his term expired, and

Whereas, beyond his official duties on the selectboard, Clyde Prouty has assumed a personal town caretaker function, having been instrumental in securing two markers honoring Londonderry residents who have served in our nation's armed forces, and even today, he volunteers to mow the town's lawns and fields, and

Whereas, aside from his many years of work in municipal government, Clyde Prouty is a former United States postal carrier and owned Clyde Prouty & Sons Excavating which he passed on to his offspring, and

Whereas, on January 28, 2011, his wife, Clara, and he celebrated 61 years of marriage, and they enjoy watching Nascar racing and are avid blue grass fans who travel to this musical genre's festivals in Vermont and elsewhere, and

Whereas, on town meeting day 2011, Clyde Prouty will conclude his 36-year tenure as a Londonderry selectboard member and is looking forward to spending time with his family, including his son, Steve, and daughter, Susan, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Clyde Prouty for his exemplary public service on behalf of the town of Londonderry, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Clyde Prouty in Londonderry.

#### **H.C.R. 76.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the national and community service of Carlisle Coates of Williston

Offered by: Representatives Macaig of Williston and McCullough of Williston

Offered by: Senator Lyons

Whereas, annual town reports are often dedicated to a citizen whose public service merits a special thank you and broad public recognition, and

Whereas, in 2011, the town of Williston has bestowed this distinct honor on Carlisle (Mike) Coates, and

Whereas, a three-decade resident of Williston, Mike Coates was a member of the United States Army, serving in the Korean conflict, and

Whereas, his military role continued after he was mustered out of federal service, as Mike Coates joined the Vermont National Guard from which he retired as a second lieutenant, and

Whereas, Mike Coates graduated from St. Michael's College in 1957, and

Whereas, he has volunteered many hours on behalf of the town of Williston and the state of Vermont, and in these roles, he consistently developed and shared creative solutions to complex public policy issues, and

Whereas, from 1992 to 1998, he served on the Williston Planning Commission and worked on town plans beyond his years on the commission, and

Whereas, he represented Williston regionally, from 2001 to 2008, on the Chittenden Solid Waste District where he remains the town's alternate member, and

Whereas, Mike Coates has performed other roles aside from serving on official panels, most notably as master of ceremonies for Williston's fun and lively celebration know as its Independence Day parade, and

Whereas, as an advocate for a broadly based state transportation policy, he has served on the Vermont Rail Advisory Council and has vigorously supported completion of the circumferential highway, and

Whereas, Mike Coates has been an active member of the board of directors of the Williston Historical Society and the Mount Independence Coalition, and is a charter member of the Williston Rotary Club, and

Whereas, his civic activism has helped make Williston a great place to live, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the national and community service of Carlisle Coates of Williston, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Carlisle Coates in Williston.

#### **H.C.R. 77.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Ted's Barber Shop in Manchester

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Jamaica and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, the old fashioned barbershops, whose barbers cut their customers' hair without flourishes, are not as common as in 1967 when Ted Lewis, one of 18 children in a Poultney family, opened a no-frills barbershop in Manchester, and

Whereas, while he was awaiting a ship assignment in New York City as a 19-year-old United States Navy enlistee during World War II, Ted Lewis's

naval superiors apprenticed him to two local barbers to learn this practical trade, and

Whereas, by war's end, he was an experienced barber, having eventually been assigned to the naval transport ship U.S.S. Arlington, and

Whereas, following his military discharge, Ted Lewis returned to Vermont and began to earn his living as a civilian barber, and

Whereas, beginning in 1967, Ted Lewis started practicing his well-honed barbering skills in Manchester, and

Whereas, Ted's Barber Shop, located near the infamous Malfunction Junction, officially the intersection of Vermont routes 11 and 30, is an approximately 125-square-foot space that is shaped as a trapezoid and contains two barber's chairs and other essential barbershop accoutrements, and

Whereas, a special feature of the shop is the large window display of containers of Vermont maple syrup for sale, an item that originated with Ted Lewis's often-stated axiom that "it's good to have something going on the side," and

Whereas, at Ted's Barber Shop, a good haircut can still be obtained for \$11, a real bargain in 2011, and

Whereas, the individuals sitting in the chairs at Ted's Barber Shop are not necessarily paying customers waiting for a haircut, and

Whereas, among the regular guests are retired farm-worker Honker Stewart, who will offer an unexpected observation with no prompting, Chuck Blackmer, who speaks in a voice reminiscent of a John Wayne sidekick, Ray Weeks, the shoulder-length-hair weather man, George Stone, the General Electric retiree who is a budding songwriter, and other memorable personalities, and

Whereas, although Ted Lewis died in 2006, his daughter Glenda Zimmer and granddaughters have maintained the ambiance and traditions that Ted Lewis established, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ted's Barber Shop in Manchester, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ted's Barber Shop in Manchester.

#### **H.C.R. 78.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Lawrence Memorial Library in Bristol on its centennial anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Sharpe of Bristol and Fisher of Lincoln

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, in 1911, Bristol businessman and Addison County Sheriff William Lawrence built a public library building at 40 North Street, in honor of his late wives, Minnie Peet Lawrence and Lockie Partch Lawrence, both of whom had been active in the Bristol Library Association, and

Whereas, he sold the new library to the town of Bristol for \$1.00, subject to the municipality's agreeing to appropriate continuing operating funds, and

Whereas, in 1998, a side entry with a wheelchair lift was added to the colonial revival white clapboard structure; in 2000, extensive basement renovations created a new children's room; and most recently, in 2002, the library's main floor was renovated to maximize the allocation of space, and

Whereas, despite these structural improvements, the library retains its original simple charm and welcoming appearance, and

Whereas, during the past century, the Lawrence Memorial Library has served as a center for reading enjoyment and community cultural activities, and

Whereas, the Lawrence Memorial Library has kept current with recent technological advances, including the establishment of an informative Internet Webpage; the introduction of an online catalogue; and the creation of the One-World Library Project, a collection of personally recommended books, films, and other media; and patrons can follow happenings at the Lawrence Memorial Library through Facebook and Twitter, and

Whereas, in celebration of its centennial anniversary, the Lawrence Memorial Library has scheduled a year-long calendar of commemorative events that kicked off with a centennial all-day birthday bash—a party that comes once a century, and also includes the publication of a commemorative cookbook, a poetry month, a plant sale, a celebratory dinner and dance, a century-of-stories day, a harvest festival, and other enjoyable activities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Lawrence Memorial Library in Bristol on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lawrence Memorial Library Director Nancy Wilson.

**H.C.R. 79.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Northeast Slopes of East Corinth on its silver anniversary

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

Whereas, in 1936, an adventurous group of individuals erected an Alpine skiing rope tow along an East Corinth hillside, and

Whereas, the power source for this exciting new recreational conveyance was probably derived from a vintage Reo car, and in future years, a GMC farm truck facilitated the skiers' travel upward to the starting point, and

Whereas, in contrast to other small Vermont ski areas that have vanished, Northeast Slopes has continued to thrive in the era of large ski resorts because it represents a community enterprise whose volunteers are committed to its continuity and vitality, and

Whereas, as one begins descending down any of the 12 trails on more than 35 skiable acres, a grand view is afforded of New Hampshire's Mt. Moosilauke, giving the skier the impression of speeding down a lofty peak, and

Whereas, from the original motor-vehicle-powered single rope tow, Northeast Slopes has advanced to a triple surface lift array, including a recently installed T-bar, and

Whereas, the trails vary in grade from gentle to steep, and the area also offers a fun terrain park, and

Whereas, the annual Cardboard Box Derby encourages creativity as the contestants are challenged to design a cardboard box capable of sliding down a slope, and

Whereas, off the trails, Northeast Slopes takes great pride in its increasing reliance on local food products in the snack bar, such as Cabot Cheese and rolls from the Colatina Bakery in Bradford, and

Whereas, multiple generations of local families have learned to ski at the child-friendly Northeast Slopes, which remains affordable because of its great and loyal volunteer workforce, and

Whereas, Northeast Slopes is now the oldest continuously operated rope tow ski area in the United States, and in 2011 is commemorating 75 years of fun-filled skiing, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Northeast Slopes of East Corinth on its silver anniversary and wishes it many future years of enthusiastic skiers

and volunteers arriving at its East Corinth hillside headquarters, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Steve Simpson and Genevieve Faherty, president and vice president respectively of Northeast Slopes Inc. in East Corinth.

**H.C.R. 80.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Elizabeth Cushman Titus Putnam of Shaftsbury on being the first conservationist awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal

Offered by: Representatives Miller of Shaftsbury and Champion of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Sears and Hartwell

Whereas, when Congress established Yellowstone National Park in 1872, a federal commitment to preserve America's most scenic landscapes for the enjoyment of current and future generations was launched, and

Whereas, as a student at Vassar College in the 1950s, Elizabeth Putnam greatly admired the natural heritage embodied in our national parks, but worried limited federal financial resources would stymie efforts to maintain these glorious acres in their most pristine state, and

Whereas, mere expressions of concern were insufficient for this forward-thinking woman, and in her senior thesis, Elizabeth Putnam outlined a proposal for a student conservation association, modeled on the New Deal's Civilian Conservation Corps, that would attract student volunteers to the national parks to perform necessary maintenance projects, and

Whereas, with the support of the National Park Service, this prescient plan served as the springboard for her formation in 1957 of the Student Conservation Association (SCA), and

Whereas, the first SCA crews traveled that year to Grand Teton and Olympic National parks where their commitment and energy set the stage for other student crews which, in 2011, continue to improve and sustain our national parks and engage in other critical projects to preserve and restore the natural environment, and

Whereas, the SCA not only helps to preserve the national parks but also inspires these young volunteers to pursue professional careers in conservation, and its alumni have assumed prominent leadership roles in preserving American's natural landscape, and

Whereas, in 1969, the first Presidential Citizens Medal was awarded in recognition of "American citizens who have performed exemplary deeds of

service for their country or fellow citizens,” and is the second highest civilian award that our nation can bestow, and

Whereas, in the 40-plus-year history of this award, no recipient had ever been recognized for contributions to American conservation, and

Whereas, in 2010, President Obama decided the honorees should be individuals who significantly affected their communities for the better but may not have received public recognition for their work, and he solicited the public to submit names of possible honorees, and

Whereas, among the 13 individuals selected as 2010 recipients of the Presidential Citizens Medal was Elizabeth Putnam in recognition of her pivotal role in conserving America’s natural scenic wonders, and President Obama presented her the medal on August 3, 2010, at a White House ceremony, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Elizabeth Cushman Titus Putnam of Shaftsbury on being the first conservationist awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Elizabeth Cushman Titus Putnam.

**H.C.R. 81.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Vermont winners of Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Trieber of Rockingham, Wilson of Manchester, Strong of Albany, Young of Albany, Miller of Shaftsbury, Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Mook of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Burditt of West Rutland and Potter of Clarendon

Offered by: Senators Kitchel, Benning, Galbraith, White, Hartwell, Sears, Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary Schools jointly present the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards to honor youth volunteers from every state and Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, state honorees receive \$1,000.00, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C. and compete for national recognition, and

Whereas, distinguished finalists are also designated, and these students receive an engraved bronze medallion, and

Whereas, in 2011, the Vermont middle school state honoree was Katherine Ham of Sheffield, a 13-year-old eighth grader at Servant's Heart Academy home school, and

Whereas, she was recognized for her annual family excursions to a Guatemalan orphanage, for which she fundraises in advance of her trip and performs whatever tasks requested upon her arrival, and

Whereas, this year's Vermont senior high school honoree is Luke Drabyn of Grafton, an 18-year-old senior at Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester, and

Whereas, he established a school chapter of Global Minimum, an organization which distributes insecticide-coated mosquito netting to malaria-prone areas in Sierra Leone, and he raised \$2,000.00 and traveled to Sierra Leone to deliver the nets which are now protecting 1,150 persons, and

Whereas, 17-year-old Lauren Waller of West Rutland, a senior at Mill River Union High School in North Clarendon, was recognized for her leadership as president of her school's Key Club, a student service organization, and

Whereas, 17-year-old Cherise Madigan, a senior at Mt. Anthony Union High School, earned distinguished finalist honors for her role as president of the Rotary-connected Interact Club, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Vermont winners of Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, and be it further

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