

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**HOUSE AND SENATE
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**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

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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. 82.

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont National Guard Command Sergeant Major Michael Dattilio for his 42 years of exemplary military service

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, Michael "Mickey" Dattilio enlisted in the United States Army in 1969 and was deployed to Vietnam where his commander praised the young soldier's problem-solving skills, and

Whereas, on returning home, he joined the United States Army Reserve, and he advanced to the rank of Specialist E-5 in only two years, and

Whereas, in 1972, Mickey Dattilio joined the Vermont National Guard, achieving the rank of Platoon Sergeant (E-7) in less than nine years of service, and

Whereas, Mickey Dattilio was appointed First Sergeant of Company A 150th Aviation Battalion in 1982, creating a successful noncommissioned officer development program, and

Whereas, his sustained exceptional leadership resulted in his 1992 selection as Command Sergeant Major for the 1st Battalion 103rd Aviation Regiment, as the battalion's senior noncommissioned officer, and

Whereas, Mickey Dattilio's continued superb leadership and demonstrated success in positions of increasing responsibility led in 1994 to his appointment as Command Sergeant Major for the 86th Troop Command, and his professional leadership and safety concerns resulted in no deaths or serious injuries under his command, and his training programs ensured the next generation of first sergeants and command sergeant majors was better prepared as future leaders, and

Whereas, in 1997, the Vermont Army National Guard appointed Mickey Dattilio as its Command Sergeant Major, the state's most highly visible noncommissioned officer, and he was a leader in successful partnerships with Macedonia and Senegal, and

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Mickey Dattilio repeatedly delayed his retirement at the request of Adjutant and Inspector General Michael Dubie, and

Whereas, after 42 years, Command Sergeant Major Mickey Dattilio is retiring from military service, and his record of accomplishment is truly superb, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont National Guard Command Sergeant Major Michael Dattilio for his 42 years of exemplary military service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont National Guard Command Sergeant Major Michael Dattilio.

H.C.R. 83.

House concurrent resolution honoring Calais Town Clerk and former representative Eva M. Morse for her extraordinary civic service on behalf of the citizens of Calais

Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina

Whereas, for nearly half a century, the voters of Calais have placed their civic trust in their friendly neighbor, great conversationalist, and attentive listener, Eva Morse, and

Whereas, in 1964, the selectboard appointed Eva Morse as town clerk, and in 1965, following a floor nomination, the Calais town meeting attendees elected her to this office, and

Whereas, since 1965, Eva Morse has been the sole candidate for the voters' consideration as town clerk, and

Whereas, during her almost half-a-century tenure, Calais Town Clerk Eva Morse has witnessed dramatic changes in the operation and locale of her office, which for 42 years was situated in her home where, among a beautiful profusion of orchids, her many cats and she warmly greeted visitors arriving to transact official business or merely stopping by to say hello, and

Whereas, eventually, the wealth of records she had accumulated necessitated the construction of a town office in Gospel Hollow, and

Whereas, the breadth of her administrative and regulatory duties has increased enormously since the middle 1960s, and Eva Morse has always met the new challenges effectively and successfully, and

Whereas, the town of Calais has also drawn upon Eva Morse's administrative skills as justice of the peace, lister, and zoning administrator, and for a decade she represented her neighbors in the Vermont House of Representatives, gaining greater insight into the intricate relationship between state and local government, and

Whereas, Eva Morse has decided to conclude her 47 notable years as town clerk, and while the citizenry will miss an extraordinarily devoted public servant, her 14 cats will welcome the added attention, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Calais Town Clerk and former representative Eva Morse for her extraordinary civic service on behalf of the citizens of Calais, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Eva Morse in Calais.

H.C.R. 84.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Krystal Smith on winning the 25th Annual U.S. Best Bagger National Championship

Offered by: Representatives Larson of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington, Andrews of Rutland City, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Buxton of Royalton, Canfield of Fair Haven, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Crawford of Burke, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Greshin of Warren, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Munger of South Burlington, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Olsen of Jamaica, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Shand of Weathersfield, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Turner of Milton, Wilson of Manchester, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Albany

Offered by: Senator Snelling

Whereas, Krystal Smith of Burlington began her career as a Hannaford supermarket associate in 2002 and works as a bagger on the checkout lines at the Hannaford supermarket located on North Avenue in Burlington, and

Whereas, among her colleagues, her bagging skills have become legendary, and she was encouraged to enter the National Grocers Association's U.S. Best Bagger National competition, and

Whereas, this contest rigorously tests the entrants' grocery bagging skills at state and regional competitions, and the regional winners then proceed to the U.S. Best Bagger National Championship held at the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada during the National Grocers Association Annual Convention and Supermarket Synergy Show, and

Whereas, at each level of competition, the participants must bag a combination of bread, milk, eggs, and canned and packaged goods, and

Whereas, the criteria on which the baggers are judged include speed, bag-building technique, weight distribution, style, attitude, and appearance, and

Whereas, the 21 competing finalists in Las Vegas represented the most skilled grocery baggers in the United States, and

Whereas, when the final bag was filled and the judges finished tallying their results, Krystal Smith, who filled three grocery bags in 38 seconds, was declared the grand prize winner and America's Best Bagger, and

Whereas, Krystal won a \$10,000.00 cash prize and the Golden Grocery Bag trophy, and a golden checkout aisle will be installed at the North Avenue Hannaford store in Burlington, and

Whereas, an additional exciting event for Krystal Smith was her February 16 appearance on The Late Show with David Letterman on the CBS television network, and

Whereas, her colleagues and supervisors at Hannaford in Burlington were thrilled Krystal Smith brought this coveted award home to Vermont and their supermarket, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Krystal Smith on winning the 25th Annual U.S. Best Bagger National Championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Krystal Smith and to the Hannaford supermarket in Burlington.

H.C.R. 85.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont State Archivist Gregory Sanford on winning the Matthew Lyon Award

Offered by: Committee on Government Operations

Whereas, Matthew Lyon was a United States congressman from Vermont when in 1798, he was jailed in Vergennes for violating the Alien and Sedition Act for writing a letter to a newspaper criticizing President John Adams, and

Whereas, despite his being incarcerated, the voters reelected him to Congress, recognizing his stalwart belief in the First Amendment, and

Whereas, the Vermont Press Association (VPA) annually presents the Matthew Lyon Award to an individual who has been a contemporary First Amendment champion, and

Whereas, the most recent Matthew Lyon Award winner is Vermont State Archivist Gregory (Greg) Sanford who was recognized for his lifetime commitment to the First Amendment, and

Whereas, Gregory Sanford is a graduate of Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland and earned his master's degree in history from the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, prior to being appointed the Vermont State Archivist in 1982, he served as assistant director of the George D. Aiken Oral History project at the University of Vermont and worked at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Institute Archives, and

Whereas, under his expert leadership, the Vermont State Archives has evolved into a modern state archival facility with legal responsibility for the long-term cataloguing, organizing, and preservation of the state's records, and

Whereas, during his nearly three decades as Vermont State Archivist, Greg Sanford has been vigilant in advocating for more effective public records laws that are written with clarity and facilitate the maximum possible public access to state records, and

Whereas, the VPA President Bethany Dunbar has described Greg Sanford as "one of the beacons in state government that completely understands the need and the importance of keeping and maintaining public records," and

Whereas, Greg Sanford is unquestionably a most deserving and worthy recipient of this honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vermont State Archivist Gregory Sanford on winning the Matthew Lyon Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont State Archivist Gregory Sanford.

H.C.R. 86.

House concurrent resolution honoring the civic service of Bennington Selectboard Chair Lodie Colvin

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

Offered by: Senators Sears and Hartwell

Whereas, for the past 19 years, Lodie Colvin has served with distinction as a member of the Bennington Selectboard, and

Whereas, she demonstrated leadership potential that resulted in her selection as chair, and for 15 years she has successfully guided the selectboard through its deliberations with openness, transparency, and professionalism, and

Whereas, Lodie Colvin has been an advocate for fairness, especially in controversial hearings, and she always assured all sides on an issue were allowed to present their views, and

Whereas, her selectboard leadership included bargaining the renewal of four union contracts, during which Lodie Colvin had a reputation as a proponent for equitable policies with respect to workers' pay and benefits, and

Whereas, she treated fellow members of the selectboard with respect, always keeping her cool in tough situations, and

Whereas, Lodie Colvin led the town of Bennington through a series of successful development projects including the attraction of Plasan, Vermont Composites, NSK, Abacus, and Global Z, among others, and

Whereas, two rolling reappraisals, a grand list development, Bennington's first Capital Plan, establishing new planning goals, the adoption of changes to two town charters, and the construction of new fire and police stations were among the highlights of her selectboard leadership years, and

Whereas, Lodie Colvin's commitment to Bennington's well-being is exemplified through her work in support of Bennington Project Independence, Bennington in Bloom, and the American Association of University Women, and

Whereas, for 30 years, when not involved in public policy discussions and civic activities, Lodie Colvin dedicated her days to teaching the future citizens of Bennington as a public school teacher, and

Whereas, Lodie Colvin has served as a role model for women in public service, and, as she leaves the Bennington Selectboard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the civic service of Bennington Selectboard Chair Lodie Colvin, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 87.

House concurrent resolution honoring Monkton town clerk Carmelita Burritt for her exemplary civic service

Offered by: Representatives Sharpe of Bristol, Fisher of Lincoln and Stevens of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, town clerks are true gems who provide institutional knowledge of a local community that benefits its citizenry on a daily basis, and

Whereas, one of Vermont's most respected and admired town clerks is Carmelita Burritt of Monkton who has served her constituents since March of 1973, and

Whereas, when Carmelita Burritt began her career, she worked from the stage of the town hall which relied on an old woodstove for heat and lacked toilet facilities, and in the wintertime, she relocated to a specially built office she had added to her home, and

Whereas, the town mothers and fathers came to recognize the value of Carmelita Burritt's services, and they equipped the town hall with modern conveniences and switched her compensation from a fee-based system to a standardized salary, and

Whereas, Monkton is an Addison County community which has experienced considerable population growth since 1973 as the voter checklist has increased from 500 to 1,400, and according to Carmelita Burritt, the introduction of voting tabulation technology has made election night easier, and

Whereas, the portfolio of her job changed when the town divided her original position of clerk-treasurer into two separate positions, and

Whereas, Carmelita Burritt's familiarity with Monkton's land records is so thorough that she can recite by heart many of the current parcels' owners as well as their predecessors, and

Whereas, the advent of the computer age brought technological changes to the town clerk's office which Carmelita Burritt mastered, despite her personal

preference for the simpler days of conducting most transactions with pencils or pens and paper, and

Whereas, after 38 years of serving the town of Monkton efficiently, enthusiastically, and honorably as town clerk, Carmelita Burritt will conclude her tenure on Town Meeting Day 2011, but she will, for an interim period, assume the new role of assistant town clerk, assuring a smooth transition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Monkton town clerk Carmelita Burritt for her exemplary civic service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Carmelita Burritt in Monkton.

H.C.R. 88.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Cochran's Ski Area on its golden anniversary

Offered by: Representatives O'Brien of Richmond, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, Heath of Westford, Jewett of Ripton, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Scheuermann of Stowe, Spengler of Colchester, Till of Jericho, Waite-Simpson of Essex and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, for 50 years, Vermont youngsters numbering in the thousands have been introduced to alpine skiing on the family-friendly trails of Cochran's Ski Area in Richmond, and

Whereas, the story of Cochran's Ski Area is the great saga of a premier Vermont skiing family's desire to share their love of the slopes, and

Whereas, in 1961, Ginny and Mickey Cochran strung a single rope tow on a hill behind their Richmond farmhouse and created a couple of backyard trails, and Cochran's Ski Area, a training facility for the Cochrans' children and their neighbors, opened, and

Whereas, the family's kitchen doubled as the original ski lodge, and

Whereas, by the 1970s, the family had expanded and reconfigured the ski area to encompass four lifts and eight slopes, and

Whereas, in 1984, the current ski lodge was constructed, and

Whereas, the skiing achievements of the Cochran family reached the pinnacle of success as all four children were top skiers for the United States

teams at the World Cup and the Olympics, and their father served as the team's coach during the 1973–1974 season, and

Whereas, Barbara Ann Cochran added a special chapter to her family's skiing renown and to Cochran's allure as an instructional skiing center when she captured a gold medal in the slalom competition at the 1972 Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan, and

Whereas, the family's skiing accomplishments continued into the next generation with five of the ten Cochran grandchildren becoming U.S. ski team members, and one, Jimmy, skiing twice as an Olympian, and

Whereas, many skiers begin as lollypop racers at Cochran's and proceed to top Division I college teams, and four Cochran's alumni were NCAA champions, and

Whereas, following Mickey Cochran's death in 1998, Ginny Cochran reorganized Cochran's Ski Area as the nation's first nonprofit ski area and remained involved with its operations until her death in 2005, and

Whereas, on Saturday, March 5, a grand 50th anniversary party will take place at Cochran's featuring 25-cent lift tickets, the original price, a 1960s slalom race, and a musical celebration and concluding with a Cochran's Hall of Fame induction ceremony, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Cochran's Ski Area on its golden anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Cochran's Ski Area in Richmond.

H.C.R. 89.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the town of Guilford as it celebrates its 250th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Hebert of Vernon

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, on April 2, 1754, Governor Benning Wentworth Esq. of the Province of New Hampshire granted a charter of incorporation for a six-miles-square tract in the future Windham County "beginning at the South East Corner of Hallifax [sic]...", and

Whereas, because the charter required cultivation of ten percent of the tract by 1761 and that goal would be missed, an extension was granted for three years, and then further extended in 1764, and

Whereas, despite the long delay, on May 19, 1772, Guilford held its first town meeting at which Samuel Nichols was elected moderator and John Shepardson town clerk, and

Whereas, Guilford would evolve into a town of farms, mills, and worthy citizens, a number of whom would sacrifice their lives in defense of our nation and

Whereas, the town has selected 1761 as the date of its legal establishment, and

Whereas, in order to commemorate its official 250th anniversary, the town of Guilford has planned a festive year-long celebration featuring a monthly themed dance, which in February was centered on Valentine Waltzes and in March is focused on Telemark (Norwegian) dances, and

Whereas, a program marking the role of Guilford in the Civil War will take place in April, and Independence Day will be observed in all its glory, and

Whereas, the true highlight of the birthday bash will be “The Big Weekend” from August 12–14, featuring a contra dance on Friday night, a Saturday filled with a Guilford 250th parade, continuing events at the Guilford Fairgrounds, a family barbeque, fireworks, and a reunion of descendants of Native Americans and early Guilford Settlers, and

Whereas, a Festival Service of Thanksgiving, in which clergy from different churches will offer their prayers of thanks, will close the weekend on Sunday, and

Whereas, this wonderful year of celebrations is a grand and memorable way to observe 250 years of community life in Guilford, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the town of Guilford as it celebrates its 250th anniversary, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 90.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Henry Blanchette

Offered by: Representatives Jerman of Essex, Sharpe of Bristol, Atkins of Winooski, Evans of Essex, Myers of Essex and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, a lifelong resident of Essex Junction, Henry Blanchette was a kind-spirited husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather and an energetic athlete whose love of individual and competitive sports endured through a lifetime, and

Whereas, a World War II United States Navy veteran, this popular local citizen was honored decades later in 2007 with his appointment as the Grand Marshall of the Memorial Day Parade, and

Whereas, when he returned home after his military service, Henry Blanchette accepted a job at the Drury Brickyard, where colleagues remembered his daring handstand atop the company's new smokestack, and

Whereas, Henry Blanchette later was employed for many years at IBM, and

Whereas, he married his first wife, Theresa Stuart, and they were the parents of five children—Jackie, Ron, Betti, Diane, and Donna, and

Whereas, their 28-year happy union ended with Theresa's death in 1974, and

Whereas, soon thereafter, Henry Blanchette met Barbara Thompson, whose spouse had also died, and the two of them became roller-skating partners and ultimately husband and wife for 35 years, and

Whereas, skating was one of Henry Blanchette's passions, and he was perhaps even more adept as a figure skater, and many children in Essex Junction learned their ice-skating skills from him, and

Whereas, basketball was another sport at which he excelled, both as a player on the Golden Rims age 50-plus team at the Sports and Fitness Edge health club and as a team member at nine National Senior Olympic Games, and

Whereas, ballroom dancing was a favorite joint pastime, and he and his wife helped to form a local club to pursue this activity, and

Whereas, Henry Blanchette also enjoyed playing tennis, woodworking, and morning walks with his dog Buzzy, and

Whereas, on February 6, 2011, the active and enthusiastic life of Henry Blanchette ended, and his large family of survivors includes his wife Barbara, five children, four stepchildren, 24 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of Henry Blanchette, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family members of Henry Blanchette.

H.C.R. 91.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the *Addison County Independent* and its staff on winning nine New England Newspaper and Press Association awards

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes, Clark of Vergennes, Fisher of Lincoln, Jewett of Ripton, Nuovo of Middlebury, Ralston of Middlebury, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Shoreham, and Font-Russell of Rutland City

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, the *Addison County Independent* recently won nine awards in the 2010 New England Newspaper and Press Association's annual journalism competition, and

Whereas, awards that a 700-member professional journalism organization bestows on newspapers and their staff are especially coveted as they represent the judgment of individuals who are well acquainted with all aspects of newspaper publishing, and

Whereas, at the top of the *Addison County Independent's* awards list was a first place for general excellence (best in its class) in the 6,000–10,000 circulation category, and

Whereas, first-place citations were also presented in the transportation category to senior reporter John Flowers for his stories on the closing of the Champlain Bridge; in the humor column category to news editor John McCright for a column on washing dishes; and in the editorial supplement category for a "Salute to Local Firefighters," and

Whereas, second-place honors were garnered in the editorial supplement category for the "Addison County Guide to Local Farms and Food"; in the feature photo category by photographer Trent Campbell for his image of Mike Sweeney crossing Lake Champlain in a rowboat as taken from the bottom of the boat; in the serious columnist category by reporter Andy Kirkaldy for his two columns on immigration hypocrisy and truth in the media; and in the history reporting category by John Flowers for his story on a sheriff's deputy who died in the line of duty during the 1930s, and

Whereas, the *Addison County Independent* was given a third-place award in the advertising campaign category for a "reader-submitted comments" campaign, and

Whereas, these multiple awards demonstrate the unusually high journalistic standards that are regularly practiced at this small but energetic Vermont newspaper, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the *Addison County Independent* and its staff on winning nine New England Newspaper and Press Association awards, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to *Addison County Independent* Publisher Angelo Lynn and to each of the reporters and editors honored in this resolution.

H.C.R. 92.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Rice Memorial High School Division II championship football team

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Munger of South Burlington and Till of Jericho

Whereas, the 2010 Rice Memorial High School Division II football Green Knights scored an average 42.5 points per game, documenting their offensive skill, and

Whereas, the Green Knights' hoped-for season trajectory to the Division II championship game at Castleton State College was realized, where third-seeded Rice confronted the top-seeded and undefeated Middlebury Union High School Tigers, and

Whereas, during the first half of play, the Green Knights remained on top, although the Tigers were a mere two points (16–14) behind at halftime, and

Whereas, the Green Knights scored 22 consecutive second-half points while the Tigers managed to score only one further touchdown, and

Whereas, under the command of a confident and sharp quarterback who threw the ball for 303 yards and four touchdowns, the Green Knights demonstrated an admirable maximization of opportunities, garnering 403 yards during a mere 21 minutes and 19 seconds of ball possession in pursuit of their 38–20 victory, the Division II championship, and a great 10–1 record, and

Whereas, the Rice squad, featuring Charlie Boardman, Billy O'Brien, Austin Robinson, Evan Healey, Christian McCormick, Adam Geffken, Billy Weaver, Tyler Derderian, Dan Bolger, Terry Morrissey, Tyler Lamay, Casey Tipson, Tim Bolger, Christian Scanlon, Hayden Provost, Patrick Gerke, Harrison Unger, Nicky Elderton, Connor Langlais, Patrick Colmenero, James Contompasis, David Sartorelli, Travis Clark, Cody Gonzales, Jacob Lavalley, Alex Linde, Will Briand, Kyle Paganelli, Michael Savage, Thomas Kane, Jack Farrington, Zach Scanlon, Ian Horton, Jack Trottier, Marcus Willingham, Michael Morrissey, Jesse Bouchard, Graham Kaigle, Shaquane Cooperwood,

Tommy Fitzgerald, and Matthew Maynard, played superbly, and Nick Cefarello was a wonderful team manager, and

Whereas, Head Coach Neil Brodeur and assistant coaches Mike Thorne, John Lovett, Joe Larkin, Jason Barron, Eric Besaw, Jack Brice, Jamie Merchant, and Lloyd Bachand contributed great wisdom to the team's success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Rice Memorial High School Division II championship football team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Neil Brodeur at Rice Memorial High School.

H.C.R. 93.

House concurrent resolution honoring employees of municipal public works departments and designating May 15–21, 2011 as Public Works Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town, Atkins of Winooski, Deen of Westminster, Donaghy of Poultney, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, French of Shrewsbury, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Hubert of Milton, Komline of Dorset, Macaig of Williston, Martin of Wolcott, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Mook of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Townsend of Randolph and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, much of the highway and bridge network in Vermont is municipally owned, and the responsibility for its maintenance is assigned to local public works departments, and

Whereas, local public works departments perform outstanding work to maintain the infrastructure that enables Vermonters to drive their cars without concern that the surface roadway is not properly maintained, and

Whereas, when extremely inclement weather strikes, such as a severe snowstorm or a thunderstorm whose elements include high-velocity winds, municipal public works departments' crews are called upon to perform near-heroic tasks under the worst possible climatic conditions and not infrequently in the middle of the night, and

Whereas, these special but essential jobs can range from removing snow from the highway while blowing drifts are inhibiting steady progress to supporting utility crews removing trees entangled in dangerously electrified cables, and

Whereas, once again, public works employees performed an exemplary job when tackling a major Groundhog Day snowstorm on February 2, 2011, and

Whereas, on May 11, the Vermont Municipal Highway Association will hold its annual Equipment Show and Field Day at the Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, local public works departments' crews from across Vermont will attend this showcase of modern maintenance and proudly demonstrate their ability to use their equipment most effectively, and

Whereas, the Vermont Municipal Highway Association event also serves as an opportunity for vendors to display new products that public works departments' staff can examine and consider purchasing, and

Whereas, May is also an important month for these dedicated municipal employees as the week of May 15–21, 2011 is being observed as Public Works Week in order to recognize these all-too-often unsung heroes who maintain highways, bridges, and other essential municipal infrastructure 365 days a year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont's outstanding employees of municipal public works departments and designates May 15–21 as Public Works Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Barre Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen.

H.C.R. 94.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 South Burlington High School Rebels 2010 Division I championship field hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington and Munger of South Burlington

Whereas, no one could envision a more ideal interscholastic athletic championship matchup than a game involving two undefeated teams, and

Whereas, the 2010 Division I field hockey final was exactly this dream contest, with the first-seeded South Burlington High School Rebels facing the 2009 Division I champions, the Hartford High School Hurricanes, and

Whereas, the game was often evenly balanced as each team dominated the field at different moments, and

Whereas, at the 25:33 minute mark of the first half, a failed Rebel penalty corner shot was rebounded back onto the field, and another Rebel pounded the ball back into the net for the first goal of the game, and

Whereas, just minutes later, a not totally dissimilar scenario beginning with a South Burlington penalty corner shot resulted in play focusing on the goal zone's perimeter until a strategically positioned Rebel scored the second goal of the contest, and

Whereas, after the midgame respite, the 2–0 South Burlington lead continued through most of the second half until, with merely five minutes of game time remaining, the Rebels added a final goal to post on the scoreboard to assure a 3–1 South Burlington win, the Division I title, and an unblemished 17–0 season, and

Whereas, the victorious Rebels included Rebecca Bowser, Amanda Arena, Kayleigh Ehler-Vock, Alyssa Guyette, Morgan Bresnahan, Ashley McDonald, Laura Nelson, Carly Stine, Caitlyn Bishop, Heather Bean, Emily Blauvelt, Linley Shaw, Molly Higgins, Rachel Crews, Lizzy Seward, Anne-Marie Farmer, Natalie Wimett, Taylor Leggett, and Julia Hudson, and

Whereas, Head Coach Anjie Soucy and her great assistants Angela Naveschuk and Sarah Davidson were an essential support team for the Rebels field hockey players, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 South Burlington High School Rebels 2010 Division I championship field hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Anjie Soucy at South Burlington High School.

H.C.R. 95.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 South Burlington High School Rebels Division I championship girls' soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington and Munger of South Burlington

Whereas, when the 2010 Division I girls' soccer playoff competition began, the 10th-seeded South Burlington High School Rebels, who had never won a state crown, ranked lower than any team that had previously won the divisional championship, and

Whereas, this historical fact was hardly a barrier as the Rebels proceeded to defeat Brattleboro Union High School, Burr and Burton Academy, and Rice Memorial High School and gained entry into the ultimate game against fifth-seeded Colchester High School, and

Whereas, the game belonged to South Burlington, which commanded the scoreboard from the moment in the first half when a Rebel outsmarted the

usually proficient Colchester goalie and slammed the ball into the net for the opening goal, and

Whereas, after 13 minutes and 35 seconds of second-half play, one of the South Burlington players sent her penalty kick to the bottom of the crossbar and then into the back of the net for the Rebels' second goal, and

Whereas, although at approximately the game's 65-minute mark, Colchester scored a goal, the game's fate had been sealed and South Burlington joyously celebrated its 2–1 victory and first Division I girls' soccer championship season, and

Whereas, Rebels Elise Mench, Sarah Hackett, Anna Young, Madison Schaefer, Mattea Ringey, Mollie Gribbin, Kazumi Eckenstein, Jen Arnold, Alyssa Lines, Shannon Flaherty, Ashley Norris, Anellie Miller, Caroline McCarthy, Lindsay Geier, Chelsea Austin, Allie Flaherty, Kayla Schaefer, Stephanie Carmichael, Reilly Simoneau, Elise Langevin, Angela Elcan, Sarah Shiman, Amy Simendinger, and Lisa Wood proved one should never discount a team's playoff potential based on its seeding, and

Whereas, Head Coach Tom Schaefer and Assistant Coach Eric Ledouceur encouraged these young athletes to maximize their soccer-playing skills, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 South Burlington High School Rebels Division I championship girls' soccer team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 96.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Essex High School *We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution* Vermont championship team

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

Whereas, in order to encourage the study of the United States Constitution among high school students, the Center for Civic Education conducts the annual nationwide *We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution* competition that starts with the creation of individual school teams which compete in their respective states, and

Whereas, in 2011, the Vermont finals were conducted in the committee rooms and legislative chambers of the state house, and

Whereas, as in other participating states, the Vermont students took part in

mock congressional hearings where they were closely queried on their understanding of the United States Constitution, and

Whereas, the students demonstrate their constitutional mastery not simply through a recitation of specific clauses but by applying the Constitution to specific historic and contemporary issues and defending positions on these matters based on constitutional principles, and

Whereas, the expert panels judging the students' constitutional knowledge include legal professionals and academics who specialize in constitutional topics, and

Whereas, the judges determined that the 2011 Vermont *We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution* winning team was from Essex High School, and

Whereas, the Essex High School students devoted many hours to preparing for their state house competition, and

Whereas, the 26 students who worked with great effort to achieve this special academic honor include Ryan Agan, Taylor Amato, Miranda Axworthy, Sam Blakely, Maya Boyle, Callie Braceras, Bethany Clark,

Jacob DeBolt, Calle Emanuelsson, Brian Evans, Ben Ferris, Andrew Goss, Blaize Hall, Joanna Kamhi, Erin Maguire, Shannon McCullen, Clare Murphy, Abigail Nash, Bess Onegow, Sebastian Otto-Meyer, Seamus Page, Sam Schonberg, Amelia Seman, Ryan Shields, Maura Willey, and Paige Wood, and their outstanding instructor Timothy Root guided them through the process, and

Whereas, these students are now preparing to compete in the national competition in Washington, D.C., now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate the 2011 Essex High School *We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution* Vermont championship team and wish the students the best of success in Washington, D.C., and be it further

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

H.C.R. 97.

House concurrent resolution honoring the outstanding efforts of those who provide child development services in Vermont and work on behalf of our youngest citizens

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro,

Buxton of Royalton, Champion of Bennington, Deen of Westminster, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ellis of Waterbury, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, McCullough of Williston, Mook of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Stuart of Brattleboro, Trieber of Rockingham, Wizowaty of Burlington and Woodward of Johnson

Whereas, today's young children are tomorrow's voters, workers, taxpayers, and parents, and

Whereas, a good start helps ensure both a child's and Vermont's future prosperity, and

Whereas, science tells us that early experiences establish the architecture of a child's developing brain, and the nurturing individualized support of adults at home and in the community will build a strong foundation for children's growth and development, and

Whereas, the quality of early childhood experiences establishes either a sturdy or fragile foundation for all development that follows, and

Whereas, child development is community development as well as economic development, as healthy, capable children are the building blocks of a solid and productive society, and

Whereas, we must work together to meet their needs to ensure that all Vermont children grow into solid community members and active participants in our economy, and

Whereas, with 71 percent of Vermont children under five years old in the care of someone other than their parents for at least part of the day, child care providers, other early childhood professionals, and early childhood organizations play a crucial role in Vermont's meeting children's needs, and

Whereas, these individuals and organizations are essential to the state's economic growth, contributing to the creation or support of thousands of jobs, and

Whereas, concerned Vermonters will gather at the State House on March 16, 2011 to inform their state legislators that high-quality early childhood care, health, and education services must be accessible and affordable for all Vermonters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honor the outstanding work of all those who care for, educate, and advocate for our children in Vermont, many of whom are

visiting the state house on March 16, 2011, which is Early Childhood Day at the statehouse, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Building Bright Futures State Council and to the sponsoring organizations of the Kids Are Priority One Early Childhood Coalition, including Voices for Vermont's Children, Windham Child Care, Vermont Family Network, Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children, Mama Says, and the Vermont Child Care Industry and Careers Council.

H.C.R. 98.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont State Board of Nursing on its centennial anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Spengler of Colchester, Acinapura of Brandon, Batchelor of Derby, Donahue of Northfield, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Manwaring of Wilmington, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Brien of Richmond, Pearce of Richford, Pugh of South Burlington, Toll of Danville, Winters of Williamstown and Woodward of Johnson

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Kittell

Whereas, Vermont's nurses meet the health care needs of our most vulnerable citizens in a wide variety of settings, and

Whereas, by the early 20th century, the growing impact of the nursing profession on the lives of Vermonters required its closer scrutiny from state government, and

Whereas, as a legislative response, the 1910 General Assembly enacted "An Act to Provide for the Registration of Nurses" that became law as Act 219 on January 28, 1911 and established a board of registration of nurses, the predecessor of the Vermont State Board of Nursing, and

Whereas, as provided in chapter 28 of Title 26, the Vermont State Board of Nursing (the board) is a safeguard of public health through its examination and practice authorization of registered nurses (20,000), licensed practical nurses (2,200), licensed nursing assistants (4,200), and advanced practice nurses (550), and together they are the largest group of health care professionals in Vermont, and

Whereas, the board prescribes standards for continuing educational programs and requirements for nurses returning to practice after an extended absence, and

Whereas, another important administrative role for the board is to investigate allegations of unauthorized practice, unprofessional conduct, or

incompetency and to take any necessary action in response to its findings, and

Whereas, over the last 100 years, the board has conscientiously served Vermonters and the nursing profession and continues to keep pace with advancements in nursing care and service delivery, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont State Board of Nursing on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

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