

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. 171.

House concurrent resolution honoring Robert Howe for his 41 years of dedicated public service on behalf of the state of Vermont

Offered by: Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs

Whereas, Robert (Bob) Howe began his public service career in the transportation field where he spent seven years, and

Whereas, for the past 34 years, 29 at the department of labor, and more recently with the division of fire safety within the department of public safety, Bob Howe has developed an expertise in the myriad codes related to fire and building safety, and

Whereas, he began at the department of labor as a field inspector and rose through the ranks to become deputy director of the division of fire safety, the number two fire safety position in Vermont, and

Whereas, as a developer and implementer of fire safety codes, Bob Howe has been required to work closely with other state offices and a variety of interest groups, and

Whereas, these interactions can involve matters of importance and sensitivity, and Bob Howe has repeatedly exhibited an enormous degree of diplomacy and tact in addressing conflicting viewpoints and harmonizing fire safety and related codes with other state regulatory provisions, and

Whereas, a special project, which Bob Howe started 20 years ago, is the annual third grade fire safety calendar drawing contest in which Vermont's third graders are invited to submit drawings with fire safety messages for inclusion in the calendar, 20,000 of which are distributed through the schools, and

Whereas, the winners each have their work incorporated into one month's calendar page and are invited to Montpelier for an award ceremony that includes having their picture taken with the governor, and

Whereas, Bob Howe was also honored at the most recent fire safety calendar ceremony, and despite his best efforts to avoid the limelight, he was deservedly recognized for this outstanding accomplishment, and

Whereas, he is recognized among his regional fire safety colleagues as a foremost expert and is frequently asked to speak in other states on topics of interest to those jurisdictions, and

Whereas, in his personal life, Bob Howe volunteers at his church, helping to provide meals for those in need, and has coached girls' basketball, and

Whereas, Vermont's buildings are far safer places as a result of his decades of exemplary public service, and after 41 years of state employment, Bob Howe is retiring this spring, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Robert Howe for his 41 years of dedicated public service on behalf of the state of Vermont, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 172.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Claude Mumbere on winning the 2011 Vermont Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest

Offered by: Representatives Lorber of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette of Winooski, Clarkson of Woodstock, Donovan of Burlington, Larson of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington and Wright of Burlington

Whereas, in order to encourage the nation's youth to study great poetry through memorization and recitation, the Vermont Arts Council, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Poetry Foundation, sponsors the Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest, and

Whereas, the 2011 Vermont semifinals and finals occurred at the Barre Opera House on March 16, 2011 with 31 Vermont high schools represented, and

Whereas, in 2011, Burlington High School (BHS) English teachers Scott Stone, Benjamin Roesch, and Erika Lowe introduced this poetry competition at their school, and

Whereas, Claude Mumbere, a Democratic Republic of the Congo native, moved to the United States in 2005 with his mother and two sisters and settled in Vermont just two years ago, and

Whereas, his first language is French, with English being just one of his four other languages, and

Whereas, Claude Mumbere was the BHS champion and advanced to the state competition, and

Whereas, Claude Mumbere chose *Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night* by Dylan Thomas and *I'm a Fool to Love You* by Cornelius Eady as his first two poems in the Vermont semifinals, and

Whereas, having received a top regional semifinal score, Claude moved on to the state finals with 11 other competitors, and

Whereas, Claude recited for a new set of final-round judges, and they were so impressed that he advanced with three other competitors to recite his third and final poem, *The Passionate Shepherd To His Love* by Christopher Marlowe, and

Whereas, having recited beautifully and passionately, Claude won the state title of Vermont Poetry Out Loud Champion and was awarded a \$200.00 prize, a \$500.00 allowance for BHS to purchase poetry books, and an all-expenses-paid trip for an adult chaperone and himself to represent Vermont in Washington, D.C. at the national finals to be held on April 29, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Claude Mumbere on winning the 2011 Vermont Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest and wishes him success at the national finals, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Claude Mumbere and to the Burlington High School English department.

H.C.R. 173.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative Neal Hoag for his dedicated public service on behalf of the citizens of Woodford

Offered by: Representative Botzow of Pownal

Offered by: Senators Sears and Hartwell

Whereas, Neal Hoag settled in Woodford over 40 years ago and found the community to be an ideal place to raise his family, and

Whereas, his entrepreneurial spirit and initiative led him to establish a number of diverse business over the years, and

Whereas, Neil Hoag is a great outdoor enthusiast who enjoys trapping and other traditional recreational activities, and

Whereas, protecting the rural character and heritage of Woodford is a personal priority for Neil Hoag, and

Whereas, local history is a special interest of Neil Hoag's, and his knowledge of the town's past is encyclopedic in its scope, and

Whereas, Neil Hoag has sought to contribute to the civic well-being of the community that he treasures and to help guide the future direction of Woodford, and

Whereas, service as a selectboard member offered the ideal avenue for him to meet these objectives, and he successfully stood for a seat on the town's governing panel at Town Meeting Day in 1988, starting 23 years of continuous, effective, and thoughtful municipal civic work, and

Whereas, he gained the respect of his fellow selectboard members and for many years served as their chair, and

Whereas, Neil Hoag became concerned that decisive decisions irreparably affecting the lives of Woodford's citizenry were being made in Montpelier without sufficient local input, and he decided to run for the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, as a member of the House from 1997–2001, Neil Hoag was an independent-minded legislator who always fought for the best interests of Woodford, regardless of the issues that his political party or advocacy groups might have requested he support, and

Whereas, after 23 years of helping to oversee the management of the town of Woodford, Neil Hoag did not seek reelection in 2011, but the town of Woodford, extremely grateful for his municipal leadership, dedicated its 2010 annual town report in his honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Representative Neal Hoag for his dedicated public service on behalf of the citizens of Woodford, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Neil Hoag in Woodford and to the Woodford town clerk.

H.C.R. 174.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vergennes Union Elementary School on being named a 2011 Fit & Healthy Kids School Wellness Award recognition-level winner

Offered by: Representatives Clark of Vergennes and Lanpher of Vergennes

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, as obesity and the lack of physical exercise have become a growing problem among youngsters, educators have come to realize it is an issue that must be addressed, and

Whereas, encouraging practices and habits that lead to healthy living is a commendable endeavor for a school and complements the department of health's efforts to support healthy people living in healthy communities, and

Whereas, the Vermont departments of health and of education, Action for Healthy Kids Vermont, and the New England Dairy and Food Council annually sponsor the Fit & Healthy Kids School Wellness Awards, and

Whereas, these awards are presented to schools whose administrative and operational policies promote the importance of healthy lifestyles for both students and school staff, who can set an example for their pupils, and

Whereas, schools are honored in several categories including the recognition level, and

Whereas, one of the 2011 recognition-level winners is Vergennes Union Elementary School, whose programs to promote healthy living can serve as a model for other elementary schools, and

Whereas, in honor of its selection as a recognition-level award winner, during a morning wellness walk in Montpelier on May 11, Vergennes Union Elementary School will be presented with a 2011 Fit & Healthy Kids School Wellness banner, and

Whereas, Vergennes Union Elementary School can be proud of this outstanding achievement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vergennes Union Elementary School on being named a 2011 Fit & Healthy Kids School Wellness Award recognition-level winner, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vergennes Union Elementary School.

H.C.R. 175.

House concurrent resolution honoring Taylor Coppenrath on his continuing success in European professional basketball

Offered by: Representatives Larocque of Barnet, Batchelor of Derby, Conquest of Newbury, Crawford of Burke, Johnson of Canaan, Kilmartin of

Newport City, Lawrence of Lyndon, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Derby, Marcotte of Coventry, Peaslee of Guildhall, Reis of St. Johnsbury, South of St. Johnsbury, Strong of Albany, Toll of Danville and Young of Albany

Offered by: Senators Benning, Illuzzi and Kitchel

Whereas, Barnet native Taylor Coppenrath, one of the top players in the history of the University of Vermont (UVM) Catamount Division I basketball, has impressed European basketball fans with his great game performances, and

Whereas, during his four seasons at UVM, Taylor Coppenrath scored 2,442 points, the third highest in America East Conference history, and he is only one of five players in the conference to have reached the magic 2,000-point scoring threshold and to have pulled down or taken possession of at least 800 rebounds, and

Whereas, Taylor Coppenrath's individual UVM milestones also included three America East Conference Player of the Year and First Team All-Conference awards, and he led the Catamounts to their first three NCAA appearances, and

Whereas, his post-graduation display of basketball skill in Greece, as a member of the AEK Athens team, introduced Taylor Coppenrath to the European style of play, and his easy acclamation was apparent, and

Whereas, after playing in Greece, Taylor Coppenrath played in the top rung of Italian professional basketball, which added to his growing reputation for basketball savvy, and

Whereas, his experiences in Greece and Italy laid the foundation for his most recent basketball exploits on the hardwood courts of Spain, where he has played in the LEB Gold league (the second division in Spanish professional basketball) for each of the past four seasons, and

Whereas, while enjoying the warmth of southern Spain, where each of his LEB Gold teams has been based, he has played a caliber of basketball that can only be described as outstanding, and

Whereas, this past winter, as a member of the C.B. Murcia team, Taylor Coppenrath was a leader who contributed mightily to its 30–4 record and the clinching of the 2011 LEB Gold regular season title in a thrilling 112–111 championship game overtime victory, and

Whereas, as a result of winning the LEB Gold regular season title, C.B. Murcia will be promoted to the ACB League (the first division in Spanish basketball) for 2011–2012, and Taylor Coppenrath plans to return to play in what knowledgeable basketball observers consider the best professional basketball league in all of Europe, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Taylor Coppenrath on his continuing success in European professional basketball, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Taylor Coppenrath in Barnet.

H.C.R. 176.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the town of Bridport on the 250th anniversary of its municipal incorporation

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, on October 10, 1761, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth issued a charter for a town to be known as Bridport in the future state of Vermont, and

Whereas, among those from Bridport who played a role in the Revolutionary War were Rhoda (Smith) Farrand, who while living in Morrisville, New Jersey, knitted socks for the nearby American fighting soldiers, and Nathan and Marshall Smith, who were captured during British Major Christopher Carleton's 1778 raid along both the New York and Vermont shores of Lake Champlain, and

Whereas, Bridport has had many associations with Lake Champlain, including the continuous presence since 1790 of a United States Coast Guard light at Jones Dock; the operation of ferries between Bridport and Crown Point, New York, from 1795 until 1933; and during the 1800s, the active servicing of canal boats and steamboats from docks located in the town, and

Whereas, the Rev. Lemuel Haynes of West Rutland organized the Bridport Congregational Church in 1790, and

Whereas, in the early 1800s, Samuel Buck operated a potash manufacturing business in Bridport, and

Whereas, a large number of Bridport residents died in the spotted fever epidemic of 1813, and

Whereas, many Bridport residents enlisted in military service during the Civil War, and the Reverend Edgar Harkness Gray of Bridport, chaplain of the U.S. Senate, gave the closing prayer at the funeral of Abraham Lincoln, and

Whereas, the merino ram "Bismarck," owned by H. C. Burwell of Bridport, took the top prize at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876, and

Whereas, Bridport resident Rawson Myrick served as Vermont secretary of state for two decades from 1927 to 1947, and

Whereas, more recently, one of the earliest uses of cow power (the conversion of cow manure to electricity) occurred at the Audet family's Blue Spruce Farm in Bridport, and

Whereas, the town of Bridport has selected the weekend of June 18–19 to commemorate its 250th anniversary with a pancake breakfast, street dance, fireworks, parade, and other celebratory events, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

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

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

H.C.R. 177.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the town of Weybridge on its 250th birthday

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, on November 3, 1761, the town of Weybridge was created as a result of a charter of incorporation that New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth granted to Joseph Gilbert and other recipients, and

Whereas, not dissimilar to other towns in the New Hampshire grants formed between 1749 and the mid-1760s, actual settlement was delayed, and

Whereas, it was not until the middle 1770s that the first settler, Thomas Sanford, built a log cabin within the boundaries of Weybridge, and

Whereas, in 1778, the recently established town was nearly destroyed during the Revolutionary War when British Major Christopher Carleton came through the Champlain Valley in a military operation known as Carleton's Raid, taking all the male settlers in Weybridge as prisoners and forcing the women and children of the town to endure great hardship, and

Whereas, by the year 1782, the town of Weybridge was revived and becoming an increasingly prosperous community, and

Whereas, the presence of three waterfalls on the segment of the Otter Creek that flows through Weybridge served as the power source for a number of industrial facilities including a gristmill, a paper mill, a sawmill, and a woolen mill, and

Whereas, during the 19th century, Weybridge was also an agricultural center where thousands of merino sheep were raised and Vermont's own special equine, the Morgan horse, was bred, and

Whereas, the breeding of Morgan horses remains alive today in Weybridge as it is the site of the University of Vermont's Morgan Horse Farm, and

Whereas, for more than 80 years, the Monument Farms Dairy has operated as a family enterprise in Weybridge and is proud of both the quality of its product and being one of the last dairies in Vermont to bottle its own milk, and

Whereas, to mark this special 250th birthday milestone, Weybridge's annual town events, including the Memorial Day parade and the annual weekend of Weybridge festivities on July 9–10—which includes a town picnic, open houses at public buildings, and a church service—will make note of the historic event, and

Whereas, a specific observation of the 250th birthday of Weybridge's municipal incorporation will occur on November 4 with a potluck supper and a town-supplied birthday cake, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

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

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

H.C.R. 178.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of the incorporation of the town of New Haven

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, Benning Wentworth, the Royal Governor of New Hampshire, issued a charter for the town of New Haven to 62 grantees on November 2, 1761, and

Whereas, the town was named after the Connecticut town of New Haven that at the time served as a co-capital of the Connecticut colony, and

Whereas, the way of travel to New Haven, aside from Otter Creek, was the Onion River Road which a crew under the leadership of Ira Allen and Remember Baker cut in 1773, and

Whereas, among those in New Haven who played a role in the Revolutionary War were the brave early residents of New Haven who British

Major Christopher Carleton had taken captive in the fall of 1778, and the raid was the only instance when a military attack took place in the town, and

Whereas, the first town clerk was Bezaleel Rudd whose service commenced in 1784, even though the first record of a New Haven town meeting dates from March 20, 1787, and

Whereas, 1787 was also the year of the formation of the Congregational Society, New Haven's first religious congregation, and

Whereas, the first regularly operating public school in New Haven opened its doors to students as District 1 on Lanesboro Street in 1794, and

Whereas, the first Rutland & Burlington Railroad train passed through New Haven on December 24, 1849, and

Whereas, New Haven Mills and Brooksville were active industrial centers in the 19th century, but New Haven Village is now the town center, and

Whereas, the town of New Haven will celebrate its 250th anniversary throughout 2011 with a series of events, beginning on April 30 with an art show presenting local artists, both professional and amateur, representing a variety of artistic media, and

Whereas, on July 16, a town fair will take place, featuring a chicken barbeque, historical activities, arts and crafts, and other events, and

Whereas, finally on November 5, an old fashion social event, including a potluck dinner and birthday cake, will be open to all town residents, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 250th anniversary of the incorporation of the town of New Haven, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 179.

House concurrent resolution congratulating IBM on its centennial anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Waite-Simpson of Essex, Evans of Essex, Jerman of Essex, Myers of Essex, Heath of Westford, Botzow of Pownal, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Turner of Milton and Young of Albany

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Baruth, Fox, Lyons, Mazza, Miller and Snelling

Whereas, in 1911, Hollerith's Tabulating Machine Company, the Computing Scale Company of America, and the International Time Recording Company were combined as the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Company (C-T-R), and the new corporation was incorporated on June 16 of that year in the state of New York, and in 1924, it was renamed International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), and

Whereas, in 1957, IBM established a plant in Essex Junction (IBM Burlington), and in 2011, this development and production facility is the largest private industrial employer in the state, and

Whereas, IBM Burlington is a leading development center for microchip technology and produces microchips for some of the most prominent computer, communications, and consumer electronics manufacturers, and

Whereas, many significant thresholds in the expansion of semiconductor chip technology were realized at IBM Burlington, and

Whereas, inventors on the staff of IBM Burlington are credited with about 10 percent of the company's total United States patents issued each year, helping IBM lead the world in the most patents issued annually for the last 18 years, and making the state of Vermont the leader in the number of patents earned per capita, and

Whereas, space and interplanetary exploration, including NASA's Apollo, Mars Rover, and Pathfinder programs, have each benefited from technology developed at IBM Burlington, and

Whereas, exports originating at IBM Burlington total more than \$2 billion in finished goods annually, and

Whereas, IBM Burlington is a great community citizen as the company and its employees donate more than \$2 million annually to nonprofit organizations and schools throughout Vermont and provide hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours each year, and

Whereas, the commitment of IBM Burlington to energy conservation and a better environment are demonstrated through its annual energy savings that are equivalent to the power usage of 2,000 single-family homes, and through its receipt of numerous environmental awards, and

Whereas, on June 16, 2011, IBM Burlington will celebrate its centennial anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates IBM Burlington on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to IBM's senior state executive, Janette Bombardier, at IBM Burlington.

H.C.R. 180.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the Vermont Mountain Bike Association's important role in outdoor nonmotorized recreation

Offered by: Representatives Howard of Cambridge, Jewett of Ripton, Bohi of Hartford, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Corcoran of Bennington, Degree of St. Albans City, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Ellis of Waterbury, Helm of Fair Haven, Hooper of Montpelier, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jerman of Essex, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lorber of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Olsen of Jamaica, Pearson of Burlington, Peaslee of Guildhall, Potter of Clarendon, Ram of Burlington, Shaw of Pittsford, Turner of Milton, Wilson of Manchester and Woodward of Johnson

Whereas, the Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA) was formed in 1996 to promote mountain biking through education, planning, funding, and establishing and maintaining multi-use trails throughout Vermont, and

Whereas, promoting sensible trail use and the creation of community recreation trail networks for the health and benefit of local citizens and visitors are VMBA objectives, and

Whereas, similar to the Green Mountain Club and the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, the VMBA is the corridor manager of mountain bike trails on state land and educates users on low-impact and healthy enjoyment of our public and private lands, and

Whereas, the VMBA encourages youth involvement in recreational activities and promotes healthy lifestyles and responsible outdoor recreation, and

Whereas, educating trail users on implementing successful public and private landowner relationships is an important priority for the VMBA, and

Whereas, the VMBA has sought to be a good neighbor and community member through responsible use of open lands, and it promotes a positive image of trail use through ongoing relationships with the United States Forest Service, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, the Vermont Department

of Forests, Parks and Recreation and many Vermont municipalities and private landowners, and

Whereas, the VMBA is a knowledge base for sustainable trail construction techniques and has sought to develop best practices through training of its individual chapter members and of businesses, landowners, and public organizations, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the Vermont Mountain Bike Association's important role in outdoor nonmotorized recreation, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Mountain Bike Association in Waterbury.

H.C.R. 181.

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

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, the town of Woodstock was established as the result of a charter that New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth issued on July 10, 1761, and in 1765, Timothy Knox became the new town's first settler, and

Whereas, in 1786, the general assembly designated Woodstock as the shire town or county seat and home of the county court for Windsor County, a status it has maintained for 215 years, and

Whereas, in the years before Montpelier was designated as the permanent capital of Vermont, Woodstock served as one of the towns in which the legislature convened, and

Whereas, the Ottauquechee River, which flows through the center of Woodstock, provided a power source for manufacturing facilities, and

Whereas, in the 1840s, the population of Woodstock had reached its zenith at 3,400, making it, at the time, the third largest town in the state, and

Whereas, Woodstock was a center of medical education from 1826 to 1856 when the town was home to the Vermont College of Medicine which at the time was one of only six medical colleges in New England, and

Whereas, in the 1870s, the opening of the Woodstock Railroad, extending 14 miles from Woodstock to the rail hub of White River Junction, brought

passenger rail service and inaugurated Woodstock's status as a favorite tourist destination, and it led to the construction of the original Woodstock Inn, and

Whereas, the first golf course in Vermont opened in Woodstock in 1895, and in 1934, the nation's original powered rope tow for alpine skiing was built on a slope outside the town, and

Whereas, Woodstock was the home of environmentalist George Perkins Marsh, railroad empire builder Frederick Billings, and conservationists Laurance and Mary Rockefeller (granddaughter of Frederick Billings), and Laurance Rockefeller built a modern Woodstock Inn reminiscent of the 19th century original, and the magnificent mansion and beautiful grounds that they all once owned are preserved as the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, and

Whereas, 2011 marks the 250th anniversary of Woodstock's founding, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the town of Woodstock 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 Woodstock town clerk and the Woodstock Historical Society.

H.C.R. 182.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Long Trail School on its 35th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Komline of Dorset, Olsen of Jamaica and Wilson of Manchester

Whereas, a high-quality secondary education can be the gateway to collegiate and career success, and

Whereas, in 1975, Dave and Rene Wilson cofounded a new independent school, known as the Long Trail School, which opened its doors in Dorset with a student body of 14 and a single classroom, and

Whereas, the Long Trail School was founded with a vision "to kindle intellectual and creative passion" and to help students discover their "innate enthusiasm for learning," and

Whereas, among the core values fundamental to the educational mission of the Long Trail School are integrity, kindness of spirit, openness, social responsibility, and stewardship of the school's resources, environment, and community, and

Whereas, day students come from over three dozen towns in southwestern Vermont and nearby New York state, and boarding students add an international component to the school's unique educational environment which features a student-centered teaching philosophy, and

Whereas, the Long Trail School is a nondiscriminatory educational institution where small classes and individualized instruction enable students to prepare successfully for college, and

Whereas, over three-fourths of the students are enrolled in advanced placement courses, and Long Trail School students' success in the National Merit Scholarship program has been a matter of special pride, and

Whereas, the Long Trail School has developed a record of sending a high percentage of its graduating classes to four-year colleges, and

Whereas, from its original single classroom, the Long Trail School has evolved to include 165 students, over 50 faculty and staff, and a 60,000-square foot facility on a 114-acre campus, and

Whereas, over the past three and a half decades, the Long Trail School has earned a reputation as "a forward-looking school with high standards of excellence" and a record of great scholastic achievement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Long Trail School on its 35th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Long Trail School in Dorset.

H.C.R. 183.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Kaitlin Leroux-Eastman on being named the 2011 Vermont Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Clark of Vergennes and Lanpher of Vergennes

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, Kaitlin Leroux-Eastman is a conscientious young woman who successfully overcame early life challenges, and

Whereas, with the family support of an aunt, who became her adoptive mother, she began to focus her life in the right direction, and

Whereas, an important factor in the young life's journey of Kaitlin Leroux-Eastman has been the Boys & Girls Club of Vergennes, which she joined upon moving to Vergennes from Middlebury as an 8th grader, and

Whereas, although she was initially reluctant to associate with other club members, over time she gained an increased degree of comfort and became an enthusiastic participant in club activities, and

Whereas, Kaitlin Leroux-Eastman subsequently became actively involved at the club, including in its drug and alcohol prevention program, to which she has devoted considerable time, and

Whereas, other club responsibilities to which she is committed are walking special-needs children from school to the club and assisting others with homework assignments, and

Whereas, Kaitlin Leroux-Eastman also volunteers at the Bixby Library in Vergennes, and

Whereas, choral music has become a special interest for her, and she sings in the Vergennes Union High School choir, and when her house of worship, St. Peter's Church in Vergennes, needed a choir conductor for Sunday morning mass, she offered to apply her musical knowledge to the task, and

Whereas, with nearly 200 hours of volunteer community service to her credit, an admirable work ethic, and demonstrable achievement, she was selected as the Boys & Girls Club of Vergennes 2011 Youth of the Year, and

Whereas, a few days later in Montpelier, her credentials so impressed the judges that she was honored as the Vermont Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year, a special honor that signifies a personal milestone of the highest order, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Kaitlin Leroux-Eastman on being named the 2011 Vermont Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kaitlin Leroux-Eastman in Vergennes and to the Boy & Girls Club of Vergennes.

H.C.R. 184.

House concurrent resolution honoring the inspiring family of Felipe and Elena Ixcot and the Benedictine Brothers of the Weston Priory who offered them refuge and love for a quarter of a century

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Jamaica

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, Nitka, Sears, Snelling and White

Whereas, in the 1980s, a contingent of Benedictine monks from the Weston Priory accompanied a group of Mexican Benedictine sisters to the Guatemalan refugee camps in Mexico, where they heard first-hand accounts of human oppression, and

Whereas, in reaction to their emotional journey, Benedictine brother John wrote a moving article entitled “Tell Your People” that was published in “Sojourner’s Magazine,” and

Whereas, in 1984, seeking to respond more proactively to this fundamental violation of human rights, the Benedictine brothers designated the Weston Priory a sanctuary for refugees, and

Whereas, Felipe and Elena Ixcot and their five children—Sonia, Julio, Alicia, Juanita, and Maya—were selected to reside in the Weston Priory’s converted barn and cider mill, which was renamed Casa Guadalupe, and

Whereas, the motorcade that transported the Ixcot family from Chicago, where they had initially arrived from Guatemala, to Vermont served as an opportunity to publicize the plight of Central American refugees, and

Whereas, a festive service of prayer that many well-wishers attended welcomed the Ixcot family to the Weston Priory, and

Whereas, the surrounding community offered many forms of assistance as the Ixcot family adjusted and flourished at Casa Guadalupe, and

Whereas, Ixcot sisters Sonia, Alicia, Juanita, and Maya have now become American citizens, have graduated from college, and are pursuing careers in the United States while ever mindful of their heritage, and

Whereas, recently improved political conditions in Guatemala have enabled their parents and brother Julio to return to their native village, build a new home, and, with financial support from friends in the United States, establish a midwifery center for indigenous women, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the inspiring family of Felipe and Elena Ixcot and the Benedictine brothers of the Weston Priory who offered them refuge and love for a quarter of a century, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to brother John at the Weston Priory and members of the Ixcot family.

H.C.R. 185.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Northfield Elementary School Destination ImagiNation Vermont state championship team

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Grad of Moretown

Whereas, Destination ImagiNation offers opportunities for students in the United States and internationally “to learn and experience creativity, teamwork and problem solving,” and

Whereas, the primary forums for this exciting educational endeavor are tournaments held on both the state and international levels, and

Whereas, at these tournaments, the student teams are directed to solve open ended challenges and present their solutions, and

Whereas, unlike the answer to a mathematical puzzle, there is not a single correct answer, rather the teams devise solutions that might solve the assigned problem from a variety of technical approaches, and

Whereas, one of the participating elementary-school-level teams at the 2011 Vermont state Destination ImagiNation tournament represented the Northfield Elementary School, and

Whereas, the challenge for the Northfield team and its competitors was to develop a device capable of moving various items up and down a six foot tower, and

Whereas, a further challenge in the process was that the device must be capable of being disassembled and then fit, in its entirety, into a $20 \times 20 \times 20$ box, and

Whereas, the Northfield team seriously pondered this unusual problem while ever cognizant of its time constraints, and

Whereas, the creativity, ingenuity, and sophistication Northfield demonstrated in its solution was so impressive that it earned the team’s members a first-place trophy, and

Whereas, this success in the Vermont Destination ImagiNation tournament entitles the Northfield team to travel to Knoxville, Tennessee, for the Global Finals to be held on May 25–28, and

Whereas, these Northfield students, including Christopher Chidsey, Mariel Dunn, Amara Freeman, Hazel Slesar, Maia Smith, and James Stephens, can be extremely proud of their special accomplishment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Northfield Elementary School Destination ImagiNation Vermont state championship team and wishes its members great success at the 2011 Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 186.

House concurrent resolution commemorating World Veterinary Year and the 250th anniversary of the veterinary medical profession

Offered by: Representatives Bartholomew of Hartland, Ancel of Calais, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Royalton, Champion of Bennington, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Degree of St. Albans City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Gilbert of Fairfax, Greshin of Warren, Head of South Burlington, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Cambridge, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Larson of Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Berlin, Lewis of Derby, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Munger of South Burlington, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Peaslee of Guildhall, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburgh, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Smith of New Haven, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington, Woodward of Johnson, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Albany

Offered by: Senators Benning, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Doyle, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Hartwell, Kitchel, Kittell, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Pollina, Sears and Snelling

Whereas, the treatment of animal diseases has been documented as far back as 1900 B.C., and

Whereas, the term “veterinarian” was first used in the 1600s, when there was no formal veterinary medical training, and

Whereas, as debilitating diseases took their toll on livestock populations, as public health concerns increased, and as the scope and complexity of medical knowledge about animals advanced, the need for more formal instruction became apparent, and

Whereas, at the initiative of French veterinarian Claude Bourgelat, the first veterinary college was established in 1761 in Lyon, France, ushering in the era of formalized veterinary education, and marking the birth of veterinary medicine, and

Whereas, to commemorate the remarkable accomplishments of the veterinary medical profession over the past 250 years, as well as to inspire the profession to set goals to meet future challenges, 2011 has been designated World Veterinary Year, and

Whereas, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), with roots which date back to 1863, and whose mission is “to improve animal and human health and advance the veterinary medical profession,” serves more than 81,500 members, and

Whereas, the AVMA is the United States representative on the Vet2011 Executive Committee which is coordinating observances of World Veterinary Year, and numerous commemorative celebrations are occurring in 71 countries, beginning with a ceremony which took place in Versailles, France and a closing ceremony that will occur in conjunction with the World Veterinary Congress in Cape Town, South Africa, and United States’ events include a celebration and symposium at the 2011 AVMA annual convention in St. Louis, Missouri in July, and

Whereas, veterinarians are essential to the health of Vermont’s dairy and livestock industries, provide medical care to the state’s pet and companion animals, play critical roles with respect to scientific research and food safety, and are the public’s first line of defense against the spread of animal and zoonotic diseases, and

Whereas, the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association serves over 300 veterinarians by promoting animal well-being and public health, and providing education for veterinarians and the public, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates World Veterinary Year and the 250th anniversary of the veterinary medical profession, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the American Veterinary Medical Association in Schaumburg, Illinois, and the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association in Essex Junction.

H.C.R. 187.

House concurrent resolution celebrating the historic Park-McCullough House as a cultural treasure in the town of Bennington

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, attorney Hiland Hall was the son of an original settler of Bennington, a major local landowner, and Vermont Governor (1858–1860), and

Whereas, Trenor Park, also a leading lawyer, married Laura Hall, the daughter of Hiland Hall, supervised the mining interests of John C. Fremont during the California gold rush of the 1840s, amassing great wealth, and returned to Bennington where Laura and he constructed a luxurious mansion, at the then amazing cost of \$75,000.00 on 200 acres of land purchased from Hiland Hall, and they took up residence on Christmas Day 1865, and

Whereas, this grandiose edifice, which nationally known New York architect Henry Dudley designed in the Second Empire style, featured 35 rooms, a 75-foot-long central hallway, elegant entertainment rooms, a majestic staircase, a stained glass skylight, and technological wonders of the day such as gas lighting (requiring the installation of an automatic gas machine), central heating, and hot and cold running water, and

Whereas, continuing the legal profession and politics prominent through multiple generations of the Hall family, Trenor and Laura Park's oldest daughter, Eliza, married attorney and later Governor (1902-1904), John G. McCullough, and in the early 1880s, after both her parents had died, she purchased her siblings' interests in the house, and

Whereas, the Park-McCullough House (as it became known), was extensively renovated in 1889–1890 in order to entertain more sumptuously 3,500 guests, including President Benjamin Harrison who visited Bennington to dedicate the new Bennington Monument at the time of Vermont's centennial in 1891, and

Whereas, the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities describes the Park-McCullough House as one of New England’s “finest and most significant Victorian mansions,” and formal gardens and ancillary structures, such as a playhouse, also graced the grounds, and

Whereas, Park-McCullough family members remained in residence until 1965, and today the house, whose family furnishings and collections remain largely unchanged, is under the curatorial care of the Park-McCullough House Association which offers informative education programs and rents the house for cultural, community, and social occasions, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the historic Park-McCullough House as a cultural treasure in the town of Bennington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Park-McCullough House Association.

H.C.R. 188.

House concurrent resolution honoring Elise A. Guyette on the publication of *Discovering Black Vermont: African American Farmers in Hinesburgh, Vermont, 1790–1890*

Offered by: Representatives Lippert of Hinesburg, Ellis of Waterbury and Stevens of Waterbury

Whereas, historians have largely neglected to study the post-statehood Vermont African American farming community, and

Whereas, in her recent book *Discovering Black Vermont: African American Farmers in Hinesburgh, Vermont, 1790–1890* (University of Vermont Press), University of Vermont College of Education and Social Science lecturer Elise A. Guyette comprehensively examines this topic in an informative narration, and

Whereas, the book follows her 2007 University of Vermont doctoral dissertation in education, *The Story of Lincoln Hill, 1790–1870, from the dustbin of history into the classroom*, in which she detailed “the economic, spiritual, military, social and political lives,” of the black farm families who resided in the Lincoln Hill area of Hinesburg and neighboring Huntington, and

Whereas, Elise Guyette drew on “ethnographic, archeological, and historical methodologies” in her dissertation research, in combination with primary sources including land records, vital statistics, grand lists, court records, and cemeteries, to understand the internal dynamics of the Lincoln Hill African American farming community and how it interacted with the larger white population in whose midst it resided, and

Whereas, in the dissertation and later the book, she reports on how these racially divergent black and white communities in the Lincoln Hill area “created their own principles for living in the new postrevolutionary world” that accommodated “cross-racial friendships and collective support in their farming economy,” and

Whereas, in *Discovering Black Vermont: African American Farmers in Hinesburgh, Vermont, 1790–1890*, Elise Guyette extends this fascinating and untold story to 1890, and

Whereas, the book’s chapters tackle such topics as *The Myth of a Slave-Free White North, Civic Life in Hinesburgh, Economic Expansion and Black Voting Rights, Prejudice and Religion in Hinesburgh and Huntington* and profile several African American families in the context of the Civil War, and

Whereas, reviewers and historians have praised the book as an important contribution to the published historiography of Vermont, and

Whereas, as a result of Elise Guyette’s historical research and personal efforts, a state historical marker has been placed at the base of Lincoln Hill commemorating the Hinesburgh African American farming community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Elise Guyette on the publication of *Discovering Black Vermont: African American Farmers in Hinesburgh, Vermont, 1790–1890*, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Elise Guyette and to the Hinesburg and Huntington historical societies.

H.C.R. 189.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of the town of Tunbridge

Offered by: Representative Buxton of Royalton

Whereas, although never formally documented, the town of Tunbridge was possibly named for the English Viscount Tunbridge of Tunbridge, and

Whereas, on September 3, 1761, Governor Benning Wentworth of New Hampshire granted a charter to a group of 65 proprietors or grantees for a six-square-mile parcel to be known as the town of Tunbridge, and

Whereas, the charter directed that Ebenezer Fletcher, an innkeeper in Salisbury, Connecticut, organize the grantees at a meeting on the fourth Tuesday of that same month, and

Whereas, the first settlers arrived in Tunbridge at the start of the American Revolution, and on October 16, 1780, a vicious attack led by a British officer in command of approximately 300 Indians severely damaged the small settlement and surrounding communities, and

Whereas, Tunbridge showed great resilience, and the earliest document in the town hall is a December 15, 1782 call for a proprietors' meeting to be held on May 28, 1783, and a town meeting was held the next month, and

Whereas, once disputed boundaries were settled, the town was finally and officially organized on March 21, 1786, and the first meeting house was completed in 1797, and

Whereas, also in 1797, Tunbridge was organized into 11 school districts that were not completely consolidated until 1955, and

Whereas, Tunbridge residents took advantage of easily accessible water power, constructing dams, small mills, and foundries to serve commercial manufacturing activity, although the town is predominantly agricultural, and

Whereas, in 1867, the Union Agricultural Society established the Tunbridge World's Fair in North Tunbridge, and since 1875, it has been held at the present site in central Tunbridge, and

Whereas, in celebration of its 250th birthday, Tunbridge is ringing its three church bells 250 times each, issuing a commemorative cookbook and DVD, holding art and historical exhibits, hosting a Tunbridge appreciation picnic at which a photo of townspeople will be taken, and holding other events including a variety show, a concert, a dance, and hikes, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 250th anniversary of the town of Tunbridge, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 190.

House concurrent resolution designating June 18, 2011 as Founders Day in Bennington

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, in 1749, Bennington became the first town that New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth chartered in the territory known as the New Hampshire Grants, and

Whereas, 12 year later, on June 18, 1761, the first settlers arrived in Bennington, coming from the Massachusetts towns of Harwich and Amherst, and

Whereas, thereafter, many additional towns were chartered throughout the New Hampshire Grants, and

Whereas, while in Bennington, Ethan Allen planned his attack on Fort Ticonderoga which occurred on May 10, 1775, only three weeks after the military confrontations in Lexington and Concord, and

Whereas, in 1777, the Bennington storehouse was the objective of a British attack in what became known as the Battle of Bennington, despite the battle being fought just over the border in New York, and

Whereas, Bennington was a frequent site of early sessions of the General Assembly, and

Whereas, the citizens of Vermont ratified the United States Constitution at a convention held in Bennington in 1791, and

Whereas, on June 18, 2011, Bennington will be observing the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the first settlers in the town with a grand day of celebration that will also recollect the important historical events that took place in and near Bennington between 1761 and 1791, culminating in Vermont statehood, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates June 18, 2011 as Founders Day in Bennington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Founders Day Committee in Bennington.

H.C.R. 191.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Matt Martin on his being named Boys & Girls Clubs of Brattleboro Youth of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Trieber of Rockingham, Burke of Brattleboro, Edwards of Brattleboro, Hebert of Vernon, Olsen of Jamaica, Partridge of Windham, Ram of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro, Weston of Burlington and Young of Albany

Whereas, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Brattleboro are welcoming places where young persons discover a supportive and safe environment, and

Whereas, the programs offered are educational but nonetheless fun, and they enable the participants to develop a new confidence in their own potential, and

Whereas, each year, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Brattleboro honor one of their members who has demonstrated personal growth, maturity, and an ability to assume new responsibilities as the clubs' Youth of the Year, and, for 2010–2011, Matt Martin of Hinsdale, New Hampshire, is the worthy recipient of this special recognition, and

Whereas, a panel of judges made the selection only after listening to an evening of compelling personal stories and then individually interviewing each potential honoree, and

Whereas, in selecting Matt Martin, the panel recognized the triumph of a young man who overcame adversity and who so intensely sought the nurturing alternative environment of the clubs that, for over a year after joining in July 2007, he walked seven to 10 miles to his club's headquarters nearly every day, regardless of the weather, and

Whereas, as a club member, he has participated in the Power Hour, College & Career Exploration, Money Matters, Teen Talk, and Passport to Manhood programs, and

Whereas, in 2009, Matt Martin became a junior staffer and developed leadership skills applicable both in the clubs and in the larger community, and his summer camp job became a part-time Boys & Girls Clubs of Brattleboro position the following fall, and

Whereas, he is an important role model for other members of the clubs, and

Whereas, after high school graduation in June 2011, Matt Martin will enter the United States Navy, and after his military service, he hopes to attend college and become a business entrepreneur, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate Matt Martin on being named the Boys & Girls Clubs of Brattleboro 2010–2011 Youth of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Matt Martin and to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Brattleboro Executive Director Beth Baldwin-Page.

H.C.R. 192.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Rice Memorial High School Green Knights Division I championship boys' basketball 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 2010–2011 Rice Memorial boys' basketball team looked forward to a great season on the hardwood floor, and each successive week it played with increasing confidence and skill, and

Whereas, when the playoff competition team rankings were announced, the Green Knights were assigned the second seed, a clear indication that boys' basketball enthusiasts would expect great playing from the Rice squad, and

Whereas, those assumptions proved correct as Rice defeated each of its playoff opponents in the preliminary rounds, and

Whereas, at the 2011 Division I championship contest at UVM's Patrick Gymnasium, the Green Knights were matched against the top-rated Rutland High School Raiders, guaranteeing a thrilling game for fans of both teams, and

Whereas, the game opened with Rice assuming an early advantage gaining a 15–5 lead during the first quarter, and

Whereas, the Raiders proved tenacious, staying in contention and scoring a three-pointer at the third period's conclusion to take a momentarily satisfying 36–33 lead over Rice, and

Whereas, the Green Knights realized their hopes for clinching the Division I crown now required decisive action, and early in the fourth quarter they accelerated into high gear with a three-point play, but the Raiders were not set to retire, and the lead bounced back and forth for much of the last quarter, and

Whereas, with approximately three minutes remaining, the Green Knights scored two consecutive baskets, giving them a 48–45 lead, and they stayed ahead through the final buzzer when they left the court triumphantly with a

55–48 game win and the 2011 Division I boys' basketball championship, and

Whereas, the Green Knights, including Chris McCormick, Zac Poland, Casey Tipson, Marcus Willingham, Tim Rensch, Jake Maynard, Tom Kane, Austin Robinson, Will Conroy, Nicky Elderton, Matt Bellows, and Connor Langlais, played a memorable season of basketball, and they all appreciated the wonderful support of Head Coach Paul Pecor and Assistant Coaches Derek Trono and Chris Cassidy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Rice Memorial High School Green Knights Division I championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 193.

House concurrent resolution commemorating National Train Day 2011 and the 40th anniversary of Amtrak

Offered by: Representatives Font-Russell of Rutland City, Bohi of Hartford, Acinapura of Brandon, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Royalton, Campion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ellis of Waterbury, Fagan of Rutland City, French of Shrewsbury, Head of South Burlington, Helm of Fair Haven, Hooper of Montpelier, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larson of Burlington, Lenos of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Malcolm of Pawlet, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Munger of South Burlington, Nuovo of Middlebury, Olsen of Jamaica, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Ralston of Middlebury, Ram of Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Shaw of Pittsford, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Stuart of Brattleboro, Trieber of Rockingham, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington and Wright of Burlington

Whereas, the Rutland and Burlington Railroad, Vermont's first railroad, was opened in 1849, and

Whereas, the transportation of freight by rail rather than truck has many environmental benefits, as it on average produces two-thirds the pollution, one-half the noise level, just 23 percent as much greenhouse gas, and uses only 29 percent as much fuel, and in Vermont the freight rail network consists of lines on which a number of railroad companies operate, and

Whereas, an important transportation-related environmental benefit will be realized in 2014 when the recently established Otter Creek Railroad completes

the new Middlebury spur from the Vermont Railway main line to Omya's quarry and several other industries, resulting in 70,000 fewer trucks a year on Route 7, and

Whereas, more immediately, a public-private partnership involving \$52.7 million of federal funds and \$20 million from Rail America (the operator of New England Central Railroad) is improving the track between St. Albans and Springfield, Mass. (Amtrak's Vermonter route) so that trains will be able to reach speeds of 79 miles per hour south of White River Junction and heavier freight loads will be possible north of that point, and

Whereas, Vermont has filed a new application for federal funding for capital improvements that would enable passenger train service to resume between Rutland and Burlington, and

Whereas, nationally, Amtrak, which in 2011 celebrates its 40th anniversary, has recently announced that in March 2011 it marked its 17th consecutive month of year-over-year ridership growth, and since 2000 ridership growth has increased over 36 percent, and

Whereas, Vermont realizes tourism revenue from the excursion trips of the Green Mountain Railroad including those of the White River Flyer, and

Whereas, May 7, 2011 is being observed across the country as the fourth annual National Train Day in honor of the vital role of railroads in American transportation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates National Train Day 2011 and the 40th anniversary of Amtrak, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Rail Action Network, to Secretary of Transportation Brian Searles, to Governor Peter Shumlin, to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and to the Vermont Congressional Delegation.

S.C.R. 20.

Senate concurrent resolution Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the South Burlington Land Trust on winning the Green Mountain Environmental Leadership Awards' 2011 Courage in Leadership Award.

Offered By: Senators Lyons, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Sears, Snelling, Starr, Westman and White,

Offered By: Representatives Andrews of Rutland City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro,

Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Deen of Westminster, Degree of St. Albans City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Fisher of Lincoln, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, Gilbert of Fairfax, Greshin of Warren, Helm of Fair Haven, Howard of Cambridge, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of Canaan, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Larson of Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Brien of Richmond, Olsen of Jamaica, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburgh, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Ralston of Middlebury, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Shaw of Pittsford, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Wright of Burlington and Young of Albany,

Whereas, long before 1968, when Act 333 severely restricted the presence of outdoor advertising, Vermonters sought to maximize the beauty of this special state, and Act 333 was an impetus for the adoption in 1970 of Act 250, Vermont's comprehensive land use law, and

Whereas, these laws spurred a great wave of environmental activism in Vermont that continues unabated into the second decade of the 21st century, and

Whereas, many individuals and statewide and local organizations are dedicated to creating a more environmentally hospitable Vermont for this and future generations, and

Whereas, the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain and FreePressMedia have jointly established the Green Mountain Environmental Leadership Awards to honor environmental innovators and leaders, and

Whereas, nominations were solicited during January, and the judges announced a winner in each of three categories at an April 14 presentation at ECHO, a date selected for its proximity to Earth Day, and

Whereas, the Courage in Leadership Award was established to honor "an individual or organization taking up a cause of environmental conservation or

stewardship issues because of a principled position in the face of likely public or political criticism,” and

Whereas, the winner in this category was the South Burlington Land Trust, as reported in an April 16 *Burlington Free Press* article, “for mobilizing residents to oppose the construction of a police station at the Wheeler Nature Park,” and

Whereas, the South Burlington Land Trust was formed in 2003 “out of growing concern about the loss of the City’s natural areas due to rapidly increasing suburban development,” and

Whereas, this well-deserved honor recognizes an organization that has worked diligently to preserve South Burlington’s natural areas, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate the South Burlington Land Trust on winning the Green Mountain Environmental Leadership Awards’ 2011 Courage in Leadership Award, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the South Burlington Land Trust, to the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, and to FreePressMedia.

S.C.R. 21.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the South Burlington Land Trust on winning the Green Mountain Environmental Leadership Awards’ 2011 Courage in Leadership Award.

Offered By: Senators Lyons, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Sears, Snelling, Starr, Westman and White,

Offered By: Representatives Andrews of Rutland City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Deen of Westminster, Degree of St. Albans City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Fisher of Lincoln, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, Gilbert of Fairfax, Greshin of Warren, Helm of Fair Haven, Howard of Cambridge, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of Canaan, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Larson of Burlington, Lawrence of

Lyndon, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Brien of Richmond, Olsen of Jamaica, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburgh, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Ralston of Middlebury, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Shaw of Pittsford, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Wright of Burlington and Young of Albany,

Whereas, long before 1968, when Act 333 severely restricted the presence of outdoor advertising, Vermonters sought to maximize the beauty of this special state, and Act 333 was an impetus for the adoption in 1970 of Act 250, Vermont's comprehensive land use law, and

Whereas, these laws spurred a great wave of environmental activism in Vermont that continues unabated into the second decade of the 21st century, and

Whereas, many individuals and statewide and local organizations are dedicated to creating a more environmentally hospitable Vermont for this and future generations, and

Whereas, the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain and FreePressMedia have jointly established the Green Mountain Environmental Leadership Awards to honor environmental innovators and leaders, and

Whereas, nominations were solicited during January, and the judges announced a winner in each of three categories at an April 14 presentation at ECHO, a date selected for its proximity to Earth Day, and

Whereas, the Courage in Leadership Award was established to honor "an individual or organization taking up a cause of environmental conservation or stewardship issues because of a principled position in the face of likely public or political criticism," and

Whereas, the winner in this category was the South Burlington Land Trust, as reported in an April 16 *Burlington Free Press* article, "for mobilizing residents to oppose the construction of a police station at the Wheeler Nature Park," and

Whereas, the South Burlington Land Trust was formed in 2003 “out of growing concern about the loss of the City’s natural areas due to rapidly increasing suburban development,” and

Whereas, this well-deserved honor recognizes an organization that has worked diligently to preserve South Burlington’s natural areas, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate the South Burlington Land Trust on winning the Green Mountain Environmental Leadership Awards’ 2011 Courage in Leadership Award, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the South Burlington Land Trust, to the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, and to FreePressMedia.

S.C.R. 22.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Freeaire Refrigeration of Waitsfield and its president, Richard Travers, on winning the Green Mountain Environmental Leadership Awards’ 2011 What a Great Idea! Award.

Offered By: Senators Lyons, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Sears, Snelling, Starr, Westman and White,

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Whereas, these laws spurred a great wave of environmental activism in Vermont that continues unabated into the second decade of the 21st century, and

Whereas, many individuals and statewide and local organizations are dedicated to creating a more environmentally hospitable Vermont for this and future generations, and

Whereas, the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain and FreePressMedia have jointly established the Green Mountain Environmental Leadership Awards to honor environmental innovators and leaders, and

Whereas, nominations were solicited during January, and the judges announced a winner in each of three categories at an April 14 presentation at ECHO, a date selected for its proximity to Earth Day, and

Whereas, the What a Great Idea! Award was established to honor "an individual or organization responding in a creative way to an environmental challenge in the community" through an action that "may be small or big," and

Whereas, the winner in this category was Freeaire Refrigeration of Waitsfield and its president, Richard Travers, as reported in an April 16 *Burlington Free Press* article, "for pioneering work in cold-air 'polar energy' savings in cooling systems," and

Whereas, this well-deserved honor recognizes a Vermont corporation that has worked diligently to improve the energy efficiency of its products helping to reduce its customers' carbon footprint, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate Freeaire Refrigeration of Waitsfield and its president, Richard Travers, on winning the Green Mountain Environmental Leadership Awards' 2011 What a Great Idea! Award, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Freeaire Refrigeration in Waitsfield, to its president, Richard Travers, to the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, and to FreePressMedia.

S.C.R. 23.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Judge Franklin Swift Billings, Jr., and Mrs. Pauline Richardson Gillingham Billings on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Offered By: Senators Illuzzi, Ashe, Campbell, Carris, Doyle, Galbraith, McCormack, Nitka and Starr.

Whereas, Franklin S. Billings, Jr., of Woodstock fought for freedom in World War II with the British 8th Army and the 6th Armored Division, earning both a Purple Heart and the British Empire Medal, having been injured at the Battle of Monte Cassino in Southern Italy on May 27, 1944, requiring five months of recovery and recuperation at a United States Army hospital in Italy, and four months at a United States Army hospital stateside, and finally at the Lakota Club in Barnard, and

Whereas, his state government executive branch appointments included the governor's executive clerk and secretary of civil and military affairs, and

Whereas, his state government legislative branch roles included service as assistant secretary and secretary of the Senate, a member of the House of Representatives, where he was member of the Young Turks, and Speaker of the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, Judge Billings's judicial branch roles began when he was a municipal judge in Hartford and proceeded to include serving as a Vermont superior court judge, Vermont supreme court justice and chief justice, United States district court judge, and later as the chief judge of the federal court in Vermont, and

Whereas, his municipal civic engagement in the town of Woodstock included serving as a village trustee, a selectman, and town and village moderator, as well as service to nonprofit organizations including as president of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation and as a Vermont Law School trustee, and

*Whereas, for many years, **Pauline R. G. Billings** owned and operated her family's business, F.H. Gillingham and Sons in Woodstock, and*

Whereas, her involvement in the state's arts community has been extensive and has included leadership roles at the Vermont Arts Council, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, the Pentangle Council on the Arts, and Vermont Public Radio, and

Whereas, Pauline Billings served as a director of Shelburne Farms and as a trustee of Park-McCullough House and Earlham College, and

Whereas, governors appointed her to state commissions relating to Act 200 and the capitol complex, and she has been an active member of the Friends of the State House, and

Whereas, Mrs. Billings served on a special legislative committee with Lola Aiken of Montpelier and Arthur Williams of Fayston to work on the restoration of the Senate Chamber, and

Whereas, the Vermont Arts Council has awarded Mrs. Billings its Lifetime Achievement Award, and

Whereas, Judge Franklin and Mrs. Pauline Billings will be joyously celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on October 13, 2011 with their family, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Judge Franklin and Pauline Billings on their 60th wedding anniversary as well as for their ongoing contributions to the state, to several leading civic organizations, and to their community, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Franklin S. Billings, Jr., and Pauline R. G. Billings in Woodstock.

S.C.R. 24.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Paolo Rovetto for his amazing disc jockeying achievements.

By Senators Campbell and Doyle,

Whereas, Paolo Rovetto, popularly known as Dj Don P, is a respected Vermont disc jockey, and

Whereas, this would hardly be considered an unusual circumstance except that Dj Don P is a mere nine years old, and

Whereas, his phenomenal skills and personality were first exhibited at the age of one when he began exploring the turntables in his father's sound system, and he quickly started learning the system's operational mechanics, and

Whereas, at the age of two, Dj Don P debuted as a disc jockey as the opening act for a reggae star and in front of 650 persons, and

Whereas, his skills have grown in sophistication, and he has hosted musical performances at music festivals and clubs, and

Whereas, Dj Don P has been invited to perform at Montpelier's First Night and at Higher Ground, one of the state's premier music performance clubs, and

Whereas, in his less illustrious role as third grader Paolo Rovetto, he attends a Montpelier area Waldorf School, and

Whereas, Paolo Rovetto is the son of Carlo Rovetto, the owner of the popular Positive Pie restaurants in Plainfield and Montpelier, who is carefully supervising his young son's budding musical career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Paolo Rovetto for his amazing disc jockeying achievements, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Paolo Rovetto in Montpelier.