

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House 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. 232.

House concurrent resolution honoring House Calendar Clerk Jean Jasman

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, Jean Jasman was born in Barre and graduated from the former Waterbury High School, and

Whereas, she served as Waterbury town clerk, 1972–1973, and this local government experience stood her in good stead when she became the administrative assistant to Speaker Timothy J. O'Connor in the late 1970s, and

Whereas, in this new capacity, Jean Jasman assisted the Speaker in organizing the operation of his office and assuring that his schedule resembled at least a modicum of order, and

Whereas, upon leaving the Speaker's office, Jean Jasman became more directly involved in the parliamentary order of the House as she assumed the position of calendar clerk and was responsible for preparing the daily calendar, the primary document upon which floor deliberations are based, and

Whereas, Jean Jasman often worked far into the night to assure that the next day's calendar was ready for the members' consideration, and she witnessed a technological metamorphosis in its delivery and printing from handing the copy to an individual who drove the pages to an off-site printer to the calendar's electronic transmission, at first at a turtle's pace, and ultimately instantaneously, both to the traditional paper printing press and the General Assembly's website, and

Whereas, during the intermittent hours while waiting for the House to adjourn, Jean Jasman sharpened her cribbage-playing skills, gaining a reputation as a savvy master of this classic, but not so simple, game, and

Whereas, while a person of good humor who enjoyed conversing with the members, Jean Jasman was not beyond issuing a friendly scolding when a member brought in a floor amendment far later than it was due, and

Whereas, on occasion, she would appear in the well of the House ostensibly to assist in the taking of the roll, but also using the opportunity to check that members were adhering to proper decorum, and

Whereas, Jean Jasman was closely associated with the House of Representatives, and her decision to retire and not return for the 2012 session will leave a void in our legislative community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors House Calendar Clerk Jean Jasman and extends to her fond wishes for the years ahead, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 233.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Vermont State Poet Ruth Stone of Goshen

Offered by: Representative Jewett of Ripton

Whereas, the power of a brief poetic stanza can be as immensely moving and perhaps even more memorable than a lengthy novel, and

Whereas, Ruth Stone, the Vermont State Poet from 2007 to 2011, mastered the poetic genre, applying her narrative gift of muse in emotionally intense and personally revealing verses that often spoke of adversities she had confronted as a widow with three young daughters, and

Whereas, she was born in Roanoke, Virginia, and eventually chose Vermont's natural beauty and invigorating winters and an old farmhouse in the rural Addison County town of Goshen as the conducive locale for exercising her poetic creativity, and

Whereas, her first published collection of poems, entitled *In an Iridescent Time*, appeared in bookstores after the death of her husband and quietly started a long and, at times, difficult career path whose ultimate destination was recognition bestowed on only a few poets of great esteem, and

Whereas, long after her husband's untimely death in 1959, Ruth Stone continued to return to this central topic in her life, especially in her second compilation, *Topography and Other Poems*, published in 1971 and, many years later, in the poem "March 15, 1998," and

Whereas, as a means of financial support and as a way to fulfill her desire to entice others to appreciate the poetic verse, she became an itinerant college

instructor, eventually being awarded tenure at the State University of New York at Binghamton, and

Whereas, Ruth Stone was the recipient of the 2000 National Book Critics Circle Award for her 1999 compilation *Ordinary Words*, and in 2002, by then a wise woman of 87, she was honored with the prestigious National Book Award for her collection *In the Next Galaxy*, and

Whereas, when Ruth Stone was in her tenth decade, the state of Vermont bestowed upon this tireless scribe who ultimately published 13 volumes the accolade Vermont State Poet for a term extending from 2007 to 2011, evoking comparisons with another Addison County poetic genius named Robert Frost, and

Whereas, Ruth Stone died in November 2011 at the age of 96, leaving three daughters—Abigail, Phoebe, and Marcia—seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly remembers with admiration and respect the former Vermont State Poet Ruth Stone, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 234.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks Division I championship girls' soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Lenes of Shelburne, Webb of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Lyons and Snelling

Whereas, despite the challenge of replacing 12 graduated seniors, the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks girls' soccer team earned the first-seed in Division I postseason play, proceeding onward to the championship game against the third-seeded South Burlington High School Rebels, and

Whereas, at the 28th minute of the game's first half, a Redhawk executed a cross kick that rebounded and which a teammate forcefully drove into the net for the game's opening goal, and

Whereas, coming into the second half holding a slim one-point lead, CVU was searching for opportunities to increase its scoring advantage, and

Whereas, 12 minutes into the second half, a Redhawk forced a turnover and accurately aimed the ball over the Rebel goalkeeper's head for the day's second goal, and

Whereas, later in the second period, two more CVU goals, one on a penalty kick, were scored just 18 seconds apart, and the 4–0 Redhawk lead held for the balance of the game, and

Whereas, the active Redhawk offense was supported with a solid defensive backup which limited the Rebels to a single shot on goal, and

Whereas, the game's outcome mirrored the other encounters between the two teams in 2011 in which the Redhawks repeatedly denied the Rebels a single goal, and

Whereas, the hard-working Redhawks were thrilled to have defeated the Rebels and clinch the 2011 Division I girls' soccer title, the school's first since 2006, and

Whereas, this impressive roster of CVU soccer players consisted of Kristen Place, Sienna Searles, Paige Dubrul, Audrey Allegretta, Olivia Matthews, Emily Kinneston, Bryn Philibert, Anne Spector, Kaelyn Kohlasch, Abby Eddy, Kate Raszka, Audrey Morehouse, Nathalie Nostrand, Sophia Steinhoff, Sarah Monteith, Emma Davitt, Lily Harris, Taylor Goldsborough, Sara Lewis, Haliana Burhans, Laura Jennings, Shelby Hanlon, and Mackenzie Kingston, and Head Coach Brad Parker and Assistant Coaches Chris Smith and Katherine Riley were extremely proud of the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks 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 Champlain Valley Union High School.

H.C.R. 235.

House concurrent resolution honoring Jan Sotirakis of Pittsford for her extraordinary public service following Tropical Storm Irene

Offered by: Representatives Eckhardt of Chittenden, Shaw of Pittsford, Acinapura of Brandon, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Tunbridge, Canfield of Fair Haven, Dakin of Chester, Degree of St. Albans City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fagan of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, Hebert of Vernon, Komline of Dorset, McNeil of Rutland Town, Savage of

Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Spengler of Colchester, Till of Jericho and Turner of Milton

Offered by: Senator Flory

Whereas, in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene, Jan Sotirakis of Pittsford, who is a life member of the Chittenden Rescue Squad, demonstrated herself to be a truly extraordinary coordinator and promoter of emergency support services under circumstances perhaps only comparable to the 1927 flood, and

Whereas, her response to this unexpected emergency and the initiative she exhibited in the days and weeks following the storm are worthy of special praise from this legislature, and

Whereas, as Jan Sotirakis realized the massive scope of the disaster especially in Bridgewater, Killington, Pittsfield, and Stockbridge, she quickly contacted the Chittenden Fire Department and offered a plan to transport supplies to nearby communities, and

Whereas, she established a contact in each town and arranged for the transportation logistics, including using either four-wheel-drive vehicles or ATVs in order to traverse roads that were otherwise closed in order to reach local disaster relief centers, and

Whereas, the items required included food for both residents and their pets, clothes, medicines, and cleaning supplies, and

Whereas, under her initiation and coordination, over 120 trucks loaded with required necessities were delivered to very appreciative residents, and

Whereas, to accomplish this worthy mission, Jan Sotirakis assembled a cadre of volunteers from the Chittenden Rescue Squad, its fire department, and the Barstow Memorial School PTO that at its peak numbered 90 individuals, and

Whereas, in order that supplies not obtainable directly could be purchased and distributed forthwith, she simultaneously conducted an approximately \$50,000 fundraising effort, and

Whereas, the money raised was also used for grants to individuals whose names were on town clerks' lists as having lost all their possessions, and grants of \$100 at Thanksgiving and \$250 at Christmas were made to families in need due to flood losses, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Jan Sotirakis of Pittsford for her extraordinary public service following Tropical Storm Irene, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jan Sotirakis in Pittsford.

H.C.R. 236.

House concurrent resolution thanking Neale Lunderville for his leadership of Vermont's post-Irene recovery effort

Offered by: Representatives Hubert of Milton, Acinapura of Brandon, Andrews of Rutland City, Atkins of Winooski, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Champion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Consejo of Sheldon, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of Canaan, Kilmartin of Newport City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Berlin, Lewis of Derby, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Munger of South Burlington, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, Olsen of Jamaica, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburgh, Pugh of South Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, South of St. Johnsbury, Strong of Albany, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, in August 2011, the torrential rains of Tropical Storm Irene struck the state of Vermont, causing severe flooding comparable to the historic November 1927 flood, and

Whereas, in the aftermath of this devastating natural disaster, Governor Peter Shumlin decided that Vermont's recovery and quick rebound required the knowledgeable and professional leadership of one individual, and

Whereas, Democratic Governor Peter Shumlin discarded any partisan or political consideration and requested that Neale Lunderville, the first campaign

manager, secretary of transportation, and secretary of administration for former Republican Governor Jim Douglas, assume this urgent task, and

Whereas, although Neale Lunderville was gainfully employed as an executive at Green Mountain Power Company, he agreed to take a four-month leave of absence to return to state government, and

Whereas, this insightful and unexpected appointment proved to be a wise choice, as few Vermonters possess Neale Lunderville's broad yet intimate familiarity with state government and its relationships with Washington, D.C. and local communities, and

Whereas, under Neale Lunderville's steady leadership, hundreds of miles of state highways were rapidly reconstructed, financial assistance was expeditiously directed to individuals, businesses, and towns on an expedited basis, and displaced state employees were relocated to temporary offices as the state of Vermont stayed open for business despite challenging and unprecedented logistical impediments, and

Whereas, he made certain that the state's financial, human, and technical resources were deployed with amazing creativity, effectiveness, and efficiency, and

Whereas, Neale Lunderville placed the state of Vermont on a solid recovery trajectory, and he returned to the private sector with the appreciation of Vermonters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly thanks Neale Lunderville for his most commendable leadership of Vermont's post-Irene recovery effort, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 237.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Stratton Mountain Ski Resort on its golden anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Jamaica, Greshin of Warren, Komline of Dorset, Scheuermann of Stowe and Wilson of Manchester

Whereas, Stratton Mountain Ski Resort was conceived when ski instructor Robert "Rainbow" Wright convinced Fairfield, Connecticut businessman and passionate skier Frank Snyder that a ski resort would be ideal on this Windham County peak called Stratton, and

Whereas, Frank Snyder was joined by three other early supporters and Stratton's Founding Fathers, Herbert O. "Tink" Smith; South Londonderry business owner, Brattleboro attorney A. Luke Crispe; and Windham County Senator Edward G. Janeway, and in addition, supporters included Nobel Laureate and Winhall resident, Pearl S. Buck, and

Whereas, in 1960, Stratton was incorporated in Vermont, and a plan to sell \$5.00 shares in blocks of 1,000 was devised in conjunction with a limited partnership arrangement, featuring lifetime ski passes and options for purchasing land for ski chalets, and

Whereas, respected architect Alexander "Sandy" McIlvaine designed the base lodge modeled on a 17th century Austrian structure known as Jakober House, and

Whereas, Olympic skier Gene Gillis completed the design of the original 10 trails and introduced the developers to Emo Henrich who founded the Stratton Ski School and the Stratton Mountain Boys, a music ensemble dedicated to popular Austrian music, and

Whereas, Stratton Mountain Ski Resort proudly welcomed its first skier on December 23, 1961, and

Whereas, in 1962, with the help and leadership of Senator Edward Janeway, the General Assembly appropriated over one-quarter of a million dollars for construction of Stratton's four-mile Access Road, and

Whereas, Stratton Mountain's exciting and eventful one-half century is colorfully documented in displays of the Stratton Archives Collection in the 50th Anniversary Studio designed by Anniversary Chair, Kimet Hand; the resort's photographer, Hubert Schriebl, has created a commemorative book, *Fifty Years at Stratton: A Visual History*; and the Stratton Foundation now supports worthy community organizations, and

Whereas, Stratton's 2011–2012 golden anniversary season will be filled with special commemorations that will be memorable, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Sky Foulkes, president of Stratton Mountain Ski Resort and the Stratton Foundation, and the entire team at Stratton on the resort's golden anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Stratton Mountain Ski Resort.

H.C.R. 238.

House concurrent resolution honoring James T. Day for his outstanding four-decade career in public education

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Edwards of Brattleboro, Hebert of Vernon and Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, during a career in public education that spanned four decades, James Day excelled in the performance of his administrative, teaching, and athletic coaching responsibilities, and

Whereas, he was employed in public school systems on both sides of the Connecticut River, and

Whereas, the New Hampshire town of Bristol, where James Day briefly taught high school social studies, was the starting point for his role as an educator, and

Whereas, while at Bristol High School, he proved his potential as an athletics coach, guiding the softball team to a state championship, and

Whereas, although he enjoyed the challenges of the classroom, James Day quickly decided to broaden his vocational horizon to include administrative duties and accepted a teaching–principal position at the Russell Elementary School in Rumney, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, after two years in Rumney, James Day became the principal at the Canaan, New Hampshire elementary school for three years, and

Whereas, with this valuable experience gained in several smaller New Hampshire communities, James Day relocated to the larger municipality of Keene, New Hampshire where he assumed the elementary school principal’s position for six years before embarking on a new challenge as the town’s middle school principal, a 17-year tenure interrupted for three years while he served as the Keene school district’s assistant superintendent, and

Whereas, the opportunity to serve as a high school principal proved too great an allure to refuse, and James Day crossed the Connecticut River to accept the principalship of Brattleboro Union High School, and

Whereas, over the past eight years, James Day has been an innovative and thoughtful leader of this large multi-town high school as he led the school during a period of its evolution into a more diverse multicultural community, and through a major reconstruction of the campus, and

Whereas, although James Day concluded his tenure as principal in the spring of 2011, he has left an enduring legacy of accomplishment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors James T. Day for his outstanding four-decade career in public education, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to James Day and to Brattleboro Union High School.

H.C.R. 239.

House concurrent resolution wishing a very happy and joyous 90th birthday to the member from Burlington, Representative William Aswad

Offered by: House Committee on Transportation

Whereas, Representative William “Bill” Aswad’s accumulated years tally up to nine decades, but his outlook and spirit are youthful and vital, and

Whereas, as an engineer, civic leader, former Burlington city councilor, and state legislator Bill Aswad has always worked cooperatively and effectively, and

Whereas, the success Representative Bill Aswad has enjoyed at the ballot box is reflected in his nine successful campaigns for the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, for much of his legislative service, Representative Bill Aswad has served as an invaluable member of the House Committee on Transportation, and

Whereas, the restoration of passenger rail service along Vermont’s western side from Bennington to Burlington and then on to Montreal has no more ardent and passionate advocate than Representative Bill Aswad, and

Whereas, at every opportunity, he has sought to bring this goal to reality, and he has spoken fervently on this matter during committee and floor deliberations, and

Whereas, the rail pin he frequently wears in his lapel and the distinctive toot-toot of the whistle he blows on the floor of the House as a prelude or conclusion to remarks related to railroads are emblematic of his enthusiastic belief in the importance of rail transportation for both passengers and freight, and

Whereas, Representative Bill Aswad speaks with an eloquence that few of his colleagues can match, and his mastery of the art of recitation has been

heard from the House rostrum as the daily devotion on numerous occasions, and

Whereas, be it a poem or an historically significant document, Representative Bill Aswad's devotionals are always a memorable lesson for his listeners, and

Whereas, this morning, the General Assembly joyfully celebrates Representative Bill Aswad's 90th birthday, a life milestone that only a few of us will reach and only rarely with such vitality, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly wishes a very happy and joyful 90th birthday to the member from Burlington, Representative William Aswad, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 240.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Barbara Brody on winning a national Teacher of the Year Award for Dedication and Excellence as a Driver Educator

Offered by: Representatives Wizowaty of Burlington, Smith of Morristown, Peltz of Woodbury, Frank of Underhill, Howard of Cambridge, Martin of Wolcott, Pearson of Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe, Till of Jericho and Woodward of Johnson

Whereas, driver education is a course in which high school students enroll to learn and master a fundamental skill they will use throughout their lives, and

Whereas, teachers of this subject must be patient but firm while imparting to students the imperative of highway safety, and

Whereas, Barbara Brody is one of Vermont's and the nation's foremost high school driver education teachers, having taught for many years at Mt. Abraham Union High School in Bristol and for the past seven at Peoples Academy in Morrisville, and

Whereas, her approach to teaching young drivers is creative and innovative, as she has incorporated elements of physics and physical education into her classes and is planning to integrate biology as well, and

Whereas, Peoples Academy Principal Phil Grant has described Barbara Brody as "not just a fantastic educator, but a wonderfully thoughtful and caring person" and "a terrific advocate for students and their families," and

Whereas, in 2009, Barbara Brody was recognized with the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association's Richard Kaywood Memorial Award, and

Whereas, in 2011, she was honored as the recipient of the association's Vermont Driver Education Teacher of the Year award for her great work in the field of driver education, and

Whereas, receipt of this recognition meant that Barbara Brody became the Vermont nominee for the national award that the association annually bestows, and

Whereas, to be considered for this national award, Barbara Brody submitted a video, answered five essay questions, and submitted a work portfolio, and

Whereas, when the judges reviewed all of the nominees' credentials, they chose Barbara Brody as one of two 2011 recipients of the national Teacher of the Year Award for Dedication and Excellence as a Driver Educator, and she was presented this much-deserved special award at the association's annual meeting in Honolulu, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Barbara Brody on being named a 2011 co-winner of the national Teacher of the Year Award for Dedication and Excellence as a Driver Educator, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Barbara Brody at Peoples Academy in Morrisville.

H.C.R. 241.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Harwood Union High School Highlanders boys' and girls' cross-country teams on winning their respective Division II state championships

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury and Ellis of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, for many years, cross-country running has been a favorite fall pastime for students at Harwood Union High School who continue to excel in this sport, focused on endurance and speed, and

Whereas, the 2011 Harwood cross-country runners of both genders were mentally and physically set to compete in the decisive state championship meet at Thetford Academy, and

Whereas, the Highlander girls and boys scored double victories at Thetford as each earned victories in both the individual and team categories, and

Whereas, in the girls' race, the first-place runner was a Highlander who crossed the finish line with a time of 20:42 which was nearly 25 seconds ahead of the second-place runner, and

Whereas, Highlanders then followed in close pursuit, completing the race in third and sixth overall, and

Whereas, earning three of the top six individual completion times resulted in a 39-point advantage for Harwood and a Division II team championship, and

Whereas, the Harwood boys were not to be outdone as a Highlander was the top runner with a time of 17:17, 40 seconds ahead of his nearest competition, and

Whereas, other Harwood boys placed fifth, 10th, and 11th, causing a close but undisputed 2-point advantage, and the boys' team also left with a Division II cross-country championship, and

Whereas, all of the boys who ran cross-country for Harwood in 2011, including Geordy Aitken, Geoffrey Kazlow, Nathaniel Kazlow, Nathanael Kuzio, Sam Nishi, Cam Hancock, Jacob Palmerio, and Jacob Pitman, as well as the girl Highlander runners Jaime Thomas, Ellie Ramsey, Alice Woodruff, Laurel Whitney, Hannah Woodruff, Kate Stevens, and Olivia Nishi ran with enthusiasm and vigor, and Coach John Kerrigan can be extremely proud of both teams, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Harwood Union High School Highlanders boys' and girls' cross-country teams on winning their respective 2011 Division II state championships, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 242.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II field hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury and Ellis of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, the defending champion Division II Harwood Union High School field hockey team started the 2011 season optimistically, and

Whereas, with an impressive 11–2–3 record, prior to the ultimate contest, the third-seeded Highlanders advanced to the 2011 championship game against the top-ranked Woodstock Wasps, contested in Burlington, and

Whereas, fans of each team knew they were about to witness a classy game of field hockey, and

Whereas, each team emphasized its defensive prowess through much of the first half, blocking the opponent's path to the goal zone, and

Whereas, inevitably, the scoreless tie was broken, and a Highlander racked up the first goal on a corner play strategy that the team refers to as M-squared in which the ball is relayed to the front player who is tasked with shooting the ball into the net, and

Whereas, Harwood successfully executed this maneuver with 3:15 remaining in the first half to record the game's only goal, and

Whereas, although the scoring ceased thereafter, an intense field hockey challenge remained for the Highlanders as the Wasps outshot Harwood 4–1 during the second half, and

Whereas, Highlander defenders were fully engaged at midfield in the concluding moments as they repeatedly blocked shots and tackled the ball, all to protect the narrow Harwood lead, and

Whereas, the Harwood Highlanders emerged 1–0, victors over the Woodstock Wasps and the 2011 Division II field hockey champions, and

Whereas, Highlanders Charlotte Thompson, Ally Behn, Katlyn Martin, Kasey Jones, Rebecca Thompson, Ahn Jacobson, Ashley Nelson, Meredith Goodwin, Haley Spittle, Mia Burfoot, Emily Reagan, Samantha Fox, Naomi Cormier, Sarah Wry, Jocelyn Noyes, Meghan Burrows, Rebecca Hammel, Ragan McMann, Emma Cummings, Chase Fortier, Martha McKenna, Kelly Myrto, Ashley Wood, and Megan Meany were great sportswomen, and Coach Heidi Hill, student manager, Laura Greshin, and athletic trainer, Michelle Black, each contributed mightily to the success of the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II field hockey team, and be it further

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

S.C.R. 25.

Senate Concurrent Resolution Honoring the Historic Preservation Efforts of the Northfield Historical Cemetery Project.

Whereas, Stanton Richardson was among the earliest settlers of Northfield, having relocated from the southern Vermont town of Westminster in 1785, and

Whereas, Stanton Richardson, members of his family, and other early settlers were interred in a private cemetery (Richardson's Meadow) near the Dog River, for which the town of Northfield assumed administrative responsibility in 1811 through a legal arrangement which, according to the Northfield municipal land records, was effectively a long-term lease from Stanton Richardson to the town, and

Whereas, this small cemetery became Northfield's first town cemetery, a status it retained until 1823 when the buried remains, except for those belonging to the Richardson family, were removed, some to the Robinson Cemetery on East Hill, some to the Aldrich Cemetery on West Hill, and most to Mount Hope Cemetery, originally known as the Center Cemetery, and

Whereas, as the decades and centuries passed, the condition of this tiny wooden-fence-enclosed cemetery deteriorated to a deplorable state, and

Whereas, until recently, only a two-bullet-hole-infested slate gravestone, the top of which vandals had slivered off, still stood upright, and others had been knocked flat, probably from the onslaught of 1927 flood waters, and were partially covered from overgrown grass and weeds, and

Whereas, after a local resident wrote a letter to the *Northfield News*, bemoaning the poor condition of the cemetery, the Northfield Historical Society initiated a campaign and organized a committee to restore the town's original cemetery to a place of honor and dignity in the community, and

Whereas, with the special assistance of the building and grounds department at Norwich University, whose land surrounds the cemetery, Domenic Falzarano, David DeFelice, and local residents who have donated funds, the Northfield Historical Society Cemetery Project is progressing toward its financial and restoration goals, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the historic preservation efforts of the Northfield Historical Society Cemetery Project, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 26.

Senate Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the Dedicated Public Service and Career Accomplishments of Retired Rutland City Police Chief Anthony Bossi.

Whereas, among the most demanding and strenuous occupations for municipal employees is that of a police officer, and

Whereas, police officers are charged with keeping the peace and order in their communities and on occasion must place their lives in danger to fulfill this vital mission, and

Whereas, retiring Rutland City Police Chief Anthony Bossi devoted 35 years to serving the citizens of Rutland City as a police officer, demonstrating outstanding technical skills and leadership abilities as he rose through the ranks, and

Whereas, Anthony Bossi began his career in the Rutland City Police Department in 1976, joining the force as a patrolman, and

Whereas, in 1979, after three years assigned to general patrol duties and the diverse experiences associated with being a patrolman, Anthony Bossi began his ascent up the career ladder when he was promoted to the rank of detective, and

Whereas, soon thereafter in 1980, Detective Bossi was designated a shift commander, and in 1982, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, and

Whereas, he continued to impress his colleagues and supervisors and by 1987 had achieved the rank of deputy chief, and

Whereas, Anthony Bossi's career trajectory proceeded to the pinnacle of the department's staffing hierarchy when the City of Rutland named him as its police chief, beginning a 13-year tenure during which he continually tackled the challenges of urban public safety protection in the 21st century, and

Whereas, on January 3, 2011, after 35 years of dedicated public service on behalf of the citizens of Rutland City, Anthony Bossi concluded his tenure as police chief and as a respected public safety official, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the dedicated public service and career accomplishments of retired Rutland City Police Chief Anthony Bossi and extends best wishes for an enjoyable retirement, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to retired Rutland City Police Chief Anthony Bossi.