

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 16, 2012

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

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

Resolutions

H.C.R. 260.

House concurrent resolution honoring the 2011 class of Vermont Boy Scouts awarded the rank of Eagle

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town, Acinapura of Brandon, Ancel of Calais, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Champion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Deen of Westminster, Degree of St. Albans City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Johnson of Canaan, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Berlin, Lewis of Derby, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Munger of South Burlington, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Olsen of Jamaica, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburgh, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Ram of Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of New Haven, 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, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover and Zagar of Barnard

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

Whereas, the Green Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America enables young Vermont men, be they rich or poor, to participate in a special opportunity to learn important lifelong skills and values, and

Whereas, through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America, each of these young men receives important preparation for future citizenship and leadership roles in his community, and

Whereas, the ultimate goal of a Boy Scout is to achieve the rank of Eagle, and only a small number achieve this highest scouting rank, and

Whereas, during 2011, the following Vermonters achieved the special honor of earning the Boy Scout rank of Eagle: Kenneth Sawyer, Andrew Burd, Shaun Godair, Matthew Lareau, Kevin Sullivan, Christopher Moore, Kenneth Nelson, Hunter Wick, Justin Kimball, Nicholas Masterson, Isaac Prescott, Marrott Weekes, Russell Schleimer, Benjamin Collier, Frank Gould, John Trautlein, Jr., Jacob White, Dylan Gauthier, Austin Kemper, Connor Hunt, Andrew Ashe, Andrew Danilich, Ryan Kennedy, Garron LaFountain, Kyle Werner, Christopher Stead, Clayton Roberts, William Roberts, Tanon Mathews, Zedakiah Worthington, Ethan Smith, Zachary Turmel, Mitchell Philbin, Benjamin Reagan, John Curtis, Matthew Zahn, Mitchell O'Neill, James Claremont II, Rudolf Bentlage, Joseph Freitas, Warren Irish, David Polson, Donald Tynion III, Kyle Boomhower, Michael Fraser, Mark Furland, Thomas Pelchat, Duane Peterson, Jonathan Spaeth, Dallin Gariety, William McSalis, Alexander Blair, Steven Leach, Logan McGuinness, Max Sloan, Joshua Simpson, Lance Fortier, Zachary Cochran, Kyle Seymour, Matthew Jolley, Wesley Smith, Patrick Schlott, Steven Murphy, Brendan Day, Ian Blackmore, Michael Fickes, Matthew Nally, Daniel Russell, and Matthew Sheltra, and

Whereas, many of these outstanding young men are gathered today, February 10, 2012, at the state house to be honored for their accomplishments, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to congratulate the 2011 class of Vermont Boy Scouts awarded the rank of Eagle, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Green Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Waterbury for distribution to each Eagle Scout honored in this resolution.

H.C.R. 261.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Michael J. Garofano and Michael G. Garofano

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, the city of Rutland suffered a grievous loss when Water Treatment and Resource Manager Michael J. Garofano and his son, Michael G. Garofano, perished while trying to check the water system during the fiercest moments of Tropical Storm Irene, and

Whereas, Michael J. Garofano's death robbed the community of a unique public servant whose dedication to his job and personal work ethic were truly amazing, and

Whereas, each work day, he would be on the job at 6 a.m. in order to monitor the city's water supply to the maximum extent possible, and

Whereas, Michael J. Garofano's concern that the reservoir should be protected from gasoline and similar contaminants was the primary motivation for the installation of a hydrocarbon alarm system, which he faithfully maintained for 17 years, and

Whereas, he personally assisted in the cutting of lumber at a local sawmill for a new supply shed, minimizing the project's supply costs, and

Whereas, Michael J. Garofano was the protector of the Rutland City reservoir, and the fierceness of his demeanor when speaking about the water system represented his constant focus on the special responsibility with which the city had entrusted him, and

Whereas, Michael G. Garofano had accompanied his father on the fateful day of August 28 to assist him in any way that might be of service in guaranteeing the safety of the water system, and

Whereas, both men had graduated from Vermont Technical College, had deep roots in the community, and were members of a closely knit family, and

Whereas, on September 9, 2011, a well-attended hero's funeral was conducted for Michael J. Garofano while the search for his son went on for a further two weeks, and

Whereas, two months later, a benefit pasta dinner raised \$3,000.00 for the Garofano family's memorial fund, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its most sincere condolences to the family of father and son, Michael J. Garofano and Michael G. Garofano, who are true heroes of the city of Rutland, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michael J. Garofano's widow, Celestine, son, Thomas, and parents in Rutland.

H.C.R. 262.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Kermit Welch Richardson of Orange

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Kermit Richardson was a proud life-long resident of the town of Orange where he was a respected civic leader, and

Whereas, after graduating from Bradford Academy as class valedictorian, he attended the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, Kermit Richardson honorably served his country as a United States Army medic and was stationed in Germany, and

Whereas, following his employment at the department of taxes, he and his wife established insurance and real estate businesses in Bradford, and he later extended his real estate expertise to clients in Barre and Chelsea, and

Whereas, Kermit Richardson joined Riverside Grange #455 at the age of 14, was a member for 69 years, served as master for several terms, and held leadership positions in the Vermont State Grange, most recently as chair of the executive committee, as well as in the National Grange, and

Whereas, public service was of great importance to Kermit Richardson, and his official roles in Orange municipal government included town moderator and justice of the peace, and

Whereas, Kermit Richardson had served both as a member of the Orange School Board and as president of the Orange East Supervisory Union, and

Whereas, his prior public sector experience proved valuable preparation during his three terms from 1989 to 1994 as the member from Orange in the

House of Representatives, and he served legislative terms on the committees on Health and Welfare, Fish and Wildlife, and Municipal Corporations and Elections, and

Whereas, former Representative Kermit Richardson reviewed electoral documentation as a member of the Committee on Canvassing and helped guide the house's parliamentary process as a member of the Committee on House Rules, and

Whereas, this respected businessman, civic leader, dedicated Grange member, and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather died on January 7, 2012 at the age of 82, and survivors include his wife, Margaret, to whom he was married for 61 years, his children Sue, Beth, Kim, and Mark, nine grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere sympathy to the family of former Representative Kermit Richardson of Orange, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Margaret Richardson in Orange.

H.C.R. 263.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Stephen Eddy of Rutland

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Andrews of Rutland City, Courcelle of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City and McNeil of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, the downtown Rutland community had no more enthusiastic and passionate advocate than Rutland native son Stephen (Steve) Eddy, and

Whereas, he graduated from Rutland High School and attended the University of Vermont before opening Book King bookstore in downtown Rutland in 1971, and

Whereas, as a marketer of literary wares, Stephen Eddy established a platform for the spoken as well as the written word by hosting innumerable poetry readings that were forums for poets' recitations and receipt of peers' criticism, and

Whereas, the vitality of the Rutland Free Library was a special concern of Steve Eddy's, and he had served as a trustee and on the executive fundraising committee, and

Whereas, Steve Eddy was one of the leading cheerleaders for guaranteeing that downtown Rutland remain a thriving and vibrant commercial center, and

Whereas, he campaigned for the city center's commercial continuity by his active service on committees of the Downtown Partnership and the Rutland City SEEDs (Socially Engaged Economic Development) organization and labored for his community's overall prosperity through his membership on the Rutland Redevelopment Authority, and the

Whereas, his support for preserving local farms and promoting nutritious eating habits inspired Steve Eddy's work with the Rutland Area Farm to Food Link and the Grow a Row project, and

Whereas, he was a popular figure in the business community, an avid athlete, and a devoted family man whose death in 2010 was mourned by his wife Nancy, children Stephen, Lauren, Nathaniel, and Gregory, his four grandchildren, his sister Charlene, and his many friends in the Rutland area, who gathered at the Paramount Theatre in Rutland on September 10, 2010 for a celebration of his life, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of Stephen Eddy, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Nancy Eddy in Rutland.

H.C.R. 264.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Sister Elizabeth Candon, RSM (Sr. Mary Patrick)

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bohi of Hartford, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenex of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Mook of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nuovo of Middlebury, Olsen of Jamaica, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of

Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Ralston of Middlebury, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Trieber of Rockingham, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Glover

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

Whereas, Sister Elizabeth Candon, RSM (Sr. Mary Patrick) was born in Pittsford into a family ultimately numbering ten siblings and started her education in a one-room schoolhouse, and

Whereas, upon graduating from Pittsford High School, she matriculated at Trinity College in Burlington where her scholarly ambition was fulfilled and her inner spirituality awakened, and

Whereas, after her freshman year, she decided to enter the Sisters of Mercy, but Sister Elizabeth's life was not typical of most nuns' lives, and

Whereas, seeking to advance her own education, Sister Elizabeth studied at Fordham University in New York, earning master's and doctoral degrees in medieval English language and literature, and

Whereas, after graduation, she taught at both Mount Saint Mary Academy and the Cathedral Grammar School, excelling as a teacher, and

Whereas, as a faculty member at Trinity College, Sister Elizabeth taught the works of Chaucer and Shakespeare and for over 50 years would teach at least one course each semester, and

Whereas, Sister Elizabeth was honored to serve for a decade (1966–1976) as president of Trinity College, participated in many civic and educational organizations, especially those advocating women's empowerment, and was the recipient of eight honorary doctoral degrees from Vermont colleges and universities, and

Whereas, Sister Elizabeth broke new ground when she took her heartfelt advocacy for the poor and underprivileged into state government, serving as Governor Richard Snelling's dedicated secretary of the agency of human services from 1977 to 1983, and

Whereas, she then resumed her life at Trinity College as a special assistant to the president and, of course, as a teacher of literary classics, and

Whereas, Sister Elizabeth was a daring woman who at the age of 76 took a rafting trip on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, and

Whereas, the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots had no more devoted a fan than Sister Elizabeth, and she was known to wear red socks to display her loyalty to the men of Fenway, and

Whereas, during the closing months of her life, Sister Elizabeth was heartened to share this special time with her many friends, who brought her much joy until her death at the age of 90 on February 1, 2012, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the many surviving relatives of the esteemed Sister Elizabeth Candon, RSM (Sr. Mary Patrick) and to her religious family of 73 years, the Sisters of Mercy, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to her surviving sister, Margaret Durham, in Poultney and to the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Northeast Community in Burlington.

H.C.R. 265.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Tong Chen as Vermont's 2012 Teacher of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Jamaica, Marek of Newfane, Partridge of Windham, Peltz of Woodbury and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, one of the truly special teachers in our state is Tong Chen who offers classes in Chinese at Leland & Gray Union Middle/High School, and

Whereas, Tong Chen was raised in Fujian, China, and while attending an academically demanding boarding school, she decided to become a teacher in order to educate others and give back to future students, and

Whereas, her parents, who lived through the Chinese cultural revolution when organized education in China was abolished, were especially supportive of her career ambition, and

Whereas, Tong Chen arrived in the United States in 2002 and moved to Vermont in 2003 where she enrolled in a graduate education program at St. Joseph College in Rutland, and is now a United States citizen, and

Whereas, for the last seven years, she has been a popular teacher at Leland & Gray Union Middle/High School, as well as, until 2009, at the Jamaica and Windham Elementary Schools, and she has developed a wonderful rapport with her students while still establishing her unambiguous position as a teacher, a combination her former colleague Tom Connor has described as a combination of caring and tough love, and

Whereas, Tong Chen studied English in China with extensive reading and writing lessons but minimal conversational practice, and consequently she provides her classes with frequent opportunities to speak Chinese, and

Whereas, she is a leader in organizing her school's Journey East Art and Cultural Exchange Program, volunteers at the University of Vermont's Asian Studies Outreach Program, serves as an interpreter for Chinese immigrants in New England, and is studying for a doctoral degree in educational leadership, and

Whereas, in recognition of her exemplary success as a teacher, Tong Chen has been honored as Vermont's 2012 Teacher of the Year, and the award was presented to her at a ceremony at which her students, parents, and local and state educational officials attended, and

Whereas, Tong Chen is now the Vermont candidate for the 2012 National Teacher of the Year Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Tong Chen as Vermont's 2012 Teacher of the Year and wishes her success in the National Teacher of the Year competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tong Chen at Leland & Gray Union Middle/High School.

H.C.R. 266.

House concurrent resolution proudly commemorating the centennial anniversary of the University of Vermont Extension

Offered by: Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Lenex of Shelburne, Potter of Clarendon, Ram of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Andrews of Rutland City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Buxton of Tunbridge, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Howrigan of Fairfield, Johnson of Canaan, Kilmartin of Newport City, Lawrence of Lyndon, McAllister of Highgate, McNeil of Rutland Town, Mook of Bennington, Munger of South Burlington, Olsen of Jamaica, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Shoreham, Taylor of Barre City, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington and Zagar of Barnard

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

Whereas, for nearly 100 years, the University of Vermont Extension (UVM Extension) has offered Vermonters enriching educational opportunities that focus on agriculture and other worthy topics, and

Whereas, UVM Extension was established on February 15, 1913 when Governor Allen M. Fletcher signed into law Act 83, which provided funds to “be expended solely for work in agricultural extension, including the establishing of extension schools . . . the support of district field agents in co-operation with the United States department of agriculture, and kindred enterprises . . .,” and

Whereas, the first agents traveled at times to their educational demonstrations by horse-drawn carriage, and today they use the latest online computer and telecommunications technology, and

Whereas, by 1915, the 4-H youth educational programs, still a vital part of UVM Extension today, were in full operation, and the local organizations that evolved into the Vermont Farm Bureau were established in the nine counties to which UVM Extension agents had been assigned, and

Whereas, since the 1920s, UVM Extension has maintained a close association with the Vermont Maple Sugarmakers Association, and this relationship has promoted the improvement and expansion of Vermont maple sugaring, and

Whereas, in 1922, radio station WCAX (standing for Cooperative Agricultural Extension) received its federal license and took to the air with broadcasts that the UVM College of Agriculture produced, and

Whereas, improving the well-being of the dairy industry has long been a major focus of UVM Extension, and

Whereas, another important mission of UVM Extension is its support for agricultural diversity in Vermont, including the cultivation of berries and vegetables and the production of cheese and wool, and

Whereas, UVM Extension is celebrating its centennial anniversary year with an update of its historical volume *Highlights of the Vermont Extension Service: From the Beginning* under the new title *100 Years of UVM Extension in Pictures, 1913–2013*, and

Whereas, today, February 15, 2012, the 99th anniversary of the signing of Act 83, representatives of UVM Extension are visiting the State House to inaugurate the centennial anniversary festivities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly proudly commemorates the centennial anniversary of the University of Vermont Extension, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Douglas Lantagne, dean and director of UVM Extension.

H.C.R. 267.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Keegan Bradley on winning the 2011 PGA Championship and the 2011 PGA Grand Slam, and being named the 2011 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Emmons of Springfield, Clarkson of Woodstock, Martin of Springfield, Manwaring of Wilmington, Pugh of South Burlington, Klein of East Montpelier and Sweaney of Windsor,

Whereas, Vermont is not usually known as the locale where America's greatest golfers first tee off, but Keegan Bradley, originally from Woodstock, has now shattered that assumption, and as a youngster expressed a strong preference for golf over wintertime sports, and

Whereas, Keegan Bradley's affinity for swinging a golf club was perhaps inherent as his aunt, Pat Bradley, is a member of the sport's hall of fame, and his father is a golf pro who has worked in Woodstock, Wilmington, and Springfield, and

Whereas, the Woodstock Union High School team was a beneficiary of Keegan Bradley's golfing talent until his family moved to Hopkinton, Massachusetts where he graduated from the local high school, and

Whereas, as a proud member of the St. John's University Red Storm golf team, Keegan Bradley was known as the player who always wanted to practice at every opportunity, including school vacations, a work ethic that resulted in his clinching nine individual titles and establishing a school record for a three-round championship, and

Whereas, in 2008, he graduated from St. John's with a degree in sports management and set off to pursue his dream of a professional golfing career, and

Whereas, as a recent recipient of his PGA Tour Card, this past August, he played in the prestigious 2011 PGA Championship at Johns Creek, Georgia, ranked 81st among his colleagues, and

Whereas, Keegan Bradley played his best, but with three holes remaining in the fourth, and normally decisive, round, he trailed the leader, Jason Dufner, by five strokes, having made a triple bogey on the 15th, but two consecutive

birdies were sufficient for entry into a tie-breaking three-hole playoff round during which Keegan birdied the first hole and safely cleared water hazards on the last two to win the PGA Tournament championship and the Wanamaker Trophy, symbolic of victory at this renowned major tournament, and

Whereas he became only the third golfer in the history of professional golf to clinch a major tournament victory on the first try, and

Whereas, in October, he triumphed once again, winning the 2011 PGA Grand Slam tournament in Bermuda, and

Whereas, during his first year on the PGA Tour, he scored four top-ten finishes and was named the 2011 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Keegan Bradley on winning the 2011 PGA Championship, the 2011 PGA Grand Slam, and being named the 2011 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 268.

House concurrent resolution honoring Swanton town administrator Richard Thompson

Offered by: Representatives Savage of Swanton and Consejo of Sheldon

Offered by: Senators Brock and Kittell

Whereas, Richard (Dick) Thompson graduated from Swanton High School and served in the United States Navy, and

Whereas, for 30 years, Dick Thompson was employed at IBM Burlington, eventually working as a manager of several departments at the company, and

Whereas, aside from his career at IBM, Dick Thompson has led an active life in Franklin County, being engaged in myriad activities including serving on the Franklin–Grand Isle United Way board of directors and chairing the Franklin County Democratic Party, and

Whereas, he is a cofounder of the Missisquoi Valley Rescue, a community resource that has proved invaluable on repeated occasions, and

Whereas, an accomplished runner, he has logged nearly 23,000 miles on foot and completed five Boston marathons, and

Whereas, flying has also attracted his attention, and he is a licensed private single-engine pilot, and

Whereas, during his two years as a Swanton village trustee, Dick Thompson familiarized himself with the village government's management and many aspects of the town's as well, and

Whereas, in 1996, after his retirement from IBM, the town of Swanton decided that Dick Thompson's managerial background and familiarity with the local community made him an ideal candidate to serve as the first Swanton town administrator, and that same year, he was also elected as a Swanton justice of the peace, and

Whereas, after 16 years of careful and scrupulous oversight of the town of Swanton's municipal operations, Richard Thompson will be retiring on April 1, 2012, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Swanton town administrator Richard Thompson for his excellent work in this position, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richard Thompson in Swanton.

H.C.R. 269.

House concurrent resolution designating November 2012 as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Lewis of Derby, Helm of Fair Haven, Batchelor of Derby, Bohi of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, Crawford of Burke, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Evans of Essex, Hebert of Vernon, Krebs of South Hero, Lawrence of Lyndon, Macaig of Williston, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, South of St. Johnsbury, Till of Jericho, Townsend of Randolph and Turner of Milton

Offered by: Senators Mullin, Baruth, Doyle, Flory, Kittell, Lyons and White

Whereas, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a term used to describe airflow obstruction that is associated mainly with emphysema and chronic bronchitis, and

Whereas, COPD affects an estimated 24 million people including 13,000 Vermonters, 12 million remain undiagnosed, COPD kills more than 120,000 Americans every year, and one person dies from COPD approximately every four minutes, an alarming statistic for a disease many have not learned about, and

Whereas, in 2010, the National Center for Health Statistics released a report stating that in 2008, COPD became the third leading cause of death in the United States and is the second leading cause of disability, and pulmonary experts predict that by 2020, COPD will become the third leading cause of death worldwide, and

Whereas, COPD accounts for 1.5 million emergency room visits, 726,000 hospitalizations, and eight million physician office and hospital outpatient visits, all of which are detrimental to the U.S. economy; up to 70 percent of the costs of COPD are due to hospitalizations, which can largely be prevented, and

Whereas, COPD costs the nation an estimated \$42.6 billion in direct and indirect medical costs annually, and

Whereas, research has identified a hereditary protein deficiency called alpha-1 antitrypsin; people with this deficiency tend to develop COPD, even without exposure to smoking or environmental triggers, and

Whereas, recently, the death rate for women with COPD has surpassed the comparable rate for men, and women over the age of 40 are the fastest-growing segment of the population affected, and

Whereas, there is currently no cure for COPD, but spirometry testing and medical treatments exist to address symptom relief and possibly slow the progression of the disease, and

Whereas, the United States Senate, the United States COPD Coalition, and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute recognize November as COPD Month, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates November 2012 as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the COPD Foundation in Washington, D.C.

H.C.R. 270.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Mount Ascutney Hospital and Health Center on winning the 2011 Foster G. McGaw Prize for Excellence in Community Service

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor, Bartholomew of Hartland, Clarkson of Woodstock, Fagan of Rutland City, Shand of Weathersfield and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, in 1995, the Mount Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) began to offer community outreach programs, and

Whereas, these outpatient services have evolved to include a community health infrastructure that builds “collaborative relationships . . . to effectively tackle the problems of fragmented care,” and

Whereas, among these community initiatives is a substance abuse prevention program directed at middle school and high school students, and

Whereas, the Windsor Community Health Clinic is a free clinic for uninsured and underinsured individuals and it assists them in applying for insurance and obtaining medication vouchers, and

Whereas, the Windsor Connection Resource Center coordinates the provision of many health and human resource services that were previously scattered at different facilities, and

Whereas, Historic Homes of Runnemedde is a combined residential care and independent living campus that is creatively recycling the buildings at an historic property, and

Whereas, for one-quarter of a century, the Health Research & Education Trust, an affiliate of the American Hospital Association, and the Baxter International Foundation have annually awarded the \$100,000.00 Foster G. McGaw Prize to “healthcare organizations that demonstrate commitment to community service through a range of programs,” and this award is among the most prestigious honors that can be bestowed on a health care organization in recognition of its community service, and

Whereas, the MAHHC is the proud 2011 recipient of this special recognition, and it was cited as “a coalition-building catalyst within the community, bringing together local health and human service providers, educators, law enforcement officials, clergy, parents and consumers to collectively identify, plan and provide community health programs,” and

Whereas, winning the 2011 Foster G. McGaw Prize is a great achievement of which the MAHHC can be extremely proud, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Mount Ascutney Hospital and Health Center on winning the 2011 Foster G. McGaw Prize for Excellence in Community Service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kevin W. Donovan, Chief Executive Officer of Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center in Windsor.

H.C.R. 271.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Frederick M. Faeth, Jr.

Offered by: Representative Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, major construction projects are completed in a timely and effective manner in large measure due to the administrative skill of the clerk of the works, and

Whereas, a number of Vermont state building projects from the late 1970s until the early 1990s were expertly managed under the watchful supervision of clerk of the works Frederick Faeth, and

Whereas, Frederick Faeth was born in Connecticut and served as a United States Navy signalman during World War II, and

Whereas, after military service, he became a skilled and proficient carpenter who rose to the rank of project manager, and

Whereas, in 1972, after a visit to Vermont, he and his wife decided to relocate their family to the Green Mountain State and settled in Danville, and

Whereas, at first, Frederick Faeth managed his own construction company and then became a consultant for the state of Vermont as well as for architectural firms in Vermont and Maine, and

Whereas, in his role as a Vermont state consultant, Frederick Faeth served as the clerk of the works on major construction projects, and

Whereas, several of these projects involved the expansion of correctional and library complexes, including the Northeast State Correctional Facility in St. Johnsbury and the Caledonia Community Work Camp, and

Whereas, he was especially proud of the two capital complex projects in Montpelier for which he served as clerk of the works, one of which was the renovation of the Vermont Supreme Court and the expansion of the Pavilion Office Building that provided much-needed new space for several state departments and that connected the two buildings, and

Whereas, perhaps one of his most important assignments was serving as clerk of the works for the State House expansion in the 1980s that created new office, meeting, and cafeteria space in the building, and

Whereas, he took pride in performing his duties in accordance with the best professional practices and standards, and

Whereas, Frederick Faeth died on October 27, 2011, concluding a busy life in which his family, including his wife Ruth, children Thomas, Michael, Geraldine, Kathleen, and Angela, eight grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and sister Eileen, was a central part, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends sincere condolences to the family of Frederick Faeth, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ruth Faeth in Danville.