

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 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. 353.

House concurrent resolution designating May 6–12, 2012 as National Nurses Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Fagan of Rutland City, Malcolm of Pawlet, O'Brien of Richmond, Spengler of Colchester, Ancel of Calais, Atkins of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Condon of Colchester, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Deen of Westminster, Donahue of Northfield, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Howrigan of Fairfield, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, 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, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburgh, Potter of Clarendon, Ram of Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Russell of Rutland City, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Woodward of Johnson, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Kittell and Flory

Whereas, the 14,000 registered nurses in Vermont represent our state's largest health care resource, and

Whereas, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession is meeting the different and emerging health care needs of Vermont's population in a wide range of settings, and

Whereas, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients, and

Whereas, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing growth of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services, and

Whereas, the cost-effective, safe, and quality health care services that registered nurses provide will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future, and

Whereas, the American Nurses Association and the Vermont State Nurses' Association have declared the week of May 6–12 as National Nurses Week 2012 with the theme "Nurses: Advocating, Leading, Caring" in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high-quality patient care and to map out the way to improve our health care system, and

Whereas, today April 19, 2012, registered nurses are visiting the state house to remind the legislature of the importance of the nursing profession in the delivery of health care services, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 6–12, 2012 as National Nurses Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Nurses' Association.

H.C.R. 354.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Bromley Mountain Ski Resort and the Bromley Outing Club on celebrating their respective 75th and 60th anniversaries

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

Offered by: Senators Sears and Hartwell

Whereas, one of Vermont's pioneer alpine skiing destinations was established in 1936 when Fred Pabst opened the Bromley Mountain Ski Resort in Peru, and

Whereas, Bromley Mountain is New England's only major ski resort with a sunny southern exposure, and

Whereas, accessing the top of the trail became easier in 1939 when the first uphill lift was installed, and many more advanced skier transportation systems have succeeded the original, and

Whereas, Bromley's commitment to families was established in 1946 when the first slopeside fully certified children's nursery at a ski resort was opened, and

Whereas, in the 1960s, Bromley became the world's largest snowmaker at the time, being the first ski resort to spend one million dollars on snowmaking, and

Whereas, summertime recreation was introduced in 1976 with the opening of the Alpine Slide, and other warm weather activities, including the recently added Sun Mountain Flyer ZipRider, have been installed with great success, and

Whereas, in the 1980s, the Blue Ribbon Quad, Havoc, and Pabst Panic were opened and snowmaking was further expanded; in the 1990s, a highlight was the introduction of the high speed detachable quad; and many improvements have been introduced in recent years, both on the slopes and slopeside, and

Whereas, the Bromley Outing Club (BOC) was the creation of Fred Pabst's wife, Sally Pabst, and her colleague, Ruth Fowler, who sought to provide

low-cost skiing instruction to local area residents, and

Whereas, the BOC's Junior International Ski Program has been a BOC mainstay since the club's establishment and provides skiing, and now also snowboarding, instruction to schoolchildren in 14 nearby communities, and

Whereas, on a more advanced level, BOC operates a training program for young persons aspiring to race competitively on and off its 46 trails and glades, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Bromley Mountain Ski Resort and the Bromley Outing Club on celebrating their respective 75th and 60th anniversaries, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Bromley Mountain Ski Resort and to the Bromley Outing Club.

H.C.R. 355.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks 2012 Division I championship girls' Nordic ski 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 minimal snowfall during the winter of 2012, Nordic skiing, a sport that thousands of Vermonters enjoy, continued to flourish, and competitive high school races were no exception, and

Whereas, all of the many wintry days these young Nordic skiers accelerated and glided across meadows and through wooded terrain served as preparation for the state championship meet, and

Whereas, this capstone of the secondary Nordic skiing season is a two-day event, and

Whereas, in 2012, the opening free-style day was skied at Jericho and the second championship determining day of classic competition took place at Grafton Ponds, and

Whereas, in Division I girls' competition, the classic events consist of individual racing in the morning followed by a team relay in the afternoon, and

Whereas, the CVU girls excelled as individuals, exhibiting both speed and comfort on the course, and

Whereas, a Redhawk proved the fastest, as a CVU skier crossed the finish line first with a time of 20 minutes and 18.58 seconds, and

Whereas, her teammates were not far behind, as the Redhawks captured six of the top 15 finishing slots including third and sixth, and

Whereas, in the afternoon, the CVU girls proved that they are equally proficient skiing as a team, as the Redhawks won the relay competition, and

Whereas, these combined great performances on the course totaled a mere 54 points, giving CVU an overwhelming overall lead and the 2012 Division I girls' Nordic championship, as the Redhawks topped their nearest rival Mount Anthony, which earned 141 points and second-place honors, and

Whereas, this wonderful team of CVU Nordic skiers who raced gracefully and successfully included Sienna Searles, Taylor Spillane, Autumn Eastman, Cally Braun, Kathryn Maitland, Emma Hamilton, Kayla Servin, Ellie Stone, and Isabelle Unger, and

Whereas, Head Coach Sarah Strack and Assistant Coaches James Donegan and Eli Enman were an inspiration for the team and skillfully mentored the skiers throughout the season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks 2012 Division I championship girls' Nordic ski 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. 356.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Rutland Open Door Mission at its Park Street location

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, for nearly 60 years, the Open Door Mission has been a welcoming destination for the needy and homeless, especially veterans, in the Rutland area, and

Whereas, the Open Door Mission originally opened in 1963 on Pine Street, but by the middle 1980s, that building was no longer a sustainable place for the organization to remain, and

Whereas, the city of Rutland voted in 1986 to lease the shuttered former Park Street School to the mission, but the process of finalizing this move was not simple, as a court battle and difficult political discussions ensued before the agreement was finalized, and

Whereas, community generosity then became the order of the day as General Electric, which has a Rutland manufacturing plant, donated a new boiler, and a private contributor paid for the removal of asbestos from the school building, and individual and corporate support has continued, and

Whereas, once overcoming all of the legal, political, and physical barriers to completing the relocation, the Open Door Mission moved in on March 9, 1987, serving its first meal, featuring donated kielbasa, on St. Patrick's Day, and

Whereas, over the past 25 years, the staff of the Open Door Mission estimates that it has served a million meals, and

Whereas, 50 individuals find shelter and support as temporary residents at the mission, and the facility serves 120 meals a day, and

Whereas, in celebration of the Open Door Mission's 25 years of invaluable community service at its Park Street location, the mission hosted a commemorative dinner and ceremony on Friday, March 23, 2012, and

Whereas, in attendance were many dignitaries including Governor Peter Shumlin, Rutland Mayor Christopher Louras, Rutland Board of Aldermen President David Allaire, the Reverend Richard Tinney, the chair of the mission's board of directors, Mary Murphy, who served the first meal in 1987, and most importantly, veterans, current residents at the mission, and members of the public in need of a meal, and

Whereas, while celebrating its accomplishments of the past quarter century, the Open Door Mission continues to focus on its vital community service commitment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Open Door Mission at its Park Street location, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Open Door Mission.

H.C.R. 357.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Allyn Seward of East Wallingford

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, French of Shrewsbury and Dickinson of St. Albans Town

Whereas, Allyn Seward was closely associated with municipal governance in the town of Wallingford, where he resided throughout his life, and

Whereas, his interest in public service began at an early age when he served as a legislative page during the 1927 session of the general assembly, and

Whereas, a lifelong farmer, he offered his commonsense wisdom on many areas of concern to the local citizenry, and

Whereas, for a decade, Allyn Seward sat on the Wallingford selectboard and ably chaired this panel for three years, and

Whereas, among the other positions he held during his public service career were town lister (three years), overseer of the poor (four years), and road commissioner (two years), and

Whereas, firefighting was a responsibility which Allyn Seward viewed as an important personal obligation, and

Whereas, for 20 years, he was the capable fire warden for the town of Wallingford, and

Whereas, the voters of the Wallingford Fire District #2 elected him to the prudential committee, on which he served for 34 years including several as the chairman, and

Whereas, his hands-on fire-fighting skills were often called upon, as Allyn Seward was a member of the East Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department for 35 years, and

Whereas, in 1966 he was appointed to the Maple Grove Cemetery Association, and, four years later, he was elected president and commissioner, and he remained active in the association for the next 42 years, and

Whereas, for nearly three quarters of a century, Allyn Seward was a Master Mason of the Mount Moriah Lodge #96, and

Whereas, after a long life of farming and public service, Allyn Seward died on March 28, 2012 in East Wallingford, the same community where he had been born on June 11, 1914, and

Whereas, surviving Allyn Seward are his daughters Anne and Judy, sons Chuck and Mike, 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and his brother Stanley, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends condolences to the family of Allyn Seward, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 358.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Circus Smirkus on its 25th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Ancel of Calais, Browning of Arlington, Buxton of Tunbridge, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Gilbert of Fairfax, Greshin of Warren, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of

South Hero, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, Malcolm of Pawlet, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Peltz of Woodbury, Ralston of Middlebury, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Shand of Weathersfield, South of St. Johnsbury, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Trieber of Rockingham, Webb of Shelburne, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington and Young of Glover

Whereas, at the former Richardson Farm in Greensboro there lies a field where in 1987 Circus Smirkus, an unusual school and center of the circus arts, was created, and the name is reflective of the frivolity performed inside a tent with multiple colored pennants adorning the top of its exterior, and

Whereas, this fun-filled organization is an international prize-winning enterprise that each summer attracts aspiring circus performers 10 to 18 years of age for exhaustive instruction from top American and international performers and coaches, and

Whereas, 30 of the youngsters are selected to join the adventure of a 70-show tour through the northeastern United States, staged in a 750-seat performance tent, keeping the 200-year tradition of the traveling circus alive and thriving, and, despite unforeseen events, no scheduled performance has ever been canceled, and

Whereas, for the most dedicated and talented of the young troupers, Circus Smirkus tours are no mere summer frolic, as 15 percent of the performers will continue on to professional circus careers, and visits from scouts representing Cirque du Soleil and major European circuses provide a special audition opportunity, and

Whereas, Circus Smirkus has traveled to the International Children's Festival in Vienna, Virginia, across the Atlantic to Sweden, Russia, and the Ukraine, and the organization is now working with the National Circus School of Cuba in anticipation of an artistic cultural exchange, and

Whereas, a special performer was the late renowned mime Marcel Marceau, who broke his traditional silence to speak from under the big top on behalf of Circus Smirkus, and

Whereas, Circus Smirkus has provided the center ring for nonprofit fundraising totaling \$2.5 million, and

Whereas, thousands of persons have watched Circus Smirkus in action in the Disney Channel series *Totally Circus*, a new award-winning film, *Circus*

Dreams, will be broadcast on PBS, and many articles have been written about the circus, and

Whereas, tomorrow, Saturday, April 21, 2012, circus fans around the globe will celebrate the third World Circus Day, and this observance is a fitting occasion to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Circus Smirkus, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Circus Smirkus on its 25th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Circus Smirkus in Greensboro.

H.C.R. 359.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Marita Johnson on being named the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce's 23rd Annual Citizen of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Springfield, Emmons of Springfield and Dakin of Chester

Whereas, for over two decades, the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce has annually recognized a citizen of the year, and the most recent and 23rd recipient of this honor is Marita Johnson, and

Whereas, Marita Johnson has actively participated in many aspects of Springfield's community life and is a leader who assumes major responsibilities in order to bring projects to a successful fruition, and

Whereas, for 35 years, she taught at the Riverside Middle School, and her retirement from this position opened up the opportunity for Marita Johnson to pursue a life that is the antithesis of the typical retiree's lifestyle, and

Whereas, her love of teaching did not end with her departure from the middle school classroom, as Marita Johnson is now a videographer for: Springfield Area Public Access Television on whose behalf she has filmed many programs for cablecast including the Osher-UVM Lifelong Learning Series, of which separately she is a founding board member and program director; a program on the B-29 bomber crash site in Weathersfield; a presentation on Crown Point Road travels; and many programs for the town's sesquicentennial observances, and

Whereas, aside from her filming role, Marita Johnson served other duties in connection with Springfield's 250th anniversary including creating an 18-month town history calendar and planning and organizing numerous

activities including historic cemetery walks and activities associated with Fair Day, and

Whereas, at the Miller Art Center, Marita Johnson has assisted with the restoration of the gardens and other efforts to maintain the property, and

Whereas, the Springfield Garden Club has called upon Marita Johnson to fill many offices including historian, publicity chair, and scholarship chair, and she has been available for any other duties required, such as planting and weeding and making wreaths for the annual Festival of the Trees, and

Whereas, Marita Johnson has promoted river cleanup as a member of the Black River Action Team, assists with the community projects of both the Alpha Delta Kappa (an honorary organization of women educators) and the Retired Teachers Association, and is an ideal recipient of citizen of the year recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Marita Johnson on being named the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce's 23rd Annual Citizen of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Marita Johnson in Springfield.

H.C.R. 360.

House concurrent resolution honoring Brian Lowe for his volunteer ornithological protection activities

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph and Townsend of Randolph

Whereas, kestrels are small hawks native to the state of Vermont whose population has been declining in recent years, possibly due to the disappearance of suitable nesting locations, and

Whereas, one Randolph Center resident, Brian Lowe, has taken on the challenge of attempting to preserve these birds, and

Whereas, he is extremely dedicated to this project, spending approximately six hours nearly every week on this endeavor, and personally assuming all costs associated with this unusual project, and

Whereas, for 15 years, he has been building breeding homes, which are large birdhouses, and then attaches them to a high location on trees and nonutility poles primarily on private property in the Randolph area for which he obtains the owner's permission, and

Whereas, once the breeding homes are built and constructed, Brian Lowe settles in for many hours of careful observation and recordation of the number of new birds born that season, and

Whereas, typically, these efforts of patience and love will yield 70 new birds each season, and

Whereas, the valuable data he meticulously collects are then transmitted via the Internet to the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and the Vermont department of fish and wildlife, and

Whereas, at the end of each nesting season, he cleans each breeding house which is an especially unpleasant task because kestrels do not clean their nesting areas as do other birds, and

Whereas, he also does similar work to protect bluebirds, and

Whereas, Brian Lowe gained valuable knowledge for his work with kestrels and bluebirds while volunteering for six years at the Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences, and

Whereas, the commitment Brian Lowe has given to his special work is even more amazing when considering his full-time job at Vermont Castings assembling stoves is mostly hard manual labor, and

Whereas, Brian Lowe has been nominated for the CVPS-Zetterstrom Environmental Award in recognition of his extraordinary volunteer ornithological role, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Brian Lowe for his volunteer ornithological protection activities, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Brian Lowe in Randolph Center.

H.C.R. 361.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Woodstock Union High School Wasps on winning their third consecutive Division II boys' Nordic skiing championship

Offered by: Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock, Bartholomew of Hartland and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, as the 2010 and 2011 boys' Nordic Division II skiing champions, the Woodstock Union High School Wasps were triple crown contenders, and

Whereas, at the opening individual freestyle race at the two-day state championship Nordic ski meet held in Jericho, the top three finishers in Division II all wore the Woodstock uniform, and

Whereas, when the clock ticked into the afternoon, the Wasps extended their morning lead, winning the relay race in the fastest time in either Division I or II, departing Jericho with a 24–57 lead over the second-place team, and

Whereas, when the competing teams reconvened at Grafton for the second day's focus on classic style skiing, the Wasps were again the winners, and

Whereas, in the individual race, Woodstock won in both divisions as Wasps skied across the finish line in first, second, third, and 15th places, and

Whereas, to conclude this two-day skiing extravaganza, the Wasps bested their 2011 second-place classic relay finish as they won the event with over a minute to spare, and

Whereas, Woodstock was the overwhelming overall winner, actually in either division, with 74 points compared to runner-up U-32 at 184, and

Whereas, the team's 2012 record shines even brighter as three freshmen qualified to represent Vermont at the New England J2 championships held in Rumford, Maine; three Wasps led Vermont to its second straight victory at the Eastern High School championships skied in Chittenden, and this same contingent of three, the only team members from a public high school, earned places on the New England Junior Nationals team, and Woodstock's superb coach, Nick Mahood, guided the New England team to its fourth consecutive Alaska Cup (as the top regional team in the country) at Junior Nationals competition in Utah; and based on the combined scores of the three Wasp participants, Woodstock was ranked as the seventh best high school Nordic team in the United States, and

Whereas, Woodstock Nordic boy skiers Jordan Fields, Josh Bassette, Jeff Tucker, Harry Linowski, Griffin Boswell, Zane Fields, Campbell Boswell, Graham Melville, Sam Linowski, Kent Dalton, and Luke Jacobs all skied to win, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Woodstock Union High School Wasps on winning their third consecutive Division II boys' Nordic skiing championship, and be it further

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

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H.C.R. 362.

House concurrent resolution honoring the educational and community leadership of Jerry Sullivan

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph, Townsend of Randolph, Ancel of Calais, Buxton of Tunbridge, Davis of Washington, Donahue of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Jewett of Ripton and Winters of Williamstown

Whereas, Jerry Sullivan is a professional chef and educator whose credentials for teaching the culinary arts are impeccable, and

Whereas, a graduate of the prestigious Culinary Institute of America, he has been employed in the kitchens of Yale University, the Marriott Corporation, several private schools, and at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center where he worked as a chef, and

Whereas, through his initiative, the prepared food department at the Hanover Coop was established, and it has been extremely popular with customers and highly profitable for the coop, and

Whereas, a desire to teach the next generation of chefs prompted Jerry Sullivan to become a culinary arts instructor at the Randolph Technical Career Center (RTCC), and

Whereas, students at RTCC are trained to prepare food in a professional and attractive manner that is appealing to the dining public, and

Whereas, part of the training that Jerry Sullivan wishes to impart to his students is how to manage the serving of large group meals, and

Whereas, his membership on the board of the White River Craft Center (WRCC), which includes a meeting space rented to private groups, will provide his RTCC students the opportunity to meet this educational objective, and

Whereas, on joining the WRCC board, Jerry Sullivan immediately examined the cooking opportunities and discovered equipment for this purpose but not a formally organized kitchen capable of serving as the facility for preparing group meals, and

Whereas, he began a community campaign to build a functional commercial kitchen at the center which could serve as the hub for WRCC's hosting group events at which full-course meals are served, and

Whereas, when the finishing touches on the kitchen are completed, it will signal a new era for the WRCC as the kitchen will host RTCC students integrating their education into community work, which is of great importance

to Jerry Sullivan, and will also create a venue for community cooking instruction and other culinary-based programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the educational and community leadership of Jerry Sullivan, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jerry Sullivan at the Randolph Technical Career Center.

H.C.R. 363.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Alfred L. Pinsonneault Jr. on 50 exemplary years of service with the Town of Bennington Rescue Squad, Inc.

Offered by: Representatives Mook of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington and Miller of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, when the Bennington Rescue Squad was formed one-half century ago, its financial and human resources were scarcely sufficient to operate a rescue service, and

Whereas, at the first organizational meeting, only six persons were in attendance, including Alfred (Al) Pinsonneault, who came only upon the insistence of an acquaintance, and

Whereas, the Bennington Rescue Squad was in need of a secretary and a treasurer, and Al Pinsonneault was quickly elected to serve in these positions, and 50 years later remains on the job as the ever-reliable treasurer, and

Whereas, over the 50-year history of the Bennington Rescue Squad, he has seen the cost of equipment skyrocket, as the first stretcher cost \$169.00 and the most recent cost \$11,000.00, and

Whereas, despite his professed lack of interest in becoming actively involved in the Bennington Rescue Squad's operations, Al Pinsonneault traveled to Harvard Medical School to attend an emergency medical technician training course which he successfully completed, and

Whereas, Al Pinsonneault recalls when the squad's first ambulance was acquired through the donation in 1963 of a used 1949 Buick Roadmaster hearse, and the second ambulance, also a used vehicle, was obtained in 1967, and

Whereas, the Bennington Rescue Squad's fleet has expanded to six ambulances and nearly annually, a new one must be purchased due to the wear and tear encountered on a daily basis, and

Whereas, the Bennington Rescue Squad has become a highly respected and competent public safety organization, and much of its success can be attributed to Al Pinsonneault who has dedicated 50 years of extraordinary public service to the squad which, in appreciation, has named him an honorary lifetime member, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Alfred L. Pinsonneault Jr. on 50 exemplary years of service with the Town of Bennington Rescue Squad, Inc., and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alfred L. Pinsonneault Jr. in Bennington.

H.C.R. 364.

House concurrent resolution honoring Andreas Lehner for his outstanding administrative leadership in public education

Offered by: Representative Greshin of Warren

Whereas, Andreas Lehner earned graduate degrees in education from Harvard and the University of Massachusetts, and

Whereas, Andreas Lehner has passionately striven to provide the best possible education to the students under his supervision as both a teacher, starting in 1964, and for more than three decades as a principal, and

Whereas, in 1980, he accepted an offer to serve as principal at Harwood Union High School in Waterbury, and

Whereas, during the next eight years, Andreas Lehner emphasized community involvement in all aspects of the educational process, which helped to alleviate tensions during difficult budget negotiations and a period of disagreement between Waterbury residents and those from the Mad River Valley, and

Whereas, he supported a volunteer workforce to construct an outdoor track, and

Whereas, under his insightful leadership and the auspices of Project Harmony, Harwood Union High School was the first high school to send a group of students to stay with families in the former Soviet Union, and

Whereas, in 1988, Andreas Lehner accepted a new challenge as principal of the Warren School, an ideal match, and

Whereas, Warren School faculty members have enthusiastically critiqued Andreas Lehner as a principal who “always puts kids first,” and

Whereas, students at the Warren School have consistently performed in the top quartile in Vermont on New England Common Assessment Program evaluations and twice ranked second in the state, and

Whereas, the department of education has recognized the Warren School as one of 14 schools in the state with relatively high concentrations of poverty that demonstrate high achievement for all students, and

Whereas, the Warren School has established successful prekindergarten and after-school programs and is one of the few Vermont schools with a growing enrollment, and

Whereas, this June, Andreas Lehner will conclude his exemplary 48-year career in public education and leave a record filled with achievements, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Andreas Lehner for his outstanding administrative leadership in public education, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 365.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the South Burlington Dolphins on winning the 2011 Northern Vermont Youth Football League state championship

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

Whereas, having finished its regular Northern Vermont Youth Football League (NVYFL) season with a 5–1 record, the South Burlington Dolphins 7th–8th grade squad (the Blackmen) proceeded to win each of its playoff games and earned a championship game berth against the Essex Chargers, the one team it had not defeated, and

Whereas, as the Dolphins took to the field, they looked forward to a reverse result this time, although the Chargers' 6–0 halftime lead was not encouraging, and

Whereas, in the third quarter, the Dolphins surged ahead 7–6, and a second touchdown raised the Blackmen's lead to 13–6, and

Whereas, when a Charger ran for 75 yards, narrowing the Dolphins' lead to 13–12, South Burlington recognized the need to add an insurance touchdown, and a series of well-executed plays brought this objective to fruition as the

Dolphins won the game 19–12 and clinched the 2011 NVYFL championship (the team’s 13th), and

Whereas, Dolphins Colby Barrett, Corey Kershaw, Thomas Demag, Preston Grippo, Ricky Worthen, George Sullivan, Paul O’Neil, Noah Zhou, Emmanuel Boardman, Benji Longmore, Joshua White, Eric Schwaigert, Ben Shungu, Isaac Girouard, Anthony March, Bentley Wilking, Devin Hebert, Tyler Austin, Henry Cunningham, Steven Levite, Austin King, Isaiah DuBose, Dustin Desseau, Connor Wagner, Noah Barton, Kyle Fenwick, Ian Bullis, Mathieu Bergeron, and Jeremy Clements played a fantastic season of football, and

Whereas, cheerleaders Asia Bissonnette, Brook Brace, Kolya Cannizzaro, Lily Cohen, Toni Crooks, Laura Dattilio, Lindsay Dattilio, Tabby Delisle, Maureen Eddy, Kaity Groen, Rachel La Bombard, Thomas McKenzie, and Jazmine Shows-Perkins offered great support with their robust cheers, and

Whereas, coaches Rene LaBerge, Bryan Belisle, Barry Sageman, Tom Tavares, Ray Savage, Bryon Ladd, Nick Fisher, Lynn Kynoch, and Chelsea Giroux provided the Dolphins with outstanding direction and guidance, and

Whereas, Dolphin staff members Nancy Belisle (films), Eric Schwaigert (photography), Randy Corey (scoring), Leslie Freedman (team mom), Linda LaBerge (production), Dave Grippo (team dad), Joel Kynoch (announcer), Chris Hebert and Mike Imobersteg (team physicians), and Stacy Savage (team mom) inspired these young football players to succeed, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the South Burlington Dolphins on winning the 2011 Northern Vermont Youth Football League state championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to South Burlington Dolphins coach Rene LaBerge.

H.C.R. 366.

House concurrent resolution designating April as the month of the military child in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Grad of Moretown, Head of South Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Fagan of Rutland City and Strong of Albany

Offered by: Senator Mullin

Whereas, the children of military parents are frequently transferred from one school system to another, often in different states, and are unable to become rooted in a single community, and

Whereas, the volatility in their young lives can make learning an especially challenging process as they must regularly reorient themselves to different teaching styles and methods, and

Whereas, keeping pace with high school graduation requirements can prove problematic if a military child moves as a junior or senior in high school and is suddenly confronted with new requirements, and

Whereas, in order to address the administrative and legal issues surrounding military children's frequent transferring between school districts, the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children has been adopted in a number of states including Vermont, which enacted it as Act 43 of 2011, and

Whereas, the purpose of the compact is to address administrative matters including assessment, attendance requirements, course content, eligibility for enrollment, extracurricular activities, and graduation requirements, and

Whereas, although of great benefit to military children, the compact cannot address the emotional impact resulting from the frequent disruption in their lives, and

Whereas, the University of Vermont Extension has established Operation Military Kids (OMK), which seeks to fill in the real-life gaps that even the most well-intentioned law cannot, and

Whereas, the extension's 4-H state program director, Sarah Kleinman, OMK coordinator Stephanie Atwood, and a group of OMK youth are visiting the state house on April 24 to educate legislators about the challenges of being a military child and the beneficial role of the OMK program, and

Whereas, most appropriately, this visit takes place during April, which is being observed nationally as the month of the military child, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April as the month of the military child in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Stephanie Atwood at the University of Vermont Extension.

H.C.R. 367.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Blanche Lamore on her 100th birthday

Offered by: Representative Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, one of the oldest and most revered citizens of Cabot is Blanche Lamore, who was born on May 26, 1912, and

Whereas, she began her education at the Lower Cabot School, where one teacher taught all the students from first through sixth grade and served as the maintainer of the wood stove and the pail of water that served as the common drinking water source, and

Whereas, after sixth grade, Blanche Lamore attended the Cabot School for the balance of her education, and

Whereas, in 1930, she worked six days a week performing housework at Woodbury Lake and, the next year, at Joe's Pond, earning \$6.00 and \$7.00 a week respectively, and

Whereas, during the Depression, employment opportunities in Cabot were few, and Blanche Lamore used the resources at hand to support herself by becoming a trapper, an occupation she would continue for two decades, and

Whereas, for a brief period during World War II, she left Cabot to work at the armory in Springfield, Massachusetts, reaming gun barrels, and

Whereas, in the middle 1950s, Blanche Lamore turned her attention to the conduct of elections as she assumed the role of a ballot clerk, and

Whereas, in 1965, Blanche Lamore won election as a justice of the peace, and she has held this office for 47 years, making her at nearly 100 years old probably the oldest person in the state holding an elected office, and

Whereas, the citizens of Cabot appreciate the many decades of public service she has contributed to town government, and at town meeting in March, they honored her with a certificate of achievement from the secretary of state to commemorate her civic service, and

Whereas, Blanche Lamore is a member of the United Church of Cabot, where she served as treasurer for 43 years, and the Cabot Historical Society, and she has participated for many years in the town's fall foliage festival, and

Whereas, on May 26, 2012, Blanche Lamore and her son, Morris, will happily celebrate her 100th birthday, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Blanche Lamore on her 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Blanche Lamore in Cabot.

H.C.R. 368.

House concurrent resolution remembering the life of U.S. Army Major Jonathan Kirk Weaver

Offered by: Representatives Strong of Albany, Young of Glover, Acinapura of Brandon, Batchelor of Derby, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Christie of Hartford, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, Grad of Moretown, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Klein of East Montpelier, Lawrence of Lyndon, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Derby, Marcotte of Coventry, Moran of Wardsboro, Potter of Clarendon and Toll of Danville

Whereas, U.S. Army Major Jonathan Weaver was once evaluated in a review as “the finest officer in every sense of the word,” and

Whereas, Jonathan Weaver always strove for academic excellence and graduated from the prestigious Bronx High School of Science in New York, and

Whereas, at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, he excelled and earned more credits than needed for graduation, and

Whereas, after West Point, Jonathan Weaver attended the rigorous Army Ranger School, from which he graduated before embarking on a career in military intelligence, and

Whereas, Major Jonathan Weaver’s natural affinity for foreign languages, including his knowledge of Arabic and Russian, were of great assistance as his postings took him to countries around the globe, including Afghanistan, Argentina, Egypt, Germany, Kosovo, and South Korea, as well as assignments in the United States, and

Whereas, in 2008, he completed the command and general staff course at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas and was scheduled to be deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan, and

Whereas, he was the recipient of both the Army Commendation and Army Achievement medals, and

Whereas, aside from his military expertise, Major Jonathan Weaver was a talented vocalist, and

Whereas, as a gifted boy soprano growing up in New York, Jonathan Weaver sang leading roles in several operas, including *Amahl and the Night Visitors* at Avery Fischer Hall under the direction of composer Gian Carlo Menotti, and he also performed in the children’s choruses of the Metropolitan Opera and the New York City Opera, and

Whereas, as an adult, Major Jonathan Weaver was an ardent church chorister, and wherever he was stationed, he found a church choir to sing in, including the Presbyterian Church in Leavenworth, Kansas, where he met his future wife, Meredith Cox, and

Whereas, this patriotic American, dedicated soldier, talented musician, and devoted husband and son had his life tragically cut short in 2008 when he was killed in an automobile accident shortly before his scheduled deployment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly remembers the life of U.S. Army Major Jonathan Kirk Weaver, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to his parents, John and Marianne Weaver, in West Glover.

H.C.R. 369.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rochester School winners of the 2012 Vermont aviation art contest

Offered by: Representative Haas of Rochester

Whereas, the International Aviation Art Contest annually invites students ages six through 18 from around the world to submit their personal artwork for the competition, and

Whereas, the theme of the 2012 competition was *Silent Flight*, and

Whereas, in the United States, the contest's sponsors include the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Coalition for Aviation and Space Education, and additional national and state sponsors, and

Whereas, the U.S. contestants begin their participation by entering one of the state contests, including Vermont, and

Whereas, there are three categories of competitors: Group I - junior (born between 1/1/02–12/31/05), Group II - intermediate (born between 1/1/98–12/31/01), and Group III - senior (born between 1/1/94–12/31/97), and

Whereas, over 150 students from 22 Vermont schools submitted pictures for this year's Vermont state contest, and

Whereas, despite the large number of students and schools submitting entries, all six of the junior and intermediate categories' Vermont winners were from the small Rochester School which is a tribute to the school's outstanding art teacher, Cynthia McPhetres, and

Whereas, according to *The Herald of Randolph* news story, the art teacher explained at an awards ceremony that all the students who entered the contest had been challenged to create artwork showing what they imagined it would be like to be up in the air without any sound, and

Whereas, Sandra Bolger from the Vermont Flight Academy presented the awards to the six Rochester School students, and

Whereas, the three Group I - junior winners were Eve Huntington, Chase Christiansen, and Bella Snow who were respectively recognized as the first, second, and third-place winners, and

Whereas, the Group II - intermediate winners in first, second, and third-place order were Brianna Hillier, Tony Burke, and Garvi Jesso-White, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rochester School student winners of the 2012 Vermont aviation art contest, and be it further

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

S.C.R. 43.

Senate concurrent resolution designating May 2012 as Lupus Awareness Month in Vermont.

Whereas, the Lupus Foundation of America designates May as National Lupus Awareness Month to show support for the estimated 1.5 million Americans who have lupus, and

Whereas, lupus is an acute and chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system is unbalanced, causing inflammation and tissue damage to virtually every organ system in the body, and

Whereas, lupus can affect any part of the body, including the skin, lungs, heart, kidneys, and brain and can cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks, miscarriages, and organ failure, and

Whereas, although lupus strikes mostly women of childbearing age, no one is immune from lupus, and African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, and Native Americans are two to three times more likely to develop lupus, a disparity that remains unexplained, and

Whereas, lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses, and major gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of lupus; more than one-half of all

people with lupus take four or more years and visit three or more doctors before obtaining a correct diagnosis, and

Whereas, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has not approved a new drug for lupus in 50 years, and current treatments for the disease can have damaging side-effects, and

Whereas, roughly 3,090 Vermonters are affected by lupus, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 2012 as Lupus Awareness Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the General Assembly recognizes the importance of lupus education and research, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America.

S.C.R. 44.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Robert Swartz on being named the 2012 Northeast Kingdom Chamber Citizen of the Year.

Whereas, the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce proudly presents its annual Citizen of the Year award “to a Northeast Kingdom resident who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and extensive community involvement beyond the candidate’s normal occupation,” and

Whereas, the 2012 winner of this accolade is Robert Swartz, who for 27 years was a faculty member at St. Johnsbury Academy, taught English, assisted in the establishment of the academy’s English as a second language program and its international club, and was a leader in the creation of a technical writing curriculum, and

Whereas, since 1997, he has served as the education resource coordinator for the Northeastern Vermont Area Health Education Center, and

Whereas, during his more than four decades of residence in the Northeast Kingdom, Bob Swartz has been associated with many civic and community institutions, including the Danville school board; Green Mountain United Way; North Congregational Church, where he has served as moderator, deacon, executive council member, and founding member of its archives committee; the Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital, where he has served as a corporator; the Osher Lifelong Learning Lecture Series; and several St. Johnsbury town committees, especially those focused on design and planning, and

Whereas, he chaired the Northern Counties Health Care Board as it decided to merge with Caledonia Home Health Care, and

Whereas, above all of these praiseworthy endeavors, Bob Swartz is perhaps most closely associated with the Catamount Arts Center, where his dedication and leadership have been critical to the organization's growth, and

Whereas, Bob Swartz presided over the center's board during the organization's move to a building on Eastern Avenue in St. Johnsbury and during the subsequent capital fundraising campaign to properly outfit and support this new arts facility, and

Whereas, 16 of his fellow Catamount Arts Center board members enthusiastically endorsed the nomination of Bob Swartz for the 2012 Citizen of the Year Award, a recommendation with which the award's selection committee concurred, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Robert Swartz on being named the 2012 Northeast Kingdom Chamber Citizen of the Year, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bob Swartz in St. Johnsbury.