

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

SENATE CALENDAR

**Text of Senate and House
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Friday, February 11, 2011

CONSENT CALENDAR

Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

The following joint concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted by the Senate unless a Senator requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the Secretary's Office.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

S.C.R. 5.

By Senator Brock,

S.C.R. 5. Senate concurrent resolution designating March 31, 2011 as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day.

Whereas, a congenital diaphragmatic hernia birth defect occurs in one in 2,000 live births in the United States and accounts for eight percent of all major congenital anomalies in the country, and

Whereas, based on the National Center for Health Statistics' tally of 4,115,590 live births in 2004, the annual number of babies born with congenital diaphragmatic hernia birth defect is approximately 1,800, and

Whereas, the comparable number of annual numbers for two far better known diseases—cystic fibrosis and spina bifida—is one in 3,000 live births and seven in 10,000 live births respectively, and

Whereas, although not nearly as well known as these other physical maladies, congenital diaphragmatic hernia can be equally dangerous and potentially fatal, and

Whereas, congenital diaphragmatic hernia is a low-profile birth defect that has not received the attention and awareness it certainly merits, and

Whereas, families of children with congenital diaphragmatic hernia and adults with this birth defect are joining forces to have March 31 proclaimed in all 50 states as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day, and

Whereas, since March 31, 2008, Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day has been proclaimed by 36 states and many cities and counties in the United States, and

Whereas, greater public knowledge in Vermont of a congenital diaphragmatic hernia birth defect will provide those with this malady with a special opportunity to educate Vermonters concerning their health difficulties, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 31, 2011 as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tiffanie Myers in Franklin.

S.C.R. 6.

By Senate Committee on Institutions,

By House Committee on Corrections and Institutions,

S.C.R. 6. Senate concurrent resolution recognizing Gerald Myers for his outstanding accomplishments in the United States military and in local and state government.

Whereas, one of the city of Winooski's native sons, Gerald Myers has distinguished himself as an officer in the United States Air Force and as a municipal and state government administrator, and

Whereas, Gerald Myers earned an undergraduate degree at Norwich University and was later awarded a master's degree from Troy State University, and

Whereas, on being commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force, Gerald Myers quickly proved himself to be a capable and energetic leader during his 22 years of military service, and

Whereas, Gerald Myers was chosen as one of the elite officers to attend the Air War & Air Command and Staff College, and

Whereas, upon his military discharge, Lieutenant Colonel Gerald Myers returned home to Winooski, and his hometown offered him a new challenge to serve as Winooski town manager, the city's professional staff director, and

Whereas, during his seven years at Winooski City Hall, he played a major role in the redevelopment of downtown Winooski as modern residential and office spaces were constructed, revitalizing the economic center of this industrial city, and

Whereas, his success in municipal government attracted the attention of Governor Douglas who in 2007 appointed Gerald Myers to serve as Commissioner of Buildings and General Services at an especially critical time when the severe problems at the Bennington state office complex were at the top of the department's agenda, and

Whereas, over the following three years, he dedicated extensive time and effort to the Bennington reconstruction project while simultaneously

overseeing all aspects of state building management and future facilities planning, and

Whereas, in every assignment he tackled, Gerald Myers was always a leader who inspired confidence and demonstrated commendable administrative skills, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes Gerald Myers for his outstanding accomplishments in the United States military and in local and state government, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Gerald Myers in Winooski.

S.C.R. 7.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

By Representative Greshin of Warren,

S.C.R. 7 Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department on its centennial anniversary.

Whereas, the town of Waitsfield was incorporated in 1782 and encompasses both lowlands in the Mad River Valley and adjacent mountainous terrain, and

Whereas, although fires periodically erupted in Waitsfield during the town's first 128 years, the responses to these flames were ad hoc as the community lacked a formally organized fire brigade, and

Whereas, as the 20th century began, many rural Vermont municipalities recognized that organizing a volunteer fire department to quell flames threatening village centers and agricultural buildings was a civic priority, and

Whereas, the citizenry in Waitsfield proved no exception to this evolving local commitment to fire protection, and

Whereas, in 1910, a group of concerned Waitsfield freemen met to establish the community's first volunteer firefighting company, and

Whereas, from this original company emerged a commitment to dousing flames and minimizing the impact of fire damage to life and property, and

Whereas, over the past century, this local firefighting service, located in the heart of the Mad River Valley and staffed with a well-trained supply of always-available volunteers, has evolved into the modern-day Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department that provides reliable and

timely fire protection to each of these towns, and, on a more limited basis, to other nearby communities through the mutual aid system, and

Whereas, on July 31, 2010, the Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department commemorated its centennial anniversary with celebratory activities held in the town of its birth, and

Whereas, the Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department, under the expert leadership of Chief Delbert Palmer, is a community resource that has enormously benefited the Mad River Valley and provided the public with the highest quality fire protection coverage, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department on its centennial anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Waitsfield-Fayston Volunteer Fire Department Chief Delbert Palmer.

S.C.R. 8.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

By Representatives Hooper and Kitzmiller of Montpelier,

S.C.R. 8. Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and the Vermont Center for Independent Living's celebration of this landmark legislation.

Whereas, Americans who, because of a mental or physical disability, require additional assistance to participate fully in societal activities, have long faced difficult challenges, and

Whereas, historically, in the United States, there were no legal requirements that public accommodations and services be made accessible to the disabled to the greatest extent possible, and

Whereas, government and commercial buildings and multifamily housing units that were not accessible to the physically disabled were common, and

Whereas, students in classrooms, litigants in courts, and other persons engaged in other government-funded activities were not entitled to support services such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, and

Whereas, Congress addressed this fundamental inequity when it enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that President George H.W. Bush signed into law on July 26, 1990, and which became Public Law 101-336, and

Whereas, this historic federal legislation prompted the states to enact their own complementary laws, and Vermont's ADA was enacted as Act 243 of 1992, and

Whereas, in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of enactment of the federal ADA, on Thursday, July 22, the Vermont Center for Independent Living in Montpelier held a special celebratory event under a big tent located on the State House lawn, and a community dance followed later that afternoon, and

Whereas, the enactment of the federal ADA marked an historic occasion in the long effort and struggle of disabled Americans to be treated as truly first-class citizens, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and the Vermont Center for Independent Living's celebration of this landmark legislation, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Center for Independent Living in Montpelier.

S.C.R. 9.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

By Representatives Kitzmiller and Hooper of Montpelier,

S.C.R. 9. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Onion River Community Access Media on its silver anniversary.

Whereas, in the Cable Communications Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-549), Congress provided in section 2 that a cable television "franchising authority may establish requirements in a franchise with respect to designation or use of channel capacity for public, educational or governmental use" (known as PEG channels or services), and

Whereas, in 1985, Cox Cable, the owner of the cable television system serving Montpelier, began hosting a PEG production and transmission facility at its Berlin offices, and

Whereas, after Adelphia Cable assumed ownership of Montpelier's cable system, it continued managing the PEG services, but the trend was emerging nationwide for PEG production and transmission centers to be operated independently of a cable company, and

Whereas, in September 2003, Onion River Cable Access Media Inc. (ORCA Media) was established, and on February 3, 2004, this new organization was granted a contract to serve as the PEG operator in Montpelier, and

Whereas, just weeks later, on March 13, 2004, ORCA Media Inc. moved all aspects of the Berlin PEG operation to a more publicly accessible new home at City Center in downtown Montpelier, and

Whereas, in addition to the city of Montpelier, ORCA Media Inc. now serves as the PEG provider for cable viewers in Berlin, Bethel, Braintree, Calais, Duxbury, East Montpelier, Middlesex, Moretown, Randolph, Rochester, Waterbury, and Worcester, and

Whereas, ORCA Media Inc.'s three channels, 15, 16, and 17, provide multiple types of programs, including in-studio productions, live coverage of Montpelier City Council and other capital city governance panels, artistic, athletic, and governmental (including state legislative) programs, as well as externally created videos and program services, and

Whereas, through the Vermont Media Exchange, ORCA Media Inc. can transmit programs to other Vermont PEGS, and the Internet is becoming an increasingly important technical tool for receiving and transmitting programs to viewers, and

Whereas, the great work of Executive Director Kenric Kite, Technical Director Madhavan S. Nair, Office Manager Joanne Crowley-Watkins, and Outreach Coordinator Tim Tavcar, and the supportive guidance of board chair John Bloch and his colleagues, Mike Abadi, Senator Bill Doyle, Mike Doyle, Esther Farnsworth, and Frederick Weston, have enabled ORCA Media Inc. to become one of Vermont's premier PEG systems, and

Whereas, on Saturday, July 10, 2010, ORCA Media Inc celebrated its silver anniversary with festivities on the Vermont College of Fine Arts field, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Onion River Community Access Media Inc. on its silver anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kenric Kite at ORCA Media Inc. in Montpelier.

S.C.R. 10.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

By Representatives Kitzmiller and Hooper of Montpelier,

S.C.R. 10. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Capitol Stationers of Montpelier on its 60th anniversary.

Whereas, historically, Vermont's downtowns frequently featured a locally owned stationers, but in recent years, they have been permanently closing their doors, and

Whereas, given this commercial climate, it is wonderful to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Montpelier's Capitol Stationers, and

Whereas, Capitol Stationers' tale is that of the Bigglestone family's six decades of maintaining a highly respected and appreciated stationery store in the heart of downtown Montpelier, and

Whereas, Bill Bigglestone, known to one and all as Mr. B, had labored long hours as a traveling salesman who serviced stationery stores throughout New England, and

Whereas, in 1950, deciding to end his grueling travel schedule, Mr. B purchased the Richmond Office Equipment Company in Montpelier, which he initially renamed Capitol City Stationers and soon thereafter changed to Capitol Stationers as it has been known for nearly 60 years, and

Whereas, Mr. B and his wife, Nora, operated this highly respected retail establishment until their retirement in 1982, and

Whereas, originally headquartered on State Street, in 1962, the same year Mr. B's son, Don, became a full-time employee, Capitol Stationers moved to Main Street into a building next to the fire station, and later that same year, Mr. B expanded his business, opening a second location back on State Street that sold office furniture and equipment, and

Whereas, he subsequently opened a gift shop on State Street in 1964, and, in 1967, consolidated the three locations into a new home on Main Street next to City Hall, where the store remained until 1996 when the family moved it across Main Street to its current location, and

Whereas, responsibility for managing this still family-operated enterprise passed from Mr. B to his son, Don, in 1982, and more recently, the leadership of the store has been transferred to Mr. B's grandsons, Eric, who came on board in 1991, and Kent, whose tenure started in 1993, and

Whereas, through the years, the family owned stationery stores in Barre, Berlin, Burlington, St. Johnsbury, and in Ponte Verde, Florida, but after the 1992 Montpelier flood destroyed much of the inventory, the Bigglestones decided to consolidate their business into the downtown Montpelier store and a satellite location, "Mr. B's," at the Berlin Mall, and

Whereas, Capitol Stationers' 60th anniversary in June 2010 was celebrated in the Montpelier Historical Society's newsletter, and the store is now thriving as the place in town to purchase office supplies, maps, novelty gifts, and greeting cards, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Capitol Stationers of Montpelier on its 60th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Eric and Kent Bigglestone at Capitol Stationers in Montpelier.

S.C.R. 11.

By Senators Doyle and Cummings,

By Representative Kitzmiller of Montpelier,

S.C.R. 11. Senate concurrent resolution honoring the visionary leadership of Tracy Gallo during her state government service.

Whereas, Tracy Gallo is a native Vermonter who graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in health education, and

Whereas, her academic concentration in health policy became a significant, but hardly the exclusive, basis of her dynamic career in the public and nonprofit sectors, and

Whereas, among the organizations that benefited from her expertise in health-related matters were the Lynn (Massachusetts) Community Center, the Vermont Department of Health, Planned Parenthood, the American Cancer Society, Kaiser Permanente, Pennsylvania State University, and the Massachusetts Department of Health, and

Whereas, during the past decade, Tracy Gallo assumed major program leadership and organizational responsibilities in Vermont state government, first at the Vermont Department of Education, and more recently, from April 2007 until July 2010, at the Department of Human Resources, and

Whereas, at the Department of Education, her duties extended beyond the traditional classroom environment as she directed a statewide HIV/AIDS education program designed to educate Vermonters in ways to prevent the spread of this serious form of infection, and

Whereas, after constructively contributing to the enhancement of HIV/AIDS education in the state, Tracy Gallo demonstrated her great versatility, assuming new responsibilities at the department, first overseeing career and technical education competency and development throughout the state, and then for three years directing the Division of Lifelong Learning which affects all educational sectors under the department's jurisdiction, and

Whereas, her outstanding work at the Department of Education attracted the attention of the Department of Human Resources which in 2007 hired her to serve as its Director of Workforce Development and Wellness, and

Whereas, under the broad rubric of Tracy Gallo's responsibilities in this key role was executive branch state employee training, including implementation of an online training program and coordination of the performance measurement program; creation of a succession planning project in anticipation of retiring baby boomer state employees; and drawing on her vast experience

in health education, developing a highly praised wellness agenda for state employees, featuring free flu vaccinations and incentives to increase physical fitness activities, and

Whereas, she brought enormous enthusiasm and creative and innovative ideas to her work at the Department of Human Services, continuously earning the respect and admiration of her colleagues until concluding her state service in July 2010, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the visionary leadership of Tracy Gallo during her state government service, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 12.

By Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina,

By Representatives Hooper of Montpelier, Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Klein of East Montpelier,

S.C.R. 12. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Central Vermont Tennis Association on its 40th anniversary.

Whereas, the promotion of amateur, and broadly inclusive, local tennis competition has been the primary goal of the Central Vermont Tennis Association (CVTA) since the organization was established in 1970, and

Whereas, the CVTA has, throughout its existence, sponsored a summer of community tennis competition that opens with a series of matches organized in the format of a ladder, and

Whereas, in late August, a committee reviews the ladder standings which serve as the basis for a tournament played from late August through Labor Day weekend and that was originally held at the Montpelier High School tennis courts, and

Whereas, the tournament features singles and doubles competition for junior players and these categories plus a mixed players category for adults, and

Whereas, by the middle 1970s, this annual summertime tennis competition had grown to include nearly 100 participants, each of whom was considered a CVTA member, and

Whereas, for several years, the CVTA also hosted the Cho Lee Tournament in Barre as part of that community's Heritage Days in honor of a respected Barre tennis player and court caretaker, and

Whereas, the Barre tournament, and much of the administrative work associated with the CVTA in the 1970s and 1980s, was conducted under the expert auspices of Maria Brogгинi, the CVTA's first treasurer and a perennial champion in multiple events at the Montpelier tournament, and

Whereas, Maria Brogгинi's solo efforts kept the tournament alive during its lower participation years during the 1980s, and by the end of that decade, Dana McCarthy had added her invaluable administrative support, and

Whereas, in memory of Maria Brogгинi, who died from colon cancer in 1999, the CVTA named the Montpelier tournament for her, and the association annually contributes a donation to the People's Health and Wellness Clinic in Barre with the request that the funds help finance colon cancer screenings, and

Whereas, the CVTA has decided not to associate with the United States Tennis Association in order to retain the community-based ambiance of the Montpelier tournament, and

Whereas, 2010 marks the 40th anniversary of the CVTA, and the recently completed refurbishment of the Montpelier High School tennis courts will enable some of the matches to be played at that location, as well as the Montpelier Recreation Field and U-32 High School in East Montpelier, and

Whereas, in commemoration of this special anniversary in the history of this outstanding athletic organization, the CVTA celebrated in grand style on Saturday, September 18, 2010, with a festive event at the Montpelier Recreation Field that included participants from the 1970 tournament, several generations of players using wooden rackets and old style draw sheets, and a display of newspaper articles from throughout the four decades, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Central Vermont Tennis Association on its 40th anniversary, *and be it further*

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

House Concurrent Resolutions

H.C.R. 46.

House concurrent resolution honoring Shaftsbury town clerk Judith Stratton and resident Florence Beebe for their comprehensive cataloguing and historical annotating of veterans' grave sites in Shaftsbury

Offered by: Representative Miller of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Senators Sears and Hartwell

Whereas, the men and women who serve in our nation's armed forces frequently make life-altering sacrifices that can result in permanent injuries and sadly, on occasion, even death, and

Whereas, all of Vermont's military veterans deserve lasting recognition when they are laid to their eternal rest, and

Whereas, as a final homage to their military service, some Vermont veterans are buried in a designated veterans cemetery, but many others, including those interred in the cemeteries located in the town of Shaftsbury, are not, and

Whereas, Shaftsbury town clerk Judith Stratton and local resident Florence Beebe embarked on an ultimately five-year-long volunteer project to catalogue each veteran's grave located in the community's cemeteries, and

Whereas, the project, initially intended to identify all grave sites' occupants in Shaftsbury, assumed a special and intensive focus on veterans buried in the cemeteries' plots after the tally of veterans proved more numerous than anticipated, and

Whereas, the women created an on-site recognition of each interred veteran with the placement of a flag by the grave, and

Whereas, through diligent research, in an endeavor they described as a labor of love, they sought genealogical and military service information on each veteran, and the lives of these deceased military personnel became more vivid and directly connected to the town of Shaftsbury, and

Whereas, in addition to new records surveying all of the cemetery plots in Shaftsbury, three files now exist, documenting Shaftsbury's interred veterans: one comprehensive in scope that includes a picture of each veteran's grave site, and two war-specific files, one for the Revolutionary War and one for the Civil War, and

Whereas, all of this information, both narrative and pictorial, is on permanent deposit in the office of the Shaftsbury town clerk and serves as a major historical resource for the town, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Shaftsbury town clerk Judith Stratton and resident Florence Beebe for their comprehensive cataloguing and historical annotating of veterans' grave sites in Shaftsbury, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 47.

House concurrent resolution honoring the town of Essex Police Chief Leo Nadeau on the conclusion of his superb four-decade-long law enforcement career

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

Whereas, for 40 years, Leo Nadeau has served as an outstanding police officer in the town of Essex, and

Whereas, he was educated at the Community College of Vermont, Champlain College, and the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, from 1965 to 1967, Leo Nadeau served his country in Vietnam as a member of the United States Army, and

Whereas, his illustrious law enforcement career began in 1970 when he joined the village of Essex Junction police department as a patrol officer, and when the Essex Junction police department was merged into the Essex town force in the early 1980s, by then Sergeant Leo Nadeau remained on the force, and

Whereas, in 1985, Leo Nadeau was raised to the rank of lieutenant, and in 1998, he was designated as a captain, and

Whereas, during the years 1998–1999, he was elevated to executive leadership on an interim basis, being named acting police chief, and

Whereas, in 2005, Leo Nadeau was designated the deputy chief of the Essex police department with responsibility for both the patrol and detective divisions, and

Whereas, once again in 2007, he was named as the acting chief and later that year was selected as chief on a permanent basis, and

Whereas, Leo Nadeau has been a leader in the local and Vermont law enforcement communities, having served as president of the Vermont Police Association, chair of the Vermont Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, vice chair of the town of Essex office of emergency management, and chair of the Essex school public safety committee, and

Whereas, Leo Nadeau is the recipient of many honors, including the Essex Grange Community Citizen Award and the Doug Holland Community Service Award from Essex CHIPS, and Essex Rotary has named him a prestigious Paul Harris Fellow, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the town of Essex Police Chief Leo Nadeau on the conclusion of his superb four-decade-long law enforcement career, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to retiring Essex Police Chief Leo Nadeau.

H.C.R. 48.

House concurrent resolution honoring Charles Gingo for his exemplary leadership of state social services in Bennington County

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

Offered by: Senators Sears and Hartwell

Whereas, in 1980, Charles (Charlie) Gingo, his wife, Chris, and their children moved to Bennington in order that he could begin a new role as the Bennington County district director of the department of social and rehabilitation services, and

Whereas, Charlie Gingo was always extremely supportive of his staff, crafted creative drawings which brought a personal touch to his work-family, and was truly a model supervisor, and

Whereas, he was a leader in the delivery of social services, always pulling together needed governmental resources around issues and the clients his department serves, and

Whereas, Charlie Gingo gained great respect for his handling of sensitive and difficult challenges, sometimes referred to as red rockets, and he is known for always having defused the most difficult of situations, and

Whereas, in May 2001, because of Charlie Gingo's insightful leadership, his district departmental office was presented the Governor's Award for Excellence in Juvenile Services, and

Whereas, over the years, he has been a respected mentor, a leader in restructuring, transformation, or any other reorganization, and when the agency of human services was structurally changed in 2004, Charlie Gingo became the agency of human services' field director in Bennington, and

Whereas, his staff has referred to him as an advocate, a good listener, a doer, a displayer of common sense, caring, well-respected, and an individual who truly made a difference in the lives of children and families, and Bennington County has been extremely fortunate to have benefited from his leadership, and

Whereas, on December 31, 2010, Charlie Gingo concluded 30 years of public service dedicated to helping those with fundamental societal support needs, and

Whereas, at a special celebration held on January 27, 2011, Charlie Gingo's colleagues and friends saluted his success, leadership, guidance, and friendship, as well as his legacy to area children and families, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Charles Gingo for his exemplary leadership of state social services in Bennington County, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 49.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Pamela Arnold on being named the 2010 Vermont Principals' Association's Middle School Principal of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Montpelier and Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Principals' Association (VPA) designates the Vermont Middle School Principal of the Year in recognition of commendatory leadership in the challenging role of directing a middle school, and

Whereas, this VPA award is presented through the sponsorship of the National Association of Secondary School Principals and MetLife Inc., and

Whereas, a similar award is presented in every state, with the state winners traveling to Washington, D.C. to compete for recognition as the National Middle School Principal of the Year, and

Whereas, the criteria for selecting the annual Vermont honoree include personal excellence, fostering collaborative leadership, and the results a principal attains at the school in the areas of curriculum, instruction, and student assessment, and

Whereas, after careful review of the candidates nominated in 2010, the VPA selected Pamela (Pam) Arnold, the outstanding principal of Main Street Middle School in Montpelier, and

Whereas, her career in public education started in the town of Northfield, where she taught classes in health and physical education, and it continued with her service as coordinator of the new teacher mentoring program for the Washington South Supervisory Union, which includes Northfield and Roxbury, and

Whereas, Pam Arnold's excellent work in both of these jobs resulted in her selection as the principal of the Roxbury Village School, where she expertly guided the school's operations for two years before beginning her current duties four years ago at Main Street Middle School in Montpelier, and

Whereas, at Main Street Middle School, Pam Arnold has demonstrated strong leadership skills and remarkable perseverance as she guided the school community, including students, teachers, and often upset parents, through a major revision of the school's student assessment and grading system, and

Whereas, Pam Arnold has successfully set the stage for a conducive learning environment and is an ideal recipient for this special professional recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Pamela Arnold on being named the 2010 Vermont Principals' Association's Middle School Principal of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Pam Arnold at Main Street Middle School in Montpelier.

H.C.R. 50.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Caroline Bright on being named Miss Vermont for 2010

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, Caroline Bright of Franklin, the 2010 Miss Vermont, is a studious and talented individual with ambitions to serve in public office and is equally eager to perform community service, especially working with the elderly, and

Whereas, ever since she was a young child, Caroline Bright has been entrepreneurially inclined, starting with her selling of ginger cookies in front of her grandmother's home, and

Whereas, as a student at Missisquoi Valley Union High School (MVUHS), Caroline Bright distinguished herself academically, earning excellent grades meriting National Honor Society (NHS) membership, and she served as a student officer in that organization, and

Whereas, her scholarship was further demonstrated through her co-captaincy of the MVUHS Scholar's Bowl team and her captaincy of the school's economics team, and

Whereas, Caroline Bright served as both class and student body president at MVUHS and appeared in numerous school theatrical productions, and

Whereas, her interest in politics and public policy along with her clear leadership potential were exhibited when she was chosen a Model United Nations officer and a Girls' State governor, and

Whereas, even as a high school student, Caroline Bright was selected for significant posts on panels not primarily composed of her peers when she was named as the student representative to the MVUHS School Board and when Governor James Douglas appointed her as the only student to serve on the Next Generation Commission, and

Whereas, in recognition of her many outstanding community roles, Caroline Bright was honored as a Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award recipient, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, as a student at St. Lawrence University, Caroline Bright excelled in her studies and as student leader, and she has continued this pattern at St. Michael's College, to which she transferred as a junior and from which she will graduate this spring with a degree in political science and a minor in religion, and

Whereas, Caroline Bright was named the 2007 Miss Vermont Outstanding Teen and the first runner-up at the 2009 Miss Vermont competition, and

Whereas, in 2010 she was thrilled to be crowned Miss Vermont, and although not the ultimate finalist, Caroline Bright ably and proudly represented her home state at the Miss America pageant in Las Vegas, and

Whereas, this aspiring public office holder is interning in the office of Speaker Shap Smith, and she enthusiastically communicates to other young adults the importance of being civically engaged, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Caroline Bright on being named Miss Vermont for 2010, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 51.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the important role of nonprofit organizations in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Edwards of Brattleboro, Andrews of Rutland City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Royalton, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Courcelle of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Gilbert of Fairfax, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larson of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Mitchell of Barnard, Mrowicki of Putney, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Trieber of Rockingham, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington, Woodward of Johnson, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Albany

Whereas, nonprofit organizations operate in most Vermont communities and include diverse groups whose focus or mission includes animal welfare, the arts and culture, children's services, land conservation and environmental protection, energy efficiency, food security, health care, caring for the homeless, recreational activities, senior citizen services, and others, and

Whereas, the state of Vermont frequently partners with nonprofit organizations for many services which might not otherwise be provided by government, and

Whereas, nonprofit organizations offer an important outlet for philanthropic donations, and Vermonters volunteer countless hours of time to their communities through nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, an organization named Common Good Vermont is serving as a cooperative information clearinghouse for nonprofit organizations in Vermont, providing tools, training, and technical assistance that offer informative instruction and guidance in the management of a nonprofit's in-person activities and use of the Internet, and

Whereas, on, February 9, 2011, under the auspices of Common Good Vermont, nonprofit organizations will gather at the state house to educate legislators concerning the work of their individual organizations and the importance of nonprofit organizations in the civic life of our state, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to honor nonprofit organizations and Common Good Vermont for their important contributions to the quality of life in Vermont communities, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 52.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Mary Pat O'Hagan of Sheffield

Offered by: Representatives Strong of Albany and Young of Albany

Whereas, Vermonters should pause to remember Mary Pat O'Hagan of Sheffield, popularly known as Pat, the vivacious 78-year-old grandmother whose tragic death in the autumn of 2010 brought much sadness to her family and adopted hometown of Sheffield, and

Whereas, Pat O'Hagan had relocated to the Northeast Kingdom in the middle 1990s with her husband, who died in 2001, and

Whereas, certainly not your typical grandmother of nearly 80, Pat O'Hagan lived an active life which brought her into contact with many residents of Sheffield and nearby towns, and

Whereas, her love of kayaking and camping represented the robust lifestyle she lived and her great love of the outdoors, and

Whereas, an avid practitioner of artistic endeavors, she regularly attended a rug hooking class, and

Whereas, many residents of Sheffield knew Pat O'Hagan from her former role as president of the town's historical society, and

Whereas, her love of books was reflected in her volunteering at the Sheffield Public Library, and

Whereas, Pat O'Hagan cared about her neighbors' well-being and ability to feed their families, and she acted on this concern by regularly volunteering at the Sheffield Food Pantry, and

Whereas, she was a parishioner at St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church in Sheffield, and

Whereas Pat O'Hagan was the loving matriarch of a large family, the mother of five children—Shawn, Matt, Maureen, Terry, and Mark—and a wonderful grandmother, sister, and aunt, and

Whereas, the memories she left behind in Sheffield will endure for many years to come, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Mary Pat O'Hagan on her sudden and unexpected death, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 53.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Green Mountain Council Boy Scout Eagle Class of 2010

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town, Acinapura of Brandon, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bouchard of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Campion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Degree of St. Albans City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donahue of Northfield, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Cambridge, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Derby, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of

Coventry, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Myers of Essex, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburgh, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of New Haven, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Turner of Milton, Wright of Burlington and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Benning, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Fox, Galbraith, Giard, Hartwell, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Pollina, Sears, Snelling, Starr and Westman

Whereas, the Green Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America has provided thousands of young Vermont men, be they rich or poor, from Pownal to Canaan, with 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 every Boy Scout is to achieve the rank of Eagle, and

Whereas, fewer than two percent of all Scouts succeed in climbing the mountain that culminates at its summit in becoming an Eagle Scout, and

Whereas, in the year 2010, the following Vermonters achieved the special honor of earning the Boy Scout rank of Eagle: Matthew Adamsen, Benjamin Anderson, Matthew Ashe III, Grant Baker, Stephan Bartenstein II, Joshua Bassette, Ryan Bell, Jonathon Blake, Samuel Blakely, Troy Blanchard, Nicholas Bovee, Chapin Bryce, Andrew Chamberlin, Matthew Clark, James Corbett, John Corbett, Joseph Corbett III, Adam DeBlasio, Jonathan DeDell, Arthur DeRienzo, Mark Dickerson, Spencer Dole, Ammon Doney, Nikolaus Dorfner, Jacob Dougher, Preston Endres, Daniel Etter, Randall Etori, Brian Evans, Jake Farnham-Haskell, Jacob Feeney, Jesse Feiner, Benjamin Feinson, Jeffrey Frizzell, Geoffrey Gibson, Andrew Gilbert-Fuller, Jason Harris, Alex Hurd, Colby Jantzen, Leif Johnson, Samuel Kay, Taylor Kemper, John Kendall, Clay Knight, Kenneth Koonz, Peter Lamothe, Daniel Lee, Bryce Lloyd, Steven Lufkin, Devin Major, Justin Martin, Evan Martin, Levi Maynard, Paul Mazzola, Colin McCarthy, Sean McCoy, Tyler McNaney, Nicolo Mendolia, Nathan Mills, Galloway Morris VI, Troy Mullins, Loren Murphy, Mitchell Nelson, Konnor Newton, Ethan Nordmeyer, Nicholas

O'Brien, Seamus Page, Christian Patenaude, James Peterson, Matthew Phalen, Thornton Raskevitz, Cole Rediker, Christopher Reedy, Christopher Ritner, Zachary Roberge, Evan Rodriguez, Chris Sadler, Derek Sargent, Nicholas Selig, Feodor Skira, Travis Stearns, Patrick Thompson, Avery Thompson, Evan Tougas, Adam Watts, Seddrick Weekes, Caleb Werger, Allen Wilder, Jeffrey Wilder, Aaron Worcester, and Nicholas Wyckoff, and

Whereas, many of these outstanding young men are gathered today, February 11, 2011, 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 Boy Scouts in Vermont who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2010, 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. 54.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the dedicated civic service of former Representative Lawrence Molloy of Arlington

Offered by: Representatives Browning of Arlington, Botzow of Pownal, Emmons of Springfield, Komline of Dorset, Larocque of Barnet, Malcolm of Pawlet, Mook of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, former Representative Lawrence (Larry) Molloy was born in Manchester and raised in Arlington where he continues to reside, and

Whereas, following high school graduation, he attended barber school, opened a barber shop in his hometown, which he still operates, and became active in local Democratic politics, and

Whereas, in 1968, Larry Molloy decided to expand his civic horizon and stand for election as a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, this successful effort to gain a seat on the Arlington board of civil authority enabled him to learn firsthand important aspects of municipal governance, and

Whereas, in 1979, Larry Molloy won a seat on the Arlington selectboard, launching a career of over three decades on this municipal panel, and

Whereas, in 1994, at the urging of Democratic state legislative leadership, Larry Molloy raised his political aspirations to a new plane, running for the state representative seat centered on the town of Arlington, and

Whereas, victorious at the polls on six occasions, he served on the General, Housing and Military Affairs, Government Operations, and Institutions committees, and

Whereas, Representative Molloy encountered challenging issues affecting major and sensitive public policy issues throughout his years in Montpelier, and decided his votes based on a careful balancing of his constituents' opinions and the direction he thought best for his district and the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, issues of special concern to Arlington always drew his attention and close consideration, and

Whereas, when the continued existence of a single-member Arlington-based House district was at risk in the 2002 reapportionment process, Representative Larry Molloy dedicated considerable energy to ensuring its continuity for another decade, and

Whereas, after over four decades of service in either local or state public office, former Representative Larry Molloy will conclude his career on the Arlington selectboard on Town Meeting Day 2011, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the dedicated civic service of former Representative Lawrence Molloy of Arlington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to former Representative Lawrence Molloy in Arlington.