

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

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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. 10.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Richmond Land Trust on its 25th anniversary

Offered by: Representative O'Brien of Richmond

Whereas, in 1987, Richmond citizens, who were concerned that encroaching suburbanization might result in this historically agricultural community losing "its rural character, natural resources, scenic beauty and unique spirit," established the Richmond Land Trust (RLT), and

Whereas, the organization's mission is "to preserve the rural character and quality of life in Richmond, Vermont, and its surrounding communities through land conservation, historic preservation, land stewardship, and community service and education," and

Whereas, the RLT has: "led the effort to conserve approximately 650 acres of Richmond farms, river banks, woodlands and recreation areas"; "helped save the former Universalist Church and the Elementary School"; and enhanced existing and created new hiking and canoeing opportunities, and

Whereas, especially impressive has been the role of the RLT in cooperation with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) in preserving a site consisting of three historic farmsteads, two monitor barns, and 1,000 acres of surrounding farmland and forestland, and

Whereas, the West Monitor Barn has been beautifully restored and serves as VYCC headquarters and features a community events space; and the included farmland is now home to a community supported agriculture fresh produce service, and

Whereas, in celebration of the RLT's 25th anniversary, in October 2012 the organization hosted a bicycle "Tour de Preserves" and a party at the Bridge Street Cafe in Richmond, and

Whereas, the founding members of the Richmond Land Trust included Gary Bressor, Jeff Forward, Ted Lyman, Virginia Clarke, Steve Libby, John Cohn, Warren Beeken, Dave Young, Chris Fichtel, Kate Barnard, Tom Howard, and Chip Bissell, and

Whereas, the current board of directors of the RLT, including Christa Kemp, Brad Elliott, Wright Preston, Ted Lyman, Lou Borie, Francis Churchill, Larry Copp, Jim Feinson, John Hildebeitel, Greg Lutchko, Dan Martin, Fritz Martin, and Judy McVickar, is now enthusiastically leading RLT into a second quarter century of outstanding conservation work in Richmond, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Richmond Land Trust on its 25th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Richmond Land Trust.

H.C.R. 11.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 South Burlington High School Division I championship boys' soccer team

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

Whereas, the South Burlington High School Rebels are among the most respected soccer squads in Vermont, having previously reached the Division I championship game on four occasions since the start of the 21st century, and

Whereas, this recent history of perpetual success on the field lacked one key ingredient, the highly coveted Division I state championship crown, and

Whereas, in 2011, the Rebels were skilled in defeating most of their regular season opponents and reached the ultimate game against their frequent final opponent, the Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) Redhawks, and

Whereas, when the contest reached its 13th minute, a Rebel scored the game's first, and ultimately only, goal as the South Burlington defense assured that the Rebels won the game and the 2011 Division I title with a 1-0 victory, and

Whereas, South Burlington became the only team to keep CVU scoreless during either 2011 regular season or playoff competition, and

Whereas, the Rebels' 2011 final victory marked their first boys' soccer championship in more than two decades, and

Whereas, Rebels Sean Keogh, Cody Nash-Gibney, Tyler Greene, Eli Rachlin, David Mercier, Aiman Ginawi, Will Coles, Deo Pokhrel, Eric Davidson, Robby Wetmore, Lobsang Tenzin, Andrew Mallory, Asa Worthley, Henry Mercier, Jack Tarricone, Ibragim Temirov, Hayden Smith, Alejandro

Vinals, Ismail Temirov, Trevor Seward, Chaney Nash-Gibney, and Alex Pasanen each played his best throughout 2011, and

Whereas, head coach David Moon Martin; assistant coaches Shane Bufano, Adolphe Lumumba, Charlie Dunn, and Ethan Martin; and athletic trainer Denise Alosa were great mentors who inspired the players, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 South Burlington High School Division I championship boys' soccer team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 12.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Old First Church of Bennington on its 250th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Campion of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, the first organized Protestant congregation in Vermont was established on December 3, 1762 in the town of Bennington, and

Whereas, on this date, the Old First Church of Bennington, also known as the First Congregational Church of Bennington, was "gathered" as the first Protestant congregation in the New Hampshire grants, the territory that from 1777 forward would be known as Vermont, and

Whereas, the organizers of the Old First Church consisted of proprietors of the town of Bennington, who had come from western Massachusetts and Connecticut, and

Whereas, these worshipers were Separatists whose theological perspective was premised on the Great Awakening, a Christian revitalization movement of the first half of the 18th century that influenced Protestant practitioners of several denominations in the American colonies, and

Whereas, the original meetinghouse for the congregation was constructed in the center of Bennington Village, the green in front of the present structure, and

Whereas, the current sanctuary was constructed in 1805, and it was the first church building in Vermont in which the state did not play any role, and

Whereas, the church architect, Lavius Fillmore, was responsible for the design of the building, which features basement-to-rafter columns constructed of whole trunks of pine trees as well as box pews and a high pulpit, and

Whereas, a major restoration of the 1805 building occurred in 1937, and the poet Robert Frost, who is buried down the hill from the church, spoke at the rededication ceremony, and

Whereas, other building highlights have included another significant sanctuary restoration in the 1990s and the construction of a church barn used for congregation and community events, and

Whereas, as the First Congregational Church of Bennington, the congregation's mission includes both its religious activities and participation in social service organizations, such as the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless, the Bennington Tutorial Center, Habitat for Humanity, and a school building project in Afghanistan, and

Whereas, on December 3, 2012, the Old First Church marked 250 years since the congregation was first gathered, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Old First Church of Bennington on its 250th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mike Briggs, Moderator of the Old First Church in Bennington.

H.C.R. 13.

House concurrent resolution honoring Sandra Barton on her outstanding career as a Vermont state employee and for her civic accomplishments

Offered by: Representatives Poirier of Barre City, Koch of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, and Taylor of Barre City

Whereas, Sandra (Sandy) Barton's career with the State of Vermont started in the early 1970s at the Department of Motor Vehicles, and

Whereas, from 1977 to 1999, she was employed at the Department of Fish and Wildlife where she progressed from being a stenographer to her appointment as business manager, and

Whereas, her final state of Vermont job was working at the Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities, and Health Care Administration (BISHCA), now the Department of Financial Regulation, as the business manager, and

Whereas, aside from her regular BISHCA duties, Sandy Barton was the designated walking coordinator and the unofficial party planner, especially for Halloween celebrations and summer picnics, and

Whereas, as a breast cancer survivor, Sandy Barton has become a dedicated chemo angel who provides comfort and assistance to other women going through a similar experience, and

Whereas, as a way to further demonstrate her support for breast cancer research, Sandy Barton has participated in over 10 Race for the Cure walking events, and

Whereas, her interest in improving the civic and social milieu in her hometown of Barre has resulted in Sandy Barton's volunteering on behalf of the local teen action committee and the youth service organization, New Directions for Barre, and

Whereas, Sandy Barton is actively engaged in municipal affairs through her attendance at Barre City council meetings, participating in voter registration campaigns, and writing letters to the local newspaper editor, and she is on a first-name basis with the Barre City Manager, and

Whereas, the Canadian Club in Barre has appreciated Sandy Barton's service as the organization's treasurer, college scholarship fund coordinator, and bingo night volunteer, and

Whereas, Sandy Barton retired from state service on August 31, 2012 and is now enjoying spending time with her husband of over 30 years, Michael Barton, and visiting her children, Patrick, who resides in Texas, and Jennifer, in North Carolina, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Sandra Barton on her outstanding career as a Vermont state employee and for her civic accomplishments, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sandy Barton in Barre.

H.C.R. 14.

House concurrent resolution designating the week of January 20, 2013 as National Nurse Anesthetists Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Dakin of Chester, O'Brien of Richmond, Spengler of Colchester, and Till of Jericho

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Fox, and Lyons

Whereas, nurse anesthetists were the first professional group to provide anesthesia in the United States and are the nation's oldest recognized group of advanced practice registered nurse specialists, and

Whereas, upon completion of a nationally accredited nurse graduate-level curriculum, these nurses may take the national certifying examination to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), and certification must be renewed biennially, and

Whereas, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and the health care facilities of the U.S. Armed Forces, public health services, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and

Whereas, since the Civil War, nurse anesthetists have been the main providers of anesthesia to American military personnel in combat, and

Whereas, CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling health care facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer specialized care, and in some states, CRNAs are the sole anesthesia providers in almost all rural hospitals, and

Whereas, the services of CRNAs are provided to patients at the White River Junction VA Medical Center, and these specially trained nurses have served our Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, and

Whereas, in Vermont, CRNAs work with all levels of patients in eight of the 13 hospitals in Vermont in which surgical services are provided, and

Whereas, 40,000 CRNAs across the United States, including 45 active CRNAs in Vermont, are part of the economic solution to high health care costs, and

Whereas, the week of January 20, 2013 has been designated as National Nurse Anesthetists Week, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the week of January 20, 2013 as Nurse Anesthetists 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 Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

H.C.R. 15.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Oreste Valsangiacomo Sr. of Barre City

Offered by: Representatives Poirier of Barre City, Taylor of Barre City, Koch of Barre Town, and McFaun of Barre Town

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, Oreste Valsangiacomo, widely known as Val, was a lifelong resident of Barre City and an inspiring community leader, and

Whereas, he was born in 1919 and graduated from Spaulding High School, and

Whereas, Val was a decorated Vermont National Guard veteran who served and was wounded in World War II and subsequently retired as a lieutenant colonel, and

Whereas, he was successful in both the insurance and real estate fields, and

Whereas, Val's life as a Democrat began at age 16 when he witnessed labor strife in Barre City and served as a runner delivering messages, and he would later sit on city, county, and state Democratic committees and serve as a delegate to the 1964 Democratic National Convention, and

Whereas, his abiding interest in politics led to a 34-year legislative career, starting with his first election in 1966, as a member of the House from Barre City, and he played a pivotal role in legislative deliberations, especially on financial matters, and

Whereas, Representative Oreste Valsangiacomo served as a House Democratic Whip and for many years as Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means, during which his advocacy for education finance reform was best crystalized with the enactment of Act 60 in 1997, and

Whereas, he was also a Barre City justice of the peace and member of its board of civil authority, and he was active in various civic, fraternal, and veterans' organizations, and

Whereas, for many years, Val was a parishioner and lay leader at St. Monica's Church, and

Whereas, Val and his wife, Helen, were happily married for 70 years until her death just five days before his, and they were the parents of Oreste Jr., who along with two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, are their survivors, and

Whereas, Val and Helen Valsangiacomo were the proud parents of their special son, Jon, who predeceased them, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of its long-time colleague, former Representative Oreste Valsangiacomo Sr. of Barre City, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of his family.

S.C.R. 1.

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the sescentennial anniversary of the town of Middlesex.

Whereas, on June 8, 1763, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter to a group of grantees (proprietors) for the new town of Middlesex in the territory known as the New Hampshire Grants, and the geographic boundaries were described as “Beginning at the southerly or South Easterly Corner of Waterbury, on the Northerly side of Onion or French River (So Called) from thence Runing Easterly up said River (& bounding on the same) so far as to make it six Miles on a streight Line allowing the same to be Perpendicular with the Easterly Line of said Waterbury,” and

Whereas, the proprietors gathered for the first time in New Milford, Connecticut on May 10, 1770, electing Partridge Thatcher as moderator and Samuel Averill as clerk, and

Whereas, they met for the first time in Vermont at Sunderland on October 13, 1783, the same year Middlesex became the first town settled in present-day Washington County, and

Whereas, on August 14, 1787, in Middlesex, the first proprietors’ meeting was held at the home of Lovewell Warren, one of the town’s first settlers, and

Whereas, having completed transacting their duties to assign lots, the proprietors’ role was concluded, and the first official Middlesex town meeting occurred on March 29, 1790, at the home of Seth Putnam, and

Whereas, this first town meeting elected Levi Putnam moderator, Seth Putnam town clerk, and both along with Thomas Mead were chosen as the first members of the Middlesex Selectboard, and

Whereas, the first representative from the town of Middlesex to serve in the General Assembly was Samuel Harris in 1791, and

Whereas, throughout the 19th century, the town of Middlesex grew as a community of farms, forests, and especially mills in the area of the town known as Putnamville until their destruction in the 1927 flood, and

Whereas, the construction in Middlesex of a hydroelectric plant along the Winooski River was a major technological advancement for central Vermont, and

Whereas, 2013 marks 250 years since the Middlesex charter was granted, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sescentennial anniversary of the town of Middlesex’s legal establishment, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Middlesex Town Clerk.

S.C.R. 2.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Angeleno's Pizza on its 30th anniversary.

Whereas, Joseph (Giuseppi) Rabaioli, whose family called him papa, was a skilled stonecutter in Italy who immigrated with his family to the United States where he continued his trade in the granite quarries of Barre, and

Whereas, in May 1982, his great-granddaughter, Jan Fortier, was one of the founders of a restaurant named Angeleno's Pizza which was located in a large wooden house behind the former Montpelier train station, and

Whereas, except for a few years in the 1990s, during which time Jan Fortier operated a restaurant named Angeleno's in Randolph Center, Jan and her brother, John Chiuchiolo, mother, Constance Chiuchiolo, sister, Paula Chiuchiolo, husband, Maurice Fortier, son, Christopher Fortier, and nephews, Tony and Mathew Chiuchiolo have been among the family members involved in this great Montpelier restaurant's operation, and

Whereas, much credit for Angeleno's Pizza's success also belongs to two of its chefs, Piero Bonamico in the 1990s and, more recently, Nathan Morris, and

Whereas, the original menu consisted of "hand tossed pizza, subs served on homemade bread, roast beef seasoned and cooked on the premises, and pasta with homemade sauces all cooked in its open kitchen," and

Whereas, a few years after opening its doors, Angeleno's broadened its delicious offerings to include more appetizers, salads, and homemade Italian entrées, and

Whereas, the restaurant incorporates locally produced beef, sausages, cheeses, vegetables, and fruits in preparing the appetizers, entrées, and side dishes, and

Whereas, patrons can take advantage of Angeleno's take-out service or enjoy a meal in one of its dining rooms, and

Whereas, Angeleno's remains at its original Barre Street location in Montpelier and proudly proclaims its pizza is "A slice above the rest since 1982!", and

Whereas, in 2012, this popular Montpelier eatery celebrated its 30th anniversary as a truly family enterprise and a favorite dining spot in Montpelier, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Angeleno's Pizza on its 30th anniversary and extends best wishes for a successful future, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Angeleno's Pizza in Montpelier.

S.C.R. 3.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring the professional and civic contribution of Dr. David Butsch.

Whereas, Dr. Richard (Dick) Butsch's medical and civic leadership in central Vermont has spanned many years, and

Whereas, as a physician and surgeon, he has worked at the Central Vermont Medical Center for over 40 years, treating patients and assisting in their recuperation, and

Whereas, professional excellence and providing the best possible care are hallmarks of his medical work, and

Whereas, physicians and other staff members at the hospital have long admired him as a physician and compassionate human being, and

Whereas, the Central Vermont Medical Center paid special recognition to this esteemed physician when it commissioned artist Ed Epstein to paint a portrait in "honor of his legendary career and dedication to this hospital and our patients," and

Whereas, the portrait was unveiled on May 17, 2012 in the hospital's lobby where it is prominently displayed, and

Whereas, in addition to his medical career, Dr. Dick Butsch has devoted considerable effort to making ice hockey, and other sports requiring a large indoor space, accessible to youngsters and adults in central Vermont, and

Whereas, he has achieved this goal through his role as a cofounder of the Central Vermont Civic Center, a nonprofit organization that in 1998 opened a multipurpose building which during the winter months is operated as an ice rink that is home to many exciting interscholastic, youth, and adult leagues' hockey games, and

Whereas, Dr. Dick Butsch has remained a leader in the governance of the Central Vermont Civic Center, and

Whereas, he is a leader whose contributions to health care and community recreation are especially commendable, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the professional and civic contributions of Dr. Richard Butsch, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Richard Butsch at the Central Vermont Medical Center.

S.C.R. 4.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2012 Northfield High School Marauders Division III championship baseball team and its illustrious retiring head coach, Frank Pecora.

Whereas, 2012 will remain a special year in the history of the Northfield High School baseball Marauders and its 38-year veteran coach, Frank Pecora,

Whereas, the Marauders earned the top seed in the 2012 Division III playoffs and then proceeded to the championship game against second-seeded Blue Mountain High School in a nighttime contest at UVM's Centennial Field, and

Whereas, with the backing of a six-run second-inning hitting spree, the Marauders won the game 10–1, clinching the 2012 Division III baseball championship, and

Whereas, for Coach Frank Pecora, the 2012 title concluded his coaching career with an enviable record of 488 victories, 157 losses, and one tie, including a 2012 record of 17 victories and one defeat, and

Whereas, over the course of his 38 years of directing Marauder baseball strategy, Frank Pecora led his teams to 37 winning seasons, and

Whereas, the roster of players who gave its special coach the best possible farewell gift of a final and 15th state championship included Patrick Amell, Dillon Austin, Zach Daley, Hobie Warren, Billy Whaley, Theo Tillas, Hunter Koenig, Brandon Pedley, Cole Barney, Gavin Porter, Jeremy Quelch, Kyle Lamorey, Tyler Ellis, Ben Hall, Matt Daley, Fabio Iseli, and Jordan Hanson, and

Whereas, the coaching staff under head coach Frank Pecora's direction included assistant coach Chris Amell, volunteer coaches Kevin Ryan, Tyler Demas, Ryan Knapp, and Eric Young, and middle level coach Scott Amell, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2012 Northfield High School Marauders Division III championship baseball team and its illustrious retiring head coach, Frank Pecora, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to Northfield High School and to Frank Pecora.

S.C.R. 5.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the town of Berlin on its sescentennial (250th) anniversary.

Whereas, on June 8, 1763, Governor Wentworth granted a group of proprietors from Fishkill and Poughkeepsie, New York, a charter for a six-mile-square segment of the territory for the new town of Berlin, and

Whereas, the charter provided geographic boundaries for the town of Berlin “Beginning at the North Easterly Corner of Moretown at the southerly side of Onion or French River, from thence Easterly up said River & bounding on the same so far as to make six Miles on a streight Line allowing the same to be Perpendicular with the Easterly Line of said Moretown . . . ,” and

Whereas, the first proprietors’ (grantees) meeting did not convene for over two decades until May 17, 1785 in Arlington, at which the agenda included items “to promote a speedy settlement of sd Town . . . to chuse a Moderator, & other necessary Officers . . . to layout a first Division in sd Town . . .” and for other related matters, and

Whereas, among those in attendance at this organizational meeting of the proprietors was Thomas Chittenden, the first governor of Vermont, and

Whereas, proprietors’ meetings continued at different locations, and the last recorded meeting took place at the home of Jacob Fowler in Berlin on June 15, 1787, and

Whereas, the first Berlin town meeting was convened on March 31, 1791 at the home of Aaron Strong and at which James Sawyer was appointed moderator, David Nye, town clerk, and James Sawyer, Zachariah Perrin, and Eleazer Hubbard were appointed as the members of the first Berlin selectboard, and

Whereas, during the past 250 years, the town of Berlin has become an important commercial and medical services hub for central Vermont, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the town of Berlin on its sescentennial (250th) anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Berlin Town Clerk.

S.C.R. 6.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Rosemary Miller for her three decades of outstanding work at the Vermont Center for Independent Living.

Whereas, the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) is “a non-profit organization directed and staffed by individuals with disabilities, [that] works to promote the dignity, independence, and civil rights of Vermonters with disabilities,” and

Whereas, for the past three decades, the person who has greeted visitors at VCIL headquarters in Montpelier, and telephone callers to the organization, has been Rosemary (Rosie) Miller who, despite being born with cerebral palsy, has met her life goals of finding a job, buying a home, and paying her own bills, and

Whereas, Rosie Miller has been called the voice of VCIL and has performed a stellar job, balancing telephone calls from peers with disabilities, vendors, and state agencies, and

Whereas, her mastery of office operations, the location of supplies, and the technicalities of how every office machine operates, is extremely comprehensive and always of great benefit to everyone at the organization’s headquarters, and

Whereas, as one of VCIL’s earliest employees, Rosie Miller had an in-depth knowledge of its history, and she was an impeccable source of information on how VCIL has developed over the years, and

Whereas, her colleagues within the office, and those with whom she worked from outside VCIL, became her friends, as she has excellent personal skills, and

Whereas, Rosie Miller loves music and owns an extensive CD collection, and her love of theatre has motivated her to serve as a Lost Nation Theater volunteer, and

Whereas, she is a steadfast advocate for the mission of independent living that is the heart of VCIL’s purpose, and she is an ideal example of a person with disabilities who is living a successful independent life, and

Whereas, Rosie Miller has concluded her 30 years of great support for the entire VCIL staff and serving as the organization’s welcoming and always-helpful face and voice, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Rosemary Miller for her three decades of outstanding work at the Vermont Center for Independent Living, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 7.

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the sescentennial anniversary of the town of Waterbury.

Whereas, the town of Waterbury was established on June 7, 1763 when New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter to a group of grantees (proprietors), and

Whereas, the boundary description for Waterbury described the new town as “Beginning at the South Easterly corner of Bolton on the Northerly side of Onion or French River, from thence Easterly up said River (& bounding on the same) so far as to make Six Miles on a streight Perpendicular Line, with the Easterly Line of said Bolton,” and

Whereas, the Waterbury proprietors convened their initial meeting in New Milford, Connecticut in 1770 and met thereafter in Newark, New Jersey before eventually gathering in Vermont at Sunderland, Arlington, and Bennington, and

Whereas, the first town survey was conducted under the supervision of Colonel Partridge Thatcher, who served as moderator at the 1771 meeting and for whom Thatcher Brook would subsequently be named, and

Whereas, in 1783, James Marsh became the first settler in the still-undeveloped town of Waterbury, and

Whereas, the second recorded settler in Waterbury was Ezra Butler in 1785, who was later ordained as a minister of the gospel, organized the first town meeting in 1790 at which he was elected town clerk, and served as a member of the House of Representatives, a county judge, and ultimately for two terms as governor, and

Whereas, Waterbury resident Paul Dillingham, and his son, Waterbury native William Paul Dillingham, each served as 19th-century Governors, and the son served as one of Vermont’s U.S. Senators from 1900 to 1923, and

Whereas, for over a century, the Vermont State Hospital was located in Waterbury and in recent decades, the hospital campus had become a major site for state government offices, and

Whereas, 2013 marks the 250th anniversary of the legal establishment of the town of Waterbury, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sescentennial anniversary of the town of Waterbury, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Waterbury Town Clerk.

S.C.R. 8.

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the original chartering of Goddard College.

Whereas, the origins of Goddard College can be traced to the enactment of Act 86 of 1863 which served as the incorporation charter of the Green Mountain Central Institute, a Universalist seminary, and

Whereas, the board of trustees of this newly established academic institution was authorized to “confer on female pupils . . . who shall have completed the regular course of study prescribed in said Institute, all such literary honors and degrees as are usually conferred by the best female colleges, academies and seminaries,” and

Whereas, the school was subsequently renamed Goddard Seminary in recognition of Thomas A. Goddard and his family who were major benefactors of the school during its early years, and

Whereas, in 1935, the arrival of Royce Pitkin as president of Goddard Seminary heralded a major change in the school’s academic purposes and offerings, and

Whereas, he reorganized the school as a junior college and admitted male students, and

Whereas, in 1938, Royce Pitkin made even bolder changes at the institution as it implemented an educational outlook based on the teaching philosophy of John Dewey and William H. Kilpatrick, the campus was moved to the estate of Willard S. Martin in Plainfield, and the current name was adopted, and

Whereas, in the years following World War II, Goddard College began a four-year residency program leading to baccalaureate degrees, and

Whereas, in 1963, Goddard College became the first college in the United States to offer low-level residency or adult degree programs, and

Whereas, in time, the college ended its four-year residency programs and focused exclusively on the low-level option for both undergraduate and graduate degrees that enables students to design a curriculum suited to their individual needs, and

Whereas, Goddard College is marking the 150th year of this unique educational institution that has evolved to meet the academic needs of contemporary society, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 150th anniversary of the original chartering of Goddard College, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Goddard College President Dr. Barbara Vacarr.

S.C.R. 9.

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the sescentennial anniversary of the town of Worcester.

Whereas, on June 8, 1763, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter to a group of grantees (proprietors) for the town of Worcester located in the area known as the New Hampshire grants, and

Whereas, the boundaries of the town, which today encompass a segment of Washington County, were described in the charter as “Beginning at the North Easterly Corner of Stow from thence running Southerly by the Easterly line of Stow Six Miles to the North West Corner of Middlesex from thence Easterly by said Middlesex about six Miles to the North Easterly corner thereof,” and

Whereas, this evergreen and hardwood thickly forested landscape was the settling point for John Ridlon and George Martin who became the first Worcester residents in 1797, and

Whereas, the first town meeting was held on March 3, 1803 at which John Young was elected town clerk, but the voters of Worcester did not elect a member of the house of representatives until selecting James Green in 1808, and

Whereas, in 1816, Worcester voters failed to assemble for a town meeting as their number had fallen dramatically due to repeated crop failures, and the town lost its status as an organized municipality, and

Whereas, in 1821, Joseph Wing, a Montpelier justice of the peace, issued a call for a Worcester town meeting which was held on March 28 of that year at the home of Amasa Brown who was selected as town clerk as Worcester rejoined the roster of Vermont’s organized towns, and

Whereas, a further town meeting was held on April 20, 1821 at which a municipal property tax of eight mills on the dollar was approved, and a town school district was established, and

Whereas, aside from farming, timber harvesting provided a livelihood for many 19th-century residents of Worcester, and by 1854, the town could boast 12 sawmills, and

Whereas, throughout its 250-year history, Worcester has retained its rural ambiance and beauty, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sestercentennial anniversary of the town of Worcester, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Worcester Town Clerk.

S.C.R. 10.

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the sestercentennial anniversary of the town of Moretown.

Whereas, on June 7, 1763, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth, as part of his ongoing process of issuing charters for new towns in the lands west of the Connecticut River, granted a charter for the town of Moretown, consisting of territory equaling six square miles and described as “Beginning at the North Easterly Corner of Duxbury on the southerly side of Onion or French River, from thence Easterly up said River & bounding on the same so far as to make it six Miles on a streight Line,” and

Whereas, the charter directed “That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township,” and

Whereas, it also directed the payment of “Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only” from inhabitants annually, beginning on December 25, 1763, and

Whereas, on March 22, 1792, the first Moretown town meeting was held at the home of Joseph Haseltine at which the voters of the town elected Daniel Parcher as the first town moderator, and other elected officers included Seth Munson as town clerk and three selectmen, including Joseph Haseltine, Daniel Parcher, and John Heaton, and Philip Bartlett as treasurer, and

Whereas, the first member of the General Assembly elected from the town of Moretown was Luther Mosely who served from 1794–1806, and

Whereas, town meetings were held on Moretown Common, and

Whereas, in 1832, the voters of the town voted to relocate town meeting to the Moretown Hollow, and

Whereas, the town of Moretown has repeatedly survived and rebounded from severe floods, most recently in 2011 during Tropical Storm Irene, and

Whereas, the town of Moretown is marking its 250th anniversary in 2013, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sestercentennial anniversary of the town of Moretown, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Moretown Town Clerk.

S.C.R. 11.

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the sescentennial anniversary of the Town of Duxbury.

Whereas, during the 1760s, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth issued charters for many new townships in the territory then known as the New Hampshire grants, and now the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, one of the towns created in accordance with a New Hampshire charter was Duxbury whose boundary description started “Beginning at the North Easterly Corner of New Huntington on the Souther Side of Onion or French River from thence running Easterly up Said River & bounding on the Same so far on a Strait Line as to make it Six Miles from the Said Corner of New Huntington,” and

Whereas, as was standard in Wentworth-granted charters, the Governor reserved for himself a tract of land of 500 acres, and

Whereas, the charter further provided that “all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy (British), be carefully preserved for that Use,” and

Whereas, this charter provision was never implemented as the first settlers in Duxbury, Walter Avery and Stephen Tilde, did not arrive until 1786 after the conclusion of the American Revolution, and

Whereas, in March 1792, nearly 30 years after the granting of its charter, the Town of Duxbury held its organizational town meeting at the home of Walter Avery, and elected Benjamin Davis as its first legislative representative, and

Whereas, the largely wooded terrain played a central economic role in 19th-century Duxbury as seven water-powered sawmills were in operation by 1858, and

Whereas, although Duxbury is small, the town had as many as nine school districts to accommodate the travel limitations of the pre-motorized-vehicle transportation era, and

Whereas, Duxbury’s icon is Camels Hump, the mountain that features Vermont’s most distinctive profile, and which was depicted on the State’s first commemorative quarter, and

Whereas, in 2013, the Town of Duxbury will mark the 250th anniversary of its charter being granted, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sescentennial anniversary of the Town of Duxbury, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Duxbury Town Clerk.