

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 28, 2013

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. 39.

House concurrent resolution honoring Charles Rivers for 50 years of public service on behalf of the towns of Pittsford and Brandon

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, Charlie Rivers of Brandon became an employee of the town of Pittsford on November 2, 1962 when he joined the town highway crew, and

Whereas, he continued to work as an outstanding member of the highway crew until 1998, and

Whereas, in 1992, Charlie Rivers assumed a new role as a Pittsford municipal employee, becoming a part-time attendant at the town's transfer station, and

Whereas, throughout his employment for the town of Pittsford, Charlie Rivers has been known for his hard work, dedication to the task at hand, and playful sense of humor, and

Whereas, when not performing his duties as a Pittsford municipal employee, he has served with the Brandon Fire Department, for which he has volunteered for more than 50 years, and the Brandon Area Rescue Squad, and

Whereas, Charlie Rivers has inspired a family tradition of public service, as his daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter each have volunteered for the Brandon Fire Department or the Brandon Area Rescue Squad, or both, and

Whereas, his long and faithful public service in the towns of Pittsford and Brandon merits special recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Charles Rivers for 50 years of public service on behalf of the towns of Pittsford and Brandon, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 40.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Representative Greg Clark

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Representative Greg Clark of Vergennes was born in Burlington, graduated from Johnson State College, and for 18 years taught social studies at Mt. Abraham Union High School in Bristol, where his specialty was the 12th grade “Age of Legality” course, and

Whereas, students at Mt. Abraham often referred to their popular teacher as “Clarkie,” a name that was bestowed with much admiration and affection, and

Whereas, since 2003, Representative Greg Clark had conscientiously represented the citizens of the Addison-3 House district, and

Whereas, as a member of the House Committee on Education, he focused his attention on ensuring that Vermont youngsters receive the best possible education from pre-kindergarten through college, and

Whereas, he exuded a joyful and friendly personality throughout the legislative day and had numerous friends among his colleagues in the General Assembly, and

Whereas, legislators appreciated his humorous presentation style during a committee or floor debate on serious public policy matters, and

Whereas, beyond his roles in the General Assembly and at Mt. Abraham, Representative Greg Clark had served as a Vergennes City Council member, as Vermont’s smallest city’s Deputy Mayor, and Chair of the Vergennes Union High School Board, and

Whereas, Rep. Greg Clark’s fraternal memberships included the Masons and the Eagles, and he worshipped at the Vergennes Congregational Church, and

Whereas, on the wintry Friday morning of November 30, 2012, this extremely popular legislator, teacher, community leader, and loving husband, father, and grandfather died tragically while traveling to Mt. Abraham to teach his classes, and

Whereas, legislative leaders from across the political spectrum were saddened to learn of the unexpected death of this dedicated member of the House of Representatives who could put a smile on everyone’s face, and

Whereas, his surviving family, which he treasured, includes his wife Eileen, daughter Gretchen and her husband Scott, son Aaron and his wife Tanya,

stepdaughter Laura and her husband Jason, and seven grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its most sincere condolences to the family of Representative Greg Clark, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to his wife and children and to Mt. Abraham Union High School.

H.C.R. 41.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont state employees for their exemplary public service during, and in the aftermath of, Tropical Storm Irene

Offered by: Representatives Davis of Washington, Cole of Burlington, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Lenex of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Moran of Wardsboro, Pearson of Burlington, South of St. Johnsbury, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, and Weed of Enosburgh

Offered by: Senators Doyle and McCormack

Whereas, during Tropical Storm Irene, there were many examples of Vermont state employees who made an extra effort to serve their fellow Vermonters, and

Whereas, for example, at the Vermont State Hospital, the state employees ferried 51 patients to safety, without incident, and often through waist-high water, and

Whereas, Department of Information and Innovation state employees took whatever measure was required to protect essential state data and digital resources, and

Whereas, both during and after the storm's onslaught, the state employees at the Agency of Transportation worked tirelessly to keep Vermont's damaged state highway system open to the maximum extent possible, and then strove diligently to expedite repairs and reconstruction, and

Whereas, at the Agency of Natural Resources, state employees assessed the environmental impact of the storm, paying special attention to water quality issues and how the storm affected a wide variety of ecological systems, and

Whereas, the Vermont State Police, emergency management personnel, and other state employees at the Department of Public Safety maintained law and order, assisted with search and rescue operations, and engaged in support activities that at times put the employees' lives at risk, and

Whereas, the state employees throughout the Agency of Human Services paid close attention to the health and social services needs of Vermonters and especially those of the children entrusted to their care, and

Whereas, many state employees worked remotely from home for weeks or months after the storm, performing their duties, despite the challenges of their dislocation, as efficiently and effectively as possible, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont state employees for their exemplary public service during and in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 42.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the sescentennial anniversary of the town of Milton

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of South Hero, and Krebs of South Hero

Whereas, the town of Milton was established on June 8, 1763 when Royal New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter to a group of proprietors for a tract of land in the New Hampshire Grants, the territory that would become the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, the document described Milton's borders as "Begining at the North Easterly Corner of Colchester which is the North Westerly Corner of Essex (which is within six Miles of Onion or French River) (so Called) from thence Runing Northerly the same course of the Line between said Colchester & Essex . . . ," and

Whereas, the first known settlers in Milton were William Irish, Leonard Owen, Amos Mansfield, Absalom Taylor, and Thomas Dewey who arrived in February 1782, and

Whereas, from 1786 through 1788, proprietors' meetings were held at locations outside of Milton, including Manchester, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, in 1788, Aaron Mathews was elected as the first representative from Milton to serve in the General Assembly, and

Whereas, West Milton, along the Lamoille River, was the first section of the town to be settled, and in the spring, when the water level was highest,

schooners could sail to West Milton, and forest products were loaded onto these vessels for shipment to England, and

Whereas, in the early 19th century, mills made power from the seven waterfalls in the town, providing an economic base for Milton, and

Whereas, starting in approximately 1840, dairy farming became a major agricultural activity, and butter and cheese were manufactured at the farm where the raw milk was produced, and

Whereas, as the 19th century became the 20th century, raw milk was increasingly sent to creameries, including the Milton Cooperative Dairy Corporation, for processing into fluid milk and shipment to Boston or New York, and this production pattern continued for many decades, and

Whereas, in 2013, Milton is a vibrant community with an active civic life and is an excellent place to live, work, and raise a family, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

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

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

H.C.R. 43.

House concurrent resolution honoring Robert K. Allen for his public service in the town of Reading

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, for 40 years, Robert Allen has faithfully served the town of Reading in innumerable ways that far exceed the official duties of the offices to which he has been elected or appointed, and

Whereas, his history of public service in Reading began inauspiciously on Town Meeting Day, March 6, 1973, when he was narrowly elected to a one-year term on the town's Selectboard, and has been a member ever since, and

Whereas, this electoral victory was the first indication that Robert Allen could persevere through a challenging task, and

Whereas, for over 30 years, Robert Allen has chaired the Reading Selectboard, presiding expertly over diverse deliberations, and

Whereas, other town panels on which Robert Allen has served include the Board of Civil Authority and the Board of Tax Abatement, and

Whereas, Robert Allen's governmental role has not been limited to a legislative venue as he has served in several administrative posts, including Town Service Officer, Town Health Officer, and Town Zoning Administrator, and

Whereas, on numerous occasions, he has attended sessions of the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission, representing the concerns and interests of Reading before this regional panel, and

Whereas, he has worked diligently to secure Reading's fair share of town highway funding from the Vermont Agency of Transportation, and

Whereas, grant writing is a specialty of Robert Allen's as he has enabled Reading to receive financial support for many projects that would otherwise not be funded, and

Whereas, in 1973, 1976, and most recently 2011 after Tropical Storm Irene, Robert Allen has been a leader in flood recovery efforts, and during the past year and one-half, he has worked with the Federal Emergency Management Administration to finance Reading's infrastructure reconstruction, and

Whereas, this much respected man, who has dedicated innumerable hours to town governmental administration, from budget drafting to snow plowing, will mark 40 years of extraordinary municipal public service at the 2013 Reading Town Meeting, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Robert K. Allen for his extraordinary public service in the town of Reading, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Robert Allen in Reading.

H.C.R. 44.

House concurrent resolution designating February 27, 2013 Afterschool & Summer Learning Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Batchelor of Derby, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, Jerman of Essex, Krowinski of Burlington, Lenos of Shelburne, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Moran of Wardsboro, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, Vermonters have a societal obligation to offer young persons a full range of childhood opportunities, and if youngsters are positively engaged in their schools and communities, they are more likely to develop into healthy and productive citizens and leaders, and

Whereas, over 30,000 Vermont youngsters participate in afterschool and summer learning programs conducted under the auspices of schools and community organizations, and these programs complement the school curriculum with academic enrichment opportunities, and

Whereas, these important learning programs focus on bridging the achievement gap between lower and higher income students, and

Whereas, in the summer, these learning programs help prepare students to be ready academically for the new school year and provide youngsters with healthy vacation activities and nutritious meals, and

Whereas, afterschool and summer learning programs give our youth positive relationships with adults in their communities, and

Whereas, the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence, through its Individualized Coaching Model for Program Improvement, the Mentors for Quality Program, and its annual statewide afterschool conference provides professional development opportunities for the schools, community organizations, and instructors who participate in these educational programs, and

Whereas, today, February 27, 2013, educators, teachers, advocates, and students have gathered at the State House to celebrate their work and to continue learning about best practices for Vermont's afterschool and summer learning programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 27, 2013 Afterschool & Summer Learning Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence.

H.C.R. 45.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 70th anniversary of the heroic sacrifice of George Lansing Fox, one of the Four Immortal Chaplains

Offered by: Representative Quimby of Concord

Whereas, during World War I, George Fox ran away from home at age 17 to join the army, and he served as a medical orderly on the Western Front, and

Whereas, he was awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, and the French Croix de Guerre for meritorious service, and

Whereas, following his military service, George Fox returned to the United States, completed his interrupted high school education, graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University, and was ordained a minister in 1934 at the Boston University School of Theology, and

Whereas, he eventually assumed the pulpit at the East Concord Methodist Church, his last civilian post, and

Whereas, George Fox returned to the U.S. Army during World War II as a military chaplain, and he was traveling aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester with over 900 soldiers to his European posting, and

Whereas, on February 3, 1943, a German submarine U-223 torpedoed the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, forcing the troops to man lifeboats as the vessel sank, and

Whereas, George Fox was one of four chaplains who gave away his own lifejacket when the available supply proved insufficient, and

Whereas, after the last of the lifeboats, several of which were damaged, had departed, the chaplains remained and prayed with those unable to escape, and

Whereas, the last time a survivor saw George Fox alive, he was praying with his arms linked with those of the other chaplains, Alexander D. Goode, Clark V. Poling, and John P. Washington, and

Whereas, George Fox and his clerical colleagues were each awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart, and

Whereas, in 1951, President Harry Truman dedicated a chapel at the Grace Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in their honor, and

Whereas, in 1960, Congress established the Four Chaplains' Medal, and it was presented posthumously to the families of each of these four heroic clergymen, and

Whereas, February 3, 2013 marked the 70th anniversary of the sinking of the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 70th anniversary of the heroic sacrifice of George Lansing Fox, one of the Four Immortal Chaplains, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Pastor John Sommers at the East Concord Methodist Church.

H.C.R. 46.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad on a half-century of exemplary community service

Offered by: Representatives Goodwin of Weston, Komline of Dorset, and Partridge of Windham

Offered by: Senators Campbell, Galbraith, Hartwell, McCormack, Nitka, Sears, and White

Whereas, in 1963, a group of local citizens decided that rescue services in the Londonderry area should be more formally organized, and they established the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad (LVRS), which was incorporated the following year, and

Whereas, the original officers selected at the first official meeting in December 1963 were Tony Lafko, President, Rex Doane, Vice President, William Cobb Sr., Treasurer, Leroy Williams, Director, and Charles Pearson, Director, and

Whereas, the first ambulance was a red Cadillac of 1950s vintage, and the first call to which the Rescue Squad responded occurred in June 1964, and

Whereas, during its early years, the LVRS housed its ambulances successively in a private garage, the town shed, and then in the South Londonderry Fire Station, and

Whereas, in 1970, LVRS opened its own two-bay garage on Route 100 in South Londonderry, and

Whereas, other advancements in the 1970s included requiring an EMT on every ambulance run, the purchase of a radio system, and the decision to begin operating a two-ambulance service, and

Whereas, in the early 1980s, LVRS purchased its first heart monitor, and the organization's current bylaws and service rules were adopted, and

Whereas, later in the 1980s, the LVRS installed a more sophisticated radio system, purchased a computer, and began running three fully stocked ambulances, prompting the need for a new and larger building, and

Whereas, on Easter weekend 1992, a new fully paid-for building with much more space and support capacity opened on Route 100 in Londonderry, and

Whereas, in 2013, the LVRS has grown to 40 trained ambulance service members and approximately 35 persons on its Londonderry Technical Rescue unit; has repeatedly won individual and organizational awards; has responded to over 14,500 calls over the years; and serves all or most of the towns of

Londonderry, Jamaica, Landgrove, Peru, Stratton, Weston, Winhall, and Windham, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad on a half-century of exemplary community service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to William Cobb Jr., President of the LVRS.

H.C.R. 47.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Joan Mulhern

Offered by: Representatives McCormack of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Deen of Westminster, Emmons of Springfield, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, and Poirier of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Fox, MacDonald, McCormack, and Pollina

Whereas, throughout her life, Joan Mulhern fought for the restoration and preservation of a clean and healthy environment, and

Whereas, after graduating from the University of Vermont, she became associate director at the Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG), and

Whereas, as aVPIRG lobbyist at the General Assembly and in public, Joan Mulhern was extraordinarily well informed and a passionate and tenacious advocate on environmental issues, including reduction in the use of mercury, toxic chemicals, and chlorofluorocarbons; expansion of bottle redemption; advancements in recycling; and banning from landfills waste that is recyclable, hazardous, or radioactive, and

Whereas, the Coalition of Northeastern Governors and Tufts University each honored Joan Mulhern in recognition of her environmental advocacy leadership in Vermont, and

Whereas, seeking to effect environmental actions in the national public policy arena, Joan Mulhern continued her education at Georgetown Law and as a law student, she served as a Citizen Witness on the Truth & Reconciliation Commission in South Africa, and

Whereas, she graduated from Georgetown Law in 1997, magna cum laude, and joined the staff at Public Citizen where she fought the tobacco industry on legislative and regulatory matters, and

Whereas, Joan Mulhern eventually resumed her work in environmental advocacy as a staff attorney for Earthjustice where she most recently served as the organization’s senior legislative counsel in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, among the issues she most passionately addressed in the halls of Congress were the impact on Appalachian waters of mountaintop-removal mining and the protection of Florida’s waters from toxic algae slime, and

Whereas, she was among the featured advocates in a 2007 *Vanity Fair* magazine photo essay entitled: “Eco Heroes,” and

Whereas, despite a long-term illness and the frustrations of the political process, Joan Mulhern remained a dedicated environmental advocate until her death at the age of 51 on December 8, 2012, and

Whereas, her survivors include her sisters, Marie and Martha, and brother, John, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the memory and good work of Joan Mulhern and extends its condolences to her family, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to Marie, Martha, and John Mulhern.

H.C.R. 48.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the town of Whiting on its sescentennial anniversary

Offered by: Representative Stevens of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, the town of Whiting was established on August 6, 1763, pursuant to a charter that New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth issued to 48 proprietors including five members of the Whiting family—Captain Nathaniel, Eliphalet, Asa, John, and Lewis, and

Whereas, the boundaries of Whiting were described in the charter as “Beginning at the Northwest corner of Leicester, from thence North Eighty five degrees West to the West Line of Bridport to a stake and a stone . . . ,” and

Whereas, the original proprietors held a meeting in Wrentham, Massachusetts on October 6, 1772, and

Whereas, following an onsite survey, Elihue Marshall constructed the first log cabin in Whiting at a location known as Walker Hill, and

Whereas, the first proprietors' meeting held in Whiting took place on August 13, 1784, when John Willson was selected as the town clerk, and

Whereas, the proprietors agreed to forfeit over 7,000 acres, mostly swamp, to the towns of Leicester and Cornwall to correct an error in the charter's boundary description, and

Whereas, in 1784, the voters of Whiting elected Samuel Beach as their first State Representative, and

Whereas, the first road built in Whiting was the old proprietors road which extend on a north-south axis through the entire town, and

Whereas, in 1787, the proprietors' role was concluded, the town was officially organized, and the first town meeting was conducted, and

Whereas, the town of Whiting was located originally in Bennington County, then became part of the newly established Rutland County in 1781, and later at its request was assigned to Addison County, where it has remained despite a subsequent request of the electorate to be reassigned to Rutland County, and

Whereas, by the year 1804, the first school house had been constructed as the local electorate decided to conduct town meetings in this building, and

Whereas, Jeremiah Hall of Whiting invented the first circular saw in the United States, and

Whereas, local sawmills, sheep raising, and dairy farming have each played an important role in Whiting's economy, and

Whereas, 2013 marks 250 years since the town of Whiting was established, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the town of Whiting on its sestercentennial anniversary, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 49.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots Berkshire Swim League championship boys' and girls' teams

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Mt. Anthony Union High School (MAU) is the proud home of Vermont's only interscholastic boys' and girls' swimming teams, and they compete in the tri-state Berkshire Swim League, an unusual interscholastic athletics alignment as most leagues consist of schools from one, or at most, two states, and

Whereas, over the years, a number of the Patriots have earned either all-league status or been named as the boy or girl MVP swimmer, including the girl MVP swimmer in the recently concluded 2012–2013 season, and

Whereas, the girls' team has previously won six Berkshire Swim League titles, and in 2012–2013, both the MAU girls, and for the first time, the boys, concluded the 2012–2013 season as the League's champions, and

Whereas, the students on the 2012–2013 MAU girls' Berkshire Swim League championship team were Heather Foley, Jady Tifft, Kate Ahearn, Emily Barlow, Logan Carpenter, Emily Cross, Emily Hunt, Haley Iserman, Hailey Lang, Haley Osgood, Taylor Palmer, Cyonn Alexander, Abby Cohen, April Foley, Vicka Medvedev, Baylee Ports, Rachel Rogge, KC Tiffany, Taylyr Tobin, Bridget Ahearn, Annie Caslin, Jasmin Dickinson, Phebe Hall, Emily Altland, Jami Mathers, Munroe Ports, Keira Hogan, Ashley Steinhoff, Sophie Bylina, Summer Lampron, Bridget Keenan, Haley Goepel, Kate Montague, Emily Severence, and Stephanie Souls, and

Whereas, the championship boys' swim team's roster included Jordan Allard, Travis DeForge, Trenton Endres, Colin McGuire, Robert Murphy, Isaiah Severs, Thomas Spier, Sean Hamilton, Brian Steinhoff, Austin Becker-Ulrich, Kevin Gorey, Zachary Rogers, Morgan Flynn, Zachary LaForest, Andrew Spencer, and Ryan Spencer, and

Whereas, the coaches for both teams were Head Coach Anna Swierad and Assistant Coaches Anne Webster-Lang and Carrie Fabricius, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots Berkshire Swim League championship boys and girls teams, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 50.

House concurrent resolution honoring Art Bradley, Kelly James, and Bob Warner as founding members of the Weybridge Volunteer Fire Department

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, in most Vermont towns, the fire department is a volunteer organization in which individuals respond to calls from work and home and at all hours of the day and night, and

Whereas, the Weybridge Volunteer Fire Department (the Department) was established in March 1961 when a group of interested citizens, recognizing the need for the Town to create its own firefighting capacity, met at the Town Hall to formalize this objective, and

Whereas, three of the attendees at that historic meeting and founding members of the Department were Art Bradley, Kelly James, and Bob Warner, and

Whereas, once the Department was formed, volunteers purchased an old truck and then devoted many hours to converting it to a suitable firefighting vehicle, and

Whereas, in December 1961, the Department purchased a small plot of land on Quaker Village Road in Weybridge and, relying largely on donations and salvaged materials, built a single-bay fire station, and

Whereas, in 1964, as the Department had grown, the fire station was expanded to a 42- by 40-foot building featuring vehicle bays for both a tanker truck and a pumper, and

Whereas, by 1982, the two-bay fire station was inadequate to meet the Department's needs, and a three-bay fire station, located in the new Weybridge Town Garage building, was inaugurated, and

Whereas, the founding and continued success of the Department is a tribute to its volunteers, including its pioneering founders Art Bradley, Kelly James, and Bob Warner, and

Whereas, in tribute to these three outstanding firefighting veterans, the town of Weybridge is proudly dedicating its 2012 Town Report in their honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Art Bradley, Kelly James, and Bob Warner as founding members of the Weybridge Volunteer Fire Department, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 51.

House concurrent resolution honoring Tom Charbonneau

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, Tom Charbonneau understands financial matters in their most intricate detail, and

Whereas, for a quarter of a century, he was employed at the Chittenden Trust Company, and

Whereas, the town of Bridport recognized his financial expertise when it selected him as its town treasurer in 1996, and

Whereas, for the next dozen years, until his retirement in 2008, Tom Charbonneau performed the duties of the Bridport Town Treasurer in a most professional and responsible manner, and

Whereas, visitors to the Bridport Town Offices knew Tom Charbonneau as a friendly person who always had a funny story or joke to relate, and

Whereas, his reputation as an outstanding treasurer was also demonstrated during his service as the Tri-Town Water District Treasurer from 2005 to 2007, and

Whereas, Tom Charbonneau and his wife, Patricia, have resided in the town of Bridport for one-half century, and they have five children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, and

Whereas, the Town of Bridport has dedicated its 2012 Town Report in his honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Tom Charbonneau for his public service on behalf of the town of Bridport and the Tri-Town Water District, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tom Charbonneau in Bridport.