

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**March 21, 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. 61.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the outstanding efforts of those who care for, educate, and advocate for our young children in Vermont

Offered by: Representative Miller of Shaftsbury

Whereas, today's young children are tomorrow's voters, workers, taxpayers, and parents, and

Whereas, a good start helps ensure both a child's and Vermont's future prosperity, and

Whereas, science tells us that early experiences establish the architecture of a child's developing brain, and nurturing and individualized interactions with adults—at home and in the community—build a strong foundation for future growth and development, and

Whereas, the quality of early childhood experiences establishes either a sturdy or fragile foundation for all development that follows, and

Whereas, child development is community development as well as economic development, as healthy, capable young children are the building blocks of a solid and productive society, and

Whereas, although 85 percent of a child's core brain structure is formed by the age of four years, less than nine percent of public investments in education and development is made by that time, and

Whereas, all Vermonters want their young children to grow into solid community members and active participants in our economy, and

Whereas, concerned Vermonters will gather at the State House on March 13, 2013, to discuss with their state legislators increasing accessibility to and affordability for all Vermonters of high-quality early child care, health, and education services, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the outstanding work of all those who care for, educate, and advocate for our young children in Vermont who are

visiting the State House on March 13, 2013, which is Early Childhood 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 sponsoring organizations of the Vermont Early Childhood Alliance including Building Bright Futures State Council, the Vermont Family Network, and Voices for Vermont's Children.

### **H.C.R. 62.**

House concurrent resolution designating March 11–17 as Multiple Sclerosis Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Krebs of South Hero and Johnson of South Hero

Whereas, multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling, disease of the central nervous system that is typically diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, and

Whereas, this disease interrupts the signal between the brain and the body and can prevent persons from fully participating in certain activities, and

Whereas, over 1,600 Vermonters have multiple sclerosis, and

Whereas, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society organizes persons and resources to stimulate research and a cure and to address the challenges of those afflicted with multiple sclerosis, and

Whereas, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society encourages research and treatment aimed at halting the disease's progression, enabling multiple sclerosis victims to resume regular life activities, and ending this condition permanently, and

Whereas, the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society advocates for, educates, provides services for, and supports persons with multiple sclerosis and their families to help them maintain the highest quality of life possible, and

Whereas, another important role for the society's New England chapter is to encourage individuals with multiple sclerosis, their families, health professionals, and concerned citizens to advocate for policy changes to promote high-quality health care and improved health insurance coverage, better long term care services, and the rights of those with disabilities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 11–17 as Multiple Sclerosis Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Greater New England Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

### **H.C.R. 63.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating Vermont Railway's gift of a 1913 rail car to the City of Rutland

Offered by: Representative Russell of Rutland City

Whereas, the General Assembly chartered the Rutland & Burlington Railroad in 1843, and

Whereas, this legislative action was the foundation for the establishment of freight and passenger rail service in the City of Rutland, and

Whereas, the Rutland & Burlington Railroad was the first operating rail line in Vermont, and its route between the two municipalities was completed in 1849, and

Whereas, by the late 1860s, this railway company was known as the Rutland Railroad, and after 1950 as the Rutland Railway, and

Whereas, the Rutland Railroad's route system once extended for approximately 400 miles in Vermont and into New York State, and

Whereas, although the Rutland Railway ceased operating in 1963, the Vermont Railway, a part of the Vermont Rail System, now operates trains on much of the former Rutland Railway's track network, and

Whereas, the Vermont Railway retains historic ties to the City of Rutland and, in recognition of this relationship, has donated a 1913 rail car to the city, and

Whereas, this century-old rail car will be sheltered and displayed publicly at the Vermont Farm and Food Center, which is the new home of Rutland City's winter market, and

Whereas, the rail car will serve as a reminder that local families built and worked on the Rutland Railroad and of the impact this railroad had on the history and development of the City of Rutland, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly applauds Vermont Railway's gift of a 1913 rail car to the City of Rutland, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Rail System in Burlington, to Rutland City Mayor Christopher Louras, and to the Rutland Railway Association.

**H.C.R. 64.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the winners of the sixth Annual Junior Iron Chef VT statewide youth culinary competition

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Shoreham, Buxton of Tunbridge, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Manwaring of Wilmington, Partridge of Windham, Pugh of South Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, the appetizing aroma of student-created original recipes wafted through the Champlain Valley Expo Center in Essex as an enthralled crowd of over 1,000 spectators witnessed the sixth Annual Junior Iron Chef VT culinary extravaganza on February 2, 2013, and

Whereas, all of the recipes featured local ingredients and can be replicated in a school cafeteria, and

Whereas, 74 teams totaling 330 students and representing over 55 Vermont schools participated in this unusual cooking competition which is the ultimate celebration of Vermont's truly special farm-to-school movement, and

Whereas, two awards — Best in Show, honoring a recipe that incorporates great colors, textures, and taste and is a true crowd pleaser and the Lively Local Award, recognizing a recipe that best highlights Vermont foods — were presented in morning and afternoon heats, and each time slot featured both middle school and high school winners, and

Whereas, in the morning cook-off, the Best in Show winners were The Dipsters (Twin Valley Middle School) and the Rebel Chefs (South Burlington High School), and the Lively Local Award honorees were the Stockbridge Salmon (Stockbridge Central School) and the Royal Chefs (South Royalton High School), and

Whereas, the afternoon's culinary champions in the Best in Show category were the Charlotte Chefs (Charlotte Central School) and the J-Lee Quinwonkers (Twin Valley High School), while the recipients of the Lively Local Award were the Cougars (Crossett Brook Middle School) and the Zeman's Zing Zangs (Twin Valley High School), and

Whereas, all of the participating students and their advisors deserve recognition for their efforts during the many months they devoted to preparing for this grand event, and

Whereas, Junior Iron Chef VT's coordinator Libby McDonald, the Burlington School Food Project, and VT-FEED as well as the generous corporate sponsors and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets also deserve credit for contributing to Junior Iron Chef VT's continuing success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the winners of the sixth Annual Junior Iron Chef VT statewide youth culinary competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Burlington School Food Project, to VT-FEED and to each of the winning teams honored in this resolution.

#### **H.C.R. 65.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Tom Fagan and his role in the establishment of the Rutland Halloween Parade

Offered by: Representative Russell of Rutland City

Whereas, Tom Fagan proved that Halloween is not a celebration reserved exclusively for children, and

Whereas, he was a respected *Rutland Herald* reporter, mentor to his more junior newsroom colleagues, and served on occasion as city editor, and

Whereas, Tom Fagan was also known as a prankster who could insert his fun-loving side into the *Herald's* copy, arranging for publication in the paper of humorous and fictional stories and events, and

Whereas, Tom Fagan's unusual avocation as a lover of comic book superheroes reflected both his enjoyment of a good time and a passion for crime-fighting as a newsman who covered the police and city hall beats, and

Whereas, his devotion to the adventures of crime-fighting heroes, their evil nemeses, and the other characters featured on the colorful and graphically illustrated pages of the Marvel and DC comic publications extended far beyond the role of enthusiastic reader and fan, and

Whereas, Tom Fagan was instrumental in organizing the first Rutland Halloween Parade in 1959 and for many years remained associated with this annual festival of ghosts, goblins, and assorted costumed characters, and

Whereas, popular and perhaps informed speculation was rampant that Tom Fagan marched in the parade disguised as one of his favorite comic book characters, and

Whereas, the Rutland Halloween Parade gained national attention as a result of Tom Fagan's success in convincing comic book publishers and authors to promote the parade on their pages and to travel to Rutland and march as their costumed characters, and

Whereas, Tom Fagan made his own appearances in some of these publications as an associate of his favorite fictional personalities, and

Whereas, when he died at age 76 in 2008, Tom Fagan's fellow journalists had fond memories, and he is best memorialized in the continuing vitality of the annual Rutland Halloween Parade, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly remembers Tom Fagan as an outstanding journalist and one of the Rutland Halloween Parade's creators, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Tom Fagan, to the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, and to the *Rutland Herald*.

#### **H.C.R. 66.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the American Veterinary Medical Association on its 150th anniversary

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Doyle, Fox, McAllister, Pollina, and Zuckerman

Whereas, the American Veterinary Medical Association was founded in 1863 as the U.S. Veterinary Medical Association in New York City, and

Whereas, veterinarians have played an integral role in discovering the causes of numerous diseases that can affect our nation's citizens, including salmonellosis, West Nile infection, yellow fever, and malaria, and

Whereas, these health care professionals provide valuable protection of the public through preventive medicine, control of zoonotic diseases, and scientific research, and

Whereas, they have advanced human and animal health by inventing and refining technologies and instrumentations, including artificial hips, bone plates, splints, and arthroscopic surgery, and

Whereas, veterinarians play an integral role in protecting the quality of dairy and beef herds nationwide and the security of the entire U.S. food supply, and

Whereas, military veterinarians provide crucial support to the nation's armed forces and assistance to the agricultural independence of developing nations around the world, and

Whereas, disaster relief veterinarians provide public health services and veterinary medicine support for animals and humans displaced and ravaged by natural and human-caused emergencies, and

Whereas, veterinarians are dedicated to preserving the human-animal bond and promoting the highest standards of science-based and ethical animal welfare, and

Whereas, 2013 marks the 150th anniversary of organized veterinary medicine in the United States, and

Whereas, professional colleagues from Vermont and around the world will be joining veterinarians in the United States to celebrate this momentous occasion, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the American Veterinary Medical Association on its 150th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the American Veterinary Medical Association and to the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association.

**H.C.R. 67.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the federal TRIO programs in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Jerman of Essex, Buxton of Tunbridge, Christie of Hartford, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Feltus of Lyndon, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lippert of Hinesburg, Masland of Thetford, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Woodward of Johnson, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Baruth, Benning, Cummings, Doyle, Fox, McCormack, and White

Whereas, promoting the academic success of students who come from families with minimal economic resources and who aspire to be the first member of their family to attend college is the laudable goal of the federal



TRIO programs, and, in Vermont, these important academic preparatory programs serve students at seven colleges and through the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, and

Whereas, Upward Bound, the original federally financed college incentive program for disadvantaged students, was established in 1965 under the auspices of the federal Office of Economic Opportunity, and, in coordination with the later-established Upward Bound Math Science, helps secondary school students from financially disadvantaged families prepare for college, and

Whereas, the Talent Search Program, initially authorized in the Higher Education Act of 1965, assists students early in the college admissions and financial aid process, and

Whereas, the federal Education Amendments of 1968 reauthorized these two original programs, established Special Services for Disadvantaged Students, and united all three under the umbrella of the federal Office (now Department) of Education, and

Whereas, this threesome of special programs for students from low-income backgrounds became known informally as TRIO, and

Whereas, over the ensuing decades, additional programs such as Veterans Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers, and the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program have all been added to the TRIO mix, and

Whereas, in 1992, Congress renamed and combined all of the programs as the federal TRIO programs, and

Whereas, the federal TRIO programs continue to be a gateway for financially disadvantaged students to attend college, and

Whereas, students and administrators representing the federal TRIO programs in Vermont are visiting the State House today, Thursday, March 21, 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to honor the outstanding work of the federal TRIO programs in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Project TRIO staff at Vermont Technical College.

## **H.C.R. 68.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the creative recreational proposal of Playgrounds for P.E.A.S.E.

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, and Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, Playgrounds for P.E.A.S.E. (Play and Engage in Accessible Spaces for Everyone) is a community organization committed to the establishment of a new playground in Burlington that will include many elements of universal accessibility and design for children and adults, and

Whereas, this special recreational development is a joint project of Playgrounds for P.E.A.S.E., the Burlington Parks and Recreation Department, and the Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children, and

Whereas, this new playground will serve as a regional recreational destination, attracting Vermonters as well as visitors from Maine, New Hampshire, northern New York, and Quebec, and

Whereas, a fundamental design requirement for the playground is that transportation and access to all areas of the facility are flexible for both children and adults to the maximum extent possible, and

Whereas, the playground will include commercial equipment that can be easily repaired and maintained, as well as natural elements of design, and

Whereas, a special element of the playground will be the offering of rehabilitation and recreational opportunities for adults, and

Whereas, there are currently few accessible playgrounds for children and adults in northern New England, and this new facility will serve as a model for other communities seeking to add universally accessible elements to their parks and playgrounds, and

Whereas, an extensive list of educational, health, and rehabilitation organizations as well as individuals have endorsed the Playgrounds for P.E.A.S.E. proposal, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the creative recreational proposal of Playgrounds for P.E.A.S.E. and wishes the organization every success in completing this worthy endeavor, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Division for Early Childhood in Williston.

**H.C.R. 69.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the Playhouse Cooperative's creative effort to save and operate Randolph's Playhouse Movie Theatre

Offered by: Representatives Townsend of Randolph, French of Randolph, Buxton of Tunbridge, Conquest of Newbury, Masland of Thetford, and Winters of Williamstown

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, a movie studio's cost per copy to print and distribute a movie on 35 millimeter film is approximately \$1,500.00 while the comparative digital distribution cost is only \$150.00, and

Whereas, one major film studio has already warned theater owners that 35 millimeter film distribution will soon cease, and other studios are expected to follow, and

Whereas, the large national chains have mostly converted to digital projection, but the cost of up to \$75,000.00 per screen is often prohibitive for small independently owned theaters, forcing some to close, and

Whereas, one locally owned theater that is seeking to remain a thriving community cinema is Randolph's Playhouse Movie Theatre, which was established in 1919, and

Whereas, after exploring the option of operating as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization, the theatre's owners decided that the best option for the necessary fundraising drive and future ownership of the theatre was to establish a nonprofit consumer cooperative, which came into legal existence on August 8, 2012, and

Whereas, the Playhouse Cooperative is responsible for the approximately \$75,000.00 fundraising drive and would assume ownership of the theatre once the new equipment is installed, and

Whereas, initial capitalization is occurring through the selling of shares to area residents, who become the owners of the Playhouse Cooperative, and the community has shown great support for this project, and

Whereas, one of the creative fundraising events is a Drive the Community Day on May 4, an all-day event at the theatre, with a goal to sign up 300 persons to test drive a new Ford car, and

Whereas, if this number of drivers is reached, the Ford Motor Company will donate \$6,000.00 to the fundraising effort, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the Playhouse Cooperative's creative effort to save and operate Randolph's Playhouse Movie Theatre and wishes it every success, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Playhouse Cooperative in Randolph.

### **H.C.R. 70.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Cheryl White and the *Valley Voice* newspaper for outstanding community service

Offered by: Representatives Smith of New Haven, Lanpher of Vergennes, Fisher of Lincoln, Jewett of Ripton, Nuovo of Middlebury, Ralston of Middlebury, Sharpe of Bristol, Stevens of Shoreham, and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, the White family has been associated with the *Valley Voice* since 1974, and for 39 years this journalistic enterprise has been distributed to readers throughout Addison County, sections of Chittenden, Rutland, Orange, and Washington counties, and in a number of New York communities along the Lake Champlain shoreline, and

Whereas, throughout nearly four decades, Cheryl White has directed the editorial and operational work of the *Valley Voice*, and

Whereas, the *Valley Voice* is a venue for both local advertising and the presentation of inspiring and uplifting stories on local people, projects, and traditions found in small-town Vermont, and

Whereas, Cheryl White has worked throughout her tenure to broaden the newspaper's readership, which now numbers 9,000, and to include in each weekly issue a balance of Yankee ingenuity, community products, community stories, and a reverence for celebrating life and all that is Vermont, and

Whereas, she has enabled aspiring journalists, especially young writers, to pursue their craft and see their articles published in the *Valley Voice*, and

Whereas, the White family tradition of publishing with loving care and pride is continuing, as the children and grandchildren of Cheryl White are actively involved in every aspect of the process, and

Whereas, in an era of instant media where standards are all too often discarded, the *Valley Voice* represents a traditional brand of quality journalism and historical continuity which readers on both sides of Lake Champlain have enjoyed for three generations, and

Whereas, Cheryl White is truly a caring and conscientious guardian of her family's commitment to journalistic excellence who intends to continue her stewardship of the *Valley Voice*, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Cheryl White and the *Valley Voice* newspaper for outstanding community service, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 71.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Daniel H. Deuel of West Rutland

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Tunbridge, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Cross of Winooski, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Heath of Westford, Helm of Fair Haven, Keenan of St. Albans City, Lippert of Hinesburg, Malcolm of Pawlet, McCormack of Burlington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Stevens of Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, and Woodward of Johnson

Whereas, Danny Deuel was an educator and public official who performed both of these roles with great pride and a sense of public duty, and

Whereas, in 1969, he earned a degree in mathematics from Castleton State College, and then taught math at West Rutland High School from 1969 until retiring in 2001, and

Whereas, Danny Deuel coached West Rutland High School varsity boys' basketball from 1969 to 1974, and his teams earned 100 victories, twice played in a divisional final, and in 1973 clinched a state championship title, and

Whereas, starting in 1978, Danny Deuel embarked on a parallel second career as an elected legislative official, and

Whereas, he began with the West Rutland Selectboard on which he served for 11 consecutive years, and

Whereas, in 1992, he ran successfully for a seat in the House of Representatives and for four biennia represented the towns of Clarendon, Proctor, Ira, and West Rutland, and

Whereas, former Representative Danny Deuel was dedicated to improving the quality of public education in Vermont and developing more equitable ways to finance this critical public enterprise, and

Whereas, in his first term, he served on the House Committee on Education and for the balance of his legislative service was a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and

Whereas, he was extremely proud of his work leading to the adoption of Act 60 which devised a new system of financing public education in Vermont, and

Whereas, on a regional basis, he served on the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Council of Southwestern Vermont, including two years as the Council's President, and

Whereas, Danny Deuel died on February 13, 2013, and his survivors include his wife, Suzanne, three stepchildren, Tom, Kendra, and Joel, seven stepgrandchildren, a stepgreat-grandchild, and his brothers, Ned and Richard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family and friends of former Representative Danny Deuel, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Suzanne Deuel and to the West Rutland Town Clerk.

#### **H.C.R. 72.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II girls' ice hockey championship team

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Ellis of Waterbury, Grad of Moretown, and Greshin of Warren

Whereas, ice hockey is a fast-paced sport in which a single shot at the goal can decide a contest, and

Whereas, the 2012–2013 Harwood Union High School Highlanders were among the most exciting teams to watch in Division II girls' competition, and

Whereas, the Highlanders' smooth skating and success in maneuvering the puck past the defending goalie enabled them to reach the Division II

championship game against the North Country Union High School Falcons, and

Whereas, these equally proficient teams featuring alert goalies, great defensive strategists, and many offensive initiatives completed the three regulation periods in a scoreless tie, but a Harwood skater deflected a shot from the point by a Highlander teammate into the net for a 1–0 Harwood victory, and

Whereas, this victory was especially sweet as it marked the first time the Highlander girls' hockey team had won a state championship, and

Whereas, the Harwood squad that returned from Gutterson Field House in Burlington as the Division II champions included Zoe Alves, Taylor Yandow, Katlyn Martin, Carrie Johnson, Luna Isham, Quincy Alves, Nicole DeFreest, Haley Spittle, Hayley Martini, Danielle Kuiper, Allison Pierce, Madison Woodard, Laura Nealy, Sarah Noyes, Kaylee Ferris, Emily Vasseur, and Siena Damon, and

Whereas, Head Coach Mike Vasseur, Assistant Coaches Tom Burrows and Scott Hunter, and team Manager Haley Cleary were all great team assets, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Harwood Union High School Highlanders Division II girls' ice hockey championship team, and be it further

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

#### **S.C.R. 17.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Montpelier on its centennial anniversary.

*Whereas*, the presence of Jewish families in Montpelier was recorded as early as 1895, and

*Whereas*, as stated in a Yiddish language document displayed prominently at the Beth Jacob Synagogue, the congregation was established in 1913 as Chevra Bais Yaakov (Beth Jacob), and

*Whereas*, the name of the Synagogue was chosen in memory of 10-year-old Jacob Yett, a son of one of the congregation's founders, who had died in an accident, and

*Whereas*, this same document established a framework of officers and trustees for the Synagogue, authorized the payment of financial support from members of the Jewish community, and required Jewish residents residing in Barre and Montpelier to pray at the Synagogue on designated holy days, and

*Whereas*, according to a written history of the Beth Jacob Synagogue, on October 14, 1914, the three synagogue trustees Harris Yett, I. Hendelman, and E. L. Segel filed articles of association with the Secretary of State for “Congregation Base Yaucove,” creating a legal framework for the Synagogue pursuant to the laws of the State of Vermont, and

*Whereas*, only a month later, on behalf of the Synagogue, the three trustees purchased a property on Harrison Avenue and created a Jewish house of worship, which also for many years served as the residence of the congregation’s rabbi, and

*Whereas*, according to Myron Samuelson’s book on the Jews of Burlington, a specially trained Jewish scribe or sopher at the Beth Jacob Synagogue, named Mr. Krozer, wrote the calligraphy and prepared the parchment for a sacred Torah scroll, and its completion represented an historic milestone for the Montpelier Jewish community, and

*Whereas*, according to the *Times-Argus*, the Beth Jacob community room was added in 1967, and

*Whereas*, in recent years, Beth Jacob’s much-loved sanctuary was in need of rejuvenation, and the congregation opted to build a beautiful new sanctuary on the original sanctuary’s footprint, and it was dedicated in 2010, and

*Whereas*, in 2013, the Beth Jacob Synagogue is celebrating its centennial anniversary with a series of commemorative events, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Montpelier on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Beth Jacob Synagogue.

**S.C.R. 18.**

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Shrewsbury Selectboard Chair Donald Parrish.

*Whereas*, Don Parrish was born in Washington, D.C. and for many years resided in the Town of Shrewsbury, and



*Whereas*, he was a dedicated advocate for persons with disabilities and a distinguished local public servant, and

*Whereas*, during the early part of his working life, Don Parrish was a U.S. Postal Service employee, and

*Whereas*, Don Parrish began a new career at Vermont Legal Aid (VLA) in Rutland, serving as the chief advocate in the Client Assistance Program which is under the auspices of the VLA's Disability Law Project, and

*Whereas*, in 2004, Don Parrish earned a bachelor's degree in legal studies from Woodbury College, and

*Whereas*, Don Parrish represented his clients effectively, always keeping their best interests as his first priority, and

*Whereas*, his reputation as an exemplary advocate and his expertise regarding the administration of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. No. 93-112, led the Governor to appoint him to several state panels related to the legal protection of persons with disabilities, and

*Whereas*, Don Parrish always advanced the principle that persons with disabilities are entitled to dignity and self-respect in their daily lives, and

*Whereas*, in the Town of Shrewsbury, Don Parrish served for many years as a member of the Selectboard, including as its recording secretary and chair, as town auditor, on the Boards of the local chamber music society and library, and he had also served as a volunteer firefighter, and

*Whereas*, in 1999, in recognition of his work for the State and the Town of Shrewsbury, Don Parrish was presented a Vermont Public Service Award, and

*Whereas*, Don Parrish lived and worked with energy, passion, dedication, and an unflinching sense of ethics directed toward the goal of social justice, and

*Whereas*, Don Parrish died on September 6, 2012 following a long and courageous battle against cancer, and his survivors include his father Spike, his wife Annette, children Nicholas, Brittany, Zeb, Jensen, and Timothy, granddaughter Zulie, sister Janet, and brothers Rick and Steve, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family and many colleagues and friends of Donald Parrish, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Annette Parrish, to Vermont Legal Aid in Rutland, and to the Shrewsbury Town Clerk.