

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**March 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. 73.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Townsend Swayze on his receipt of a special award from the Government of Bangladesh

Offered by: Representative Buxton of Tunbridge

Whereas, in 1947, when the British decided to end colonial rule and grant India independence, it was clear that the Hindu and Muslim populations could not share a common government, which led to the establishment of the separate nations of Hindu India and Muslim Pakistan, and

Whereas, the new nation of Pakistan consisted of two areas, and Punjab became West Pakistan and Bengal was designated as East Pakistan, and a 1,000 mile swath of India lay between them, and

Whereas, West Pakistan economically dominated East Pakistan, and when the West Pakistani language of Urdu was declared the only official language, to the exclusion of the East Pakistani language of Bangla, conflict between the two sectors of Pakistan sharpened considerably and a Bengali independence movement emerged, and

Whereas, in 1971, prior to the West Pakistani invasion of East Pakistan and the ensuing short but extremely vicious civil war resulting in the birth of Bangladesh, Townsend Swayze of Tunbridge was a U.S. Department of State desk officer with responsibility for American aid to Pakistan, and

Whereas, the declared American foreign aid policy was that assistance to Pakistan should be distributed to both East and West Pakistan, and

Whereas, with the assistance of a small team of U.S. Department of State colleagues, Townsend Swayze suspended all foreign assistance to Pakistan for an eight-month period prior to Bangladesh's independence, preventing West Pakistan from applying foreign assistance in ways detrimental to East Pakistan, and

Whereas, over 40 years later, in December 2012, Townsend Swayze was one of approximately 60 honored guests who the Government of Bangladesh, at its expense, invited to the capital, Dhaka, for three days of festivities and presentation of a special award recognizing their role in supporting Bangladeshi liberation from West Pakistan, and

Whereas, this unexpected honor was well deserved, as Townsend Swayze's efforts to prevent Pakistan from receiving foreign assistance that would have

thwarted the liberation movement in Bangladesh helped lead to that independence, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Townsend Swayze on his receipt of a special award from the Government of Bangladesh, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Townsend Swayze in Tunbridge.

**H.C.R. 74.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Mount Anthony Union High School Patriots' 25th consecutive state and seventh New England championship wrestling team

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, the legendary Mount Anthony Union High School (MAU) Patriots' wrestling team continued to surpass its Vermont opponents in 2013, and

Whereas, at the 2013 state championship meet in Vergennes, the Patriots earned eight individual championships and amassed 324 points, overwhelming second-place St. Johnsbury Academy with a 217-point victory margin, and

Whereas, as if this 25th consecutive state championship were not a sufficient capstone for a great season, the Patriots proceeded to the 2013 New England high school championship meet in Providence, Rhode Island and again impressed all in attendance, and

Whereas, MAU clinched two individual championships, three finalist slots, and four place finisher positions as the team compiled 109 points, easily topping five-time defending champion Timberlane Regional High School of Plaistow, New Hampshire for the Patriots' seventh regional crown, and

Whereas, the wrestlers who made this historic season a reality were Tyler Raetz, Troy Gassaway, Dylan LaFountain, Kyle Fletcher, Miguel Calixto, Bailey Willard, Houston Shaler, Vincent Pagan, Damon Young, Tyler Mattison, Austin Price, Brandon Marcoux-Schaefer, Jack Luciano, and Jesse Webb, and

Whereas, they had the support of statisticians Samantha Mayer, Cassidy Carpenter, and Andre Anne Chenaille, manager Jett Willard, and head coach Scott Legacy, who has directed all 25 state championship teams and who had the great assistance of Brian Coon, Frank Gaudette, Dan Pierce, Scott Legacy

II, Jeff Whitesell, Robert LaBrake, Bucky Noyes, and Eric Becker, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Mount Anthony Union High School Patriots' 25th consecutive state and seventh New England championship wrestling team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 75.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Law School 2013 National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition championship team

Offered by: Representative Buxton of Tunbridge

Whereas, for the 25th year, the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition (NELMCC) was held at the Pace Law School in White Plains, New York, and

Whereas, teams of students, representing their respective law schools, argued an environmental case before an appellate panel of the mythical U.S. Court of Appeals for the Twelfth Circuit, and

Whereas, in 2013, the legal scenario featured the New Union Wildlife Federation as the environmental organization plaintiff, which had sued defendant Jim Bob Bowman in a citizen suit alleging that the defendant violated the federal Clean Water Act because he had converted approximately 1,000 acres of wetlands into dry land without the necessary Clean Water Act permit, and

Whereas, the plaintiff had lost in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Union, the state where the alleged violation occurred, both procedurally for lack of judicial standing and substantively on all grounds, and

Whereas, the scenario's facts left the plaintiff's counsel with the challenge of proving the federal district court at least partially incorrect, and the defendant's counsel had the task of persuading the appellate tribunal that the lower court issued a correct decision, and

Whereas, the law students were required to zealously represent both sides of this dispute, which occurred on the shoreline of the appropriately named Muddy River, and

Whereas, the teams' oral arguments were judged on their organization and preparation, courtroom presentation, handling of questions, and legal reasoning, and an adjustment factor was also granted to the judging panel, and

Whereas, the Vermont Law School (VLS) team, consisting of Emily Dupraz, Ryan Kane, and Joshua Leckey, was named the overall winner, and

Whereas, the VLS team was also honored for presenting the best overall brief, and

Whereas, 2013 was the first VLS victory at the NELMCC since the team of David Mears, Hans Huessy, and Davis Buckley won in 1991, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Law School 2013 National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition championship team, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 76.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Rochester High School Rockets Division IV boys' basketball championship team

Offered by: Representative Haas of Rochester

Whereas, small Rochester High School's 2012–2013 boys' basketball team could easily challenge teams from far larger schools, and

Whereas, the Rockets, as one team member stated, have great team chemistry because its players have played together for many years, and

Whereas, the Rockets sustained only one defeat during the regular season and defended, dribbled, and shot their way into the 2013 Division IV boys' basketball championship game against the West Rutland High School Golden Horde at the Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, although West Rutland took a brief second-quarter 12–9 lead, the Rockets rebounded quickly, pulling ahead 29–18 at halftime and easily defeating the Horde 68–43, and

Whereas, this state championship represented the Rockets' first divisional title since 1993, and a team member set the individual Division IV scoring record for the final four in boys' basketball, and

Whereas, the proud team members were Jay Benson, Pavin Parrish, Mike Smith, Clay Walker, Caedin Ostro-Remy, John Gorton, Harrison Heist, Ben Wardwell, Nate Andrews, Derick Gendron, Andrew Rogers, Trevor Mears, and Tanner Pratt, and

Whereas, Head Coach Earl Kingsbury and Assistant Coaches Greg White and Peter Parrish were patient and wise team mentors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Rochester High School Rockets Division IV boys' basketball championship team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 77.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Westminster Cares, Inc. on its 25th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney and Deen of Westminister

Offered by: Senator White

Whereas, Westminister Cares is a volunteer community service organization established 25 years ago and based in Westminister with a mission to work with “seniors and disabled adults in Westminister, Vermont to help them remain healthy and independent in the community,” and

Whereas, the organization fulfills this mission through a schedule of specific programs and services for its clientele, and

Whereas, the programs that Westminister Cares offers include Secrets of Healthy Aging, a discussion group for seniors; Living Strong, a community-based group exercise program; Gentle Yoga, a regular schedule of yoga classes; The Artist in Each of Us, art classes for seniors; Healthy Food Workshops, a series of occasional seminars on the benefits of nutritious meals that participants prepare under the guidance of an experienced cook; and Wednesday Walkers, a walking program, and

Whereas, Westminister Cares services also consist of transportation for local residents age 60 and adults with disabilities for local health, shopping, and personal appointments; Meals on Wheels from Monday through Friday for qualified individuals; home heating assistance through a specially established fund as well as assistance in finding alternative funding sources; friendly visits by volunteers to persons living alone and in need of social contact; information and referral services to assist residents to continue living at home; home health care equipment loans, offering items such as walkers and wheelchairs; a monthly potluck lunch for seniors; and a chores service offering assistance with yard work and simple home repairs, and

Whereas, in commemoration of its 25th anniversary, Westminister Cares is conducting several celebratory events including a speaker series featuring *New York Times* columnist Jane Brody and Dartmouth Medical School faculty member Dennis McCullough, both of whom have written about end-of-life issues, and Vermont Public Radio commentator Willem Lange, and

Whereas, Westminster Cares' founder Karen Walter and Ronnie Friedman, who has devoted ten years of service to the organization, will each be honored, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Westminster Cares, Inc. on its 25th anniversary and wishes it continued success in its important community service work, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Westminster Cares, Inc.

### **H.C.R. 78.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Vergennes Union High School Division II championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh and Lanpher of Vergennes

Whereas, the 2012–2013 boys' basketball season was especially exciting for the fans of the Vergennes Union High School Commodores, and

Whereas, the Commodores played a consistently top-caliber game, leaving the court victorious at the conclusion of each regular season contest, and

Whereas, Vergennes lived up to the Vermont high school sports pundits' expectations as it earned a berth in the Division II championship game in Barre against the Burr & Burton Academy Bulldogs, and

Whereas, although the Commodores trailed at the end of the first quarter 13–11, they quickly recovered and were on top 33–24 at halftime, led 51–32 at the end of the third quarter, and, at the final buzzer, and were thrilled with their 62–49 victory, and 24–0 season record, and

Whereas, this Division II championship was Vergennes' first boys' basketball state title since 2001, and

Whereas, this undefeated championship team included Justin Strona, Jesse Whitney, Brendon Huestis, Liam Hayes, Jarrett LaFleche, Jamie DeVries, Shep Carter, Devin Hayes, Nate Cannon, Zach Ouellette, Cody Quattrocci, Charlie Stapleford, Dan McGrath, Josh Benning, and Stanley Salley, and

Whereas, Head Coach Peter Quinn, Assistant Coaches Wayne Jones and Kyle Jones, and student managers Hunter Casey and Jason Russin each played important roles along the way to victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Vergennes Union High School Division II championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 79.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department on its centennial anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Frank of Underhill and Till of Jericho

Whereas, in 1906, a fire destroyed several major structures in Jericho, but not until 1913 did two men not known for their speed, Elbridge Nealy and Frank Ladue, form the Underhill Fire Department as a volunteer organization, and

Whereas, Elbridge Nealy became the first chief, and the sole fire wagon consisted of a tank mounted on two wagon wheels with a chemically based water release system and a wire box to store the hose, and

Whereas, the service area for this manually powered fire wagon was limited to the Underhill Flats Village and the Riverside section of Jericho, and

Whereas, motorized firefighting serving both towns came in 1927, and

Whereas, in 1936, under Chief Howard Davis, the first fire station was built in Jericho, and the town of Jericho contributed \$200 to departmental costs, resulting in the new name of the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department (UJFD), and

Whereas, in 1951, while Chief Howard Davis was still in command, the UJFD saved the District 5 School in Underhill Center, became an incorporated entity, and opened a new brick fire station in Underhill, and

Whereas, in the early 1960s, Chief Robert King oversaw the purchase of the department's first commercial fire truck and lowered insurance costs, and

Whereas, Chief Randall H. Clark's tenure included the construction in 1982 of a new two-bay Jericho substation that is used primarily as a quick response station for calls in Jericho Center and West Bolton, and

Whereas, under the leadership of Chief David Tillotson, the UJFD purchased equipment to extricate persons from car accidents, established mountain and water rescue teams, and in 1997 constructed a new four-bay main station in Underhill, and

Whereas, Chief Randall E. Clark, the third generation of his family to hold this post, oversaw the UJFD's addition of a fulltime EMT staff member and continued equipment modernization, and

Whereas, since 2011, Chief Todd Fischer has been in command, and the department now also serves West Bolton and parts of Westford, and



Whereas, on July 13, 2013, the UJFD will conduct a gala centennial celebration at Mills Riverside Park, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department.

### **H.C.R. 80.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Rutland High School Raiders Division I championship cheerleading team

Offered by: Representatives Gage of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Russell of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Myers of Essex, Potter of Clarendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Whereas, exuberant cheerleading routines are neither spontaneous nor simple and require numerous hours of practice, and

Whereas, teams from high schools across Vermont compete against each other for statewide honors at the annual cheerleading championship, which in 2013 was held at Vergennes Union High School, and

Whereas, this year, the coaches recalculated their presentation strategies to accommodate a new set of scoring guidelines or rubric, and

Whereas, after the cheering and judges' scoring tabulations were completed, the Rutland High School Raiders were declared the Division I champions for the seventh time, easily defeating second-place BFA-St. Albans 181–169, and far surpassing defending champion Essex High School which placed third at 159, and

Whereas, the 2013 Raider cheerleaders included Georgianna Boynton, Hannah Franzoni, Taylor Goeke, Pamela McCullough, Emily Patrick, Taylor Pitts, Dawn Rauch, Vanessa Robertson, Taylor Chuderski, Carly Coombs, Dominique Gatto, Rachel Hauck, Colleen Levins, Catherine DiPalma, Gabriella Elnicki, Kennedy Pagano, Molly Waite, Madison Couture, Julia Miglorie, Margarette Reilly, and alternative team members Kaitlin Josselyn, Ashley Moore, and McKenzie Swane, and

Whereas, Head Coach Cara Gauvin, Assistant Coach Bethann Shortle, and Manager Tamra Jaurigue were each essential to the Raiders' victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Rutland High School Raiders Division I championship cheerleading team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 81.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Women's History Project and its women in journalism panel's commemoration of Women's History Month

Offered by: Representatives Taylor of Barre City, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Devereux of Mount Holly, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Gallivan of Chittenden, Grad of Moretown, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Marek of Newfane, Michelsen of Hardwick, Mook of Bennington, Myers of Essex, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Stevens of Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor, Townsend of South Burlington, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, the Vermont Women's History Project (VWHP) was established in 2004 as an initiative of the Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) "to promote the critical roles women have played in our nation's history" and is now under the auspices of the Vermont Historical Society (VHS) and a steering committee consisting of historians and partner organizations, and

Whereas, the mission of the VWHP is "to promoting the understanding of the diverse experience of women in Vermont history" and "to create a new perspective on history and culture that will have a positive effect on society's perceptions of women," and

Whereas, the VWHP maintains an informative website featuring a database of Vermont women organized both geographically and according to 20 fields of endeavor including activists, early settlers, equal rights, government, politics, and sports, and

Whereas, March is Women's History Month, an annual international commemoration of women's historical and societal contributions, and

Whereas, on March 26, 2013, the VHS and VCW will cosponsor a panel discussion highlighting the contributions of women to Vermont journalism in the past, the present, and looking into the future, and

Whereas, moderating the panel will be Rickey Gard Diamond, editor of *Vermont Woman*, and panelists will be: Anne Galloway, editor and founder of vtdigger.org; Kristin Carlson of WCAX television; Nina Keck of Vermont Public Radio; and Terri Hallenbeck of the *Burlington Free Press*, and

Whereas, Vermont historian Marilyn Blackwell, author of *Frontier Feminist: Clarina Howard Nichols and the Politics of Motherhood*, will open the event with introductory comments, and

Whereas, the panel will focus on the challenges faced by women journalists, and serve as an encouragement for young women to enter this profession which is fundamental to our democratic society, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont Women's History Project and its women in journalism panel's commemoration of Women's History Month, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Women's History Project at the Vermont Historical Society.

### **H.C.R. 82.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Clarendon Fire Association, Inc. on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Batchelor of Derby, Bouchard of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Consejo of Sheldon, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Malcolm of Pawlet, Marek of Newfane, Quimby of Concord, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Stevens of Shoreham, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Townsend of Randolph, and Turner of Milton

Whereas, after fires destroyed several Clarendon landmarks in the early 1960s, a community consensus emerged to form a local volunteer fire department, and

Whereas, as a result of this sentiment, on October 20, 1963, interested citizens met to organize the Clarendon Fire Association, and

Whereas, Charles Ketcham served briefly as the first chief and upon his resignation, Alan Ridlon was appointed as his successor, and

Whereas, on November 12, 1963, the first meeting of Clarendon Fire Association volunteers was convened at the Clarendon Grange Hall, and

Whereas, this newly formed fire department soon spent \$500.00 to purchase a 1947 Chevrolet 1,000-gallon tanker equipped with a portable pump, and

Whereas, in the spring of 1964, for \$250.00, the Association bought a two-story barn in Rutland that was dismantled and reconstructed in Clarendon as a two-bay fire station which included a second floor meeting room, and

Whereas, by the time the Clarendon Fire Association's first annual report was issued, 18 volunteer firefighters had completed a basic training course, and another six had reached the advance level, and

Whereas, a milestone was reached in 1966 when the Association entered into a mutual aid pact with the Rutland City Fire Department, and

Whereas, in 1967, the members of the Clarendon Fire Association were extremely proud when Chief Alan Ridlon was selected as the first recipient of Vermont's Fireman of the Year Award, and

Whereas, that same year, the Clarendon Fire Association won several firefighting awards, including the Koltonski Trophy, the Most in Line of March Award, and other honors, and

Whereas, over the decades, the Clarendon Fire Association has modernized its truck fleet and equipment and improved its radio communications, and

Whereas, members of the Clarendon Fire Association include firefighters who have met the qualifications for Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, and Hazardous Material Operations designation, and

Whereas, in 2013, the Clarendon Fire Association is celebrating its 50th anniversary and is extremely proud of the professional quality service it provides with an all-volunteer force, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Clarendon Fire Association, Inc. on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 83.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Jeannette Lynch

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor, Bartholomew of Hartland, and Clarkson of Woodstock

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Jeannette Lynch represented an ideal role model for the nursing profession and was a pioneering woman hospital administrator, and

Whereas, she was born in Hinesburg and graduated from Richmond High School, and

Whereas, her post-secondary education included attendance at St. Michael's College, and she graduated in 1949 from the Fanny Allen Hospital School of Nursing, and

Whereas, she worked as a surgical nurse at the Windsor Hospital before assuming the role of the hospital's administrator, and

Whereas, for many years, she was assistant administrator at the Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center and was a leader in its development as a respected health care facility, and

Whereas, one of her responsibilities at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center was directing its nursing home, and

Whereas, Jeannette Lynch's excellent leadership in this role resulted in her appointment to the state panel that regulates nursing homes, and

Whereas, her leadership at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center extended to its Auxiliary organization, in which she served as treasurer and in other positions, and

Whereas, her community leadership extended beyond the hospital's grounds, including serving as President of the local American Red Cross chapter, as a member of the Ladies Red Hat Society, and on the Board of Trustees of the Historic Homes of Runnemedede in Windsor, and

Whereas, her recreational pursuits included knitting, quilting, boating, gardening, and driving around Windsor in her antique Model T Ford, and

Whereas, Jeannette Lynch, who lived an active and rewarding life, died recently at the age of 84, and her survivors include her husband John, children John and Cynthia, grandchildren Valerie, Paul, and Thomas, and sisters Laurette, Florette, Helen, and Ida, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family and many friends of Jeannette Lynch, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to her husband, son, and daughter and to the Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center in Windsor.

**S.C.R. 19.**

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Roy Jacobsen, cofounder of the first chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America.

*Whereas*, Roy Jacobsen, known to his friends as Jake, was born in Lakewood, New Jersey, and

*Whereas*, he studied theology at Kings College in Briarcliff Manor, New York, and

*Whereas*, Jake Jacobsen served in Vietnam as a U.S. Air Force air commando and was proud of his military service, and

*Whereas*, he eventually settled in Vermont and resided in Clarendon with his wife, Marilyn, and

*Whereas*, Jake Jacobsen became concerned about the well-being of his fellow Vietnam veterans and sought to rekindle the camaraderie he had established with other military personnel while serving in Vietnam, and

*Whereas*, in response to an ad in search of Vietnam veterans, he met Don Bodette, who also sought to connect with fellow Vietnam War colleagues, and

*Whereas*, at the time of their first meeting, the Vietnam Veterans of America was established as a national organization based in Washington, D.C., and

*Whereas*, despite the reluctance of the organization's national leadership, Jake Jacobsen and Donny Bodette established the first local chapter in Rutland, and today there are hundreds of chapters throughout the United States, and

*Whereas*, Jake Jacobsen was deeply devoted to his family, including his wife, Marilyn, children Kyle, Brian, and Janine, and grandchildren Morgan, Ryan, Kelsey, and Jacob, and

*Whereas*, his family and many friends in Chapter 1 of Vietnam Veterans of America were all saddened at the news of Jake Jacobsen's death at the age of 68, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Roy Jacobsen of Clarendon on the death of this truly patriotic American who cared so much about his fellow veterans, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to his wife, Marilyn Jacobsen, to each of his children, and to Chapter 1 of the Vietnam Veterans of America.