

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

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Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Representative requests floor consideration before the end of Friday's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration must be communicated to the House Clerk's office.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 123.

House concurrent resolution designating April 25, 2013 as Victims' Awareness Day

Offered by: Representatives Fay of St. Johnsbury, Bartholomew of Hartland, Burke of Brattleboro, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Conquest of Newbury, Goodwin of Weston, Grad of Moretown, Heath of Westford, Hooper of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Marek of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Michelsen of Hardwick, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, South of St. Johnsbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Strong of Albany, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Vowinkel of Hartford, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Weed of Enosburgh, Wizowaty of Burlington, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, advocates at the 14 member programs of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence work tirelessly around the clock, every day of the year, to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and to prevent violence in our communities, and

Whereas, in 2012, these advocates served more than 10,000 survivors from every corner of Vermont, and

Whereas, the crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault tear at the very fabric of our communities, and it is the role of advocates to hear these stories, witness pain and violence over and over again, and hold onto hope for a different future for the individual survivors they support and for our society as a whole, and

Whereas, domestic violence and sexual assault are not easy to talk about, although they affect millions of women, children, and men every year, and

Whereas, because of the stigma and shame, these issues often remain hidden in our society, and

Whereas, the national NO MORE campaign seeks to bring domestic violence and sexual assault into the national spotlight to generate more attention, resources, and action to prevent them, and

Whereas, NO MORE aims to empower bystanders of domestic violence and sexual assault in every community to break their silence around these issues and get involved, and

Whereas, no one individual can do everything required to end domestic violence and sexual assault, but we can all do something, and, working together, we can create communities where domestic and sexual violence are not tolerated, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates and honors the victim advocates working ceaselessly across Vermont to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and to end violence, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly recognizes the efforts of the NO MORE campaign to halt domestic and sexual violence around the world, and designates April 25 as Vermont Victims' Awareness Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

H.C.R. 124.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Vermont senior forensic chemist Marcia J. LaFountain

Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

Offered by: Senator Campbell

Whereas, Marcia LaFountain lived a busy professional and personal life and was known among her friends as an adventurous and creative individual, and

Whereas, she was born in Germany, where her father was stationed in the U.S Army, grew up in Calais, and graduated from U-32 High School, and

Whereas, after a brief sojourn to study at Colorado State University, Marcia LaFountain returned home to Vermont to earn an associate's degree in hematology, and then she headed to Boston for employment at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and

Whereas, while residing in Boston, Marcia LaFountain earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Massachusetts Boston and studied at the Boston Architectural Center, and

Whereas, after she and her future husband, Kurt Pettinga, returned to Vermont in 1991, Marcia LaFountain earned a master's degree in cellular and molecular biology from the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, with her enhanced academic specialization, she worked as a chemist at the Vermont Forensics Laboratory for 17 years and since 2011 as the laboratory's senior forensic chemist, and

Whereas, her special continuing personal project was the renovation of her home, an old Duxbury farmstead, drawing on her architectural knowledge, and

Whereas, when not focused on home improvements, Marcia LaFountain's many personal pleasures ranged from the athletic, including equestrian activities and snowboarding, to the more sedate, such as cooking, gardening, and knitting, and

Whereas, both she and her husband liked to travel to new and interesting destinations and had visited Africa, Central America, Europe, and Iceland, and

Whereas, Marcia LaFountain was a compassionate, fun-loving, and wonderful person whose life ended far too soon at age 55 on April 4, 2013 following a brief illness, and

Whereas, her survivors include her husband, Kurt Pettinga, her mother, Barbara LaFountain, her brother, Robert, her sister, Lisa, and extended family members, and all of them, along with many friends and colleagues, will miss her, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors and thanks Marcia LaFountain for her public service on behalf the State of Vermont and extends sincere condolences to her family, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to her husband, mother, brother, and sister.

H.C.R. 125.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the sestercentennial anniversary of the Town of Sudbury

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, the Town of Sudbury is located in the northeastern corner of Rutland County, and its "fourteen thousand four Hundred & Twenty four Acres" or "near five miles square" size, as described in the charter that New Hampshire's Royal Governor Benning Wentworth issued to a group of proprietors on August 6, 1763, is perhaps the smallest of any town established under his authority, and

Whereas, the boundaries of Sudbury were described as "Begining at the South West Corner of Neshobe from thence North four deg⁸ West five Miles & Two hundred rods to a Stake & Stones from thence North Eighty five deg⁸

West to the Easterly Side Line of Shoreham from thence South five Miles & Two hundred rods to a Stake & Stones . . . ,” and

Whereas, the proprietors assembled soon after the issuance of the charter at the home of Silas Brown in Sudbury, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, the town may have been named for the Massachusetts town, for Sudbury, England, or for Baron Sudbury, the title of Wentworth’s kinsman Augustus Henry Fitzroy, and

Whereas, in 1772, a military road was constructed from Ft. Warren in Castleton to the Crown Point Road in Sudbury, which itself had been constructed from 1759 to 1760, as was the Ft. Ti Branch road, and

Whereas, the proprietors met in 1775 and drew a range map supposedly showing both the Crown Point and Ft. Ti Branch military roads, and

Whereas, the first recorded Sudbury Town Meeting was held on January 15, 1789, but it may not have been the organizational meeting, although it is documented that John Hall was elected that day as moderator, and

Whereas, an unaffiliated religious group conducted services in 1791 at the Hawkins farm, and

Whereas, the group affiliated with the Congregational Church in 1803, and a Federal style meeting house for worship and public days was opened in 1807 and still stands, and

Whereas, the Town of Sudbury is celebrating the 250th anniversary of its establishment with festivities on the 10th of August, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sestercentennial anniversary of the Town of Sudbury, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Sudbury Town Clerk and the Sudbury Historical Society.

H.C.R. 126.

House concurrent resolution honoring *Burlington Free Press* reporter Candace Page for her outstanding journalism career

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, for over four decades, Candace Page has aspired to journalistic excellence in her coverage of newsworthy events and the writing of newspaper stories, and

Whereas, her career in journalism was not the one she had planned, as she attended graduate school at the University of Wisconsin at Madison as an Asian Indian studies major, and

Whereas, in 1973, while back in her home state of Vermont for a supposedly brief stay, Candace Page sought a temporary job at the *Burlington Free Press*, and accepted a position as a copy editor, and

Whereas, Candace Page immediately realized that a newsroom provided a personally conducive and exciting work environment, and that she had accidentally but happily discovered that journalism was her ideal vocation, and

Whereas, in 1975, her career path proceeded from the *Burlington Free Press* to the *Providence Journal* and then on to the former United Press International wire service, and

Whereas, in 1981, she returned to her journalism home at the *Burlington Free Press* where she has been on staff for the past three decades, filling many different roles, including Burlington City Hall reporter, Capital Bureau chief, managing editor, and, since 2005, environment reporter, an assignment that has proven most enjoyable for this avid hiker and back-country skier, and

Whereas, after 40 years of newspaper or wire service reporting or editing, Candace Page will be retiring from the full-time *Burlington Free Press* staff in April 2013 but plans to keep her pad and pencil at hand as a freelance writer, and

Whereas, Candace Page, her husband, their children, and grandchildren all look forward to outdoor adventures, and she also hopes to continue satisfying her passion for cooking, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors *Burlington Free Press* reporter Candace Page for her outstanding journalism career, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 127.

House concurrent resolution designating April 27 as Vermont Youth Appreciation Day

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

Whereas, more than 40 percent of Vermont youths participate in volunteer activities and programs through their schools, or private and religious organizations, for the betterment of their local and state communities, and

Whereas, many Vermont youths are employed within their regions, providing needed services for the citizens of Vermont, and

Whereas, both in and out of school, they participate in sports, music, theater and other arts activities, which provide greatly needed enjoyment and entertainment in all communities, and

Whereas, Vermont youths are engaged in the use and development of technology and social media, supporting and promoting new skills and abilities which will be needed in our future economy, and

Whereas, they are engaged in projects to clean up and improve the environment through recycling efforts, composting, reducing waste, participating in local Green-up Day activities, and promoting environmental awareness to the larger community, and

Whereas, many Vermont youths provide child care for their extended families as well as other needed services, enabling family members to be employed, and

Whereas, Vermont youths are essential for the growth and development of an economy in which entrepreneurs will prosper, a culture of respect will develop, commitment and independence will be important, and an educational system in which students will flourish, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Saturday, April 27, 2013 as Vermont Youth Appreciation Day with activities that celebrate the gifts of Vermont youths to our State through their actions, their contributions, and their promise, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kiah Morris at the Southwest Vermont Career Development Center in Bennington.

H.C.R. 128.

House concurrent resolution designating June 22, 2013 as Town Hall Theater Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representative Nuovo of Middlebury

Whereas, one of Middlebury's architectural and cultural treasures is the Town Hall Theater, an impressive 1880s brick structure, and

Whereas, a group of artistically and civically concerned individuals was formed in 1997 to purchase it and restore architectural luster while simultaneously retrofitting it as a first-class, 21st-century performance, exhibition, and meeting venue, and

Whereas, with the assistance of the Bread Loaf Corporation, the Endeavor Fund, Middlebury College, and the State of Vermont as well as hundreds of local contributors, the supporters of this worthy endeavor were able to purchase the building in the year 2000, and

Whereas, the improvements included stabilization of the structure, restoration of the bell tower, renovation and modernization of the theater space, installation of new seating and modern technical systems, including HD satellite reception and video projection, and the addition of the Jackson Gallery, and

Whereas, Town Hall Theater is now the home of the Middlebury Community Players, The Maiden Vermont Chorus, the Middlebury Actors Workshop, and the Opera Company of Middlebury and hosts the After Dark Music Series, Point Counterpoint, the Vermont Bookshop Authors Series, Night Fires, the Champaign Philharmonic Orchestra, and fundraising events for area nonprofits, and

Whereas, since opening in 2008, the theater has presented a wide range of events, including nationally known performers, Middlebury College presentations, weddings, teen dances, town meetings, memorial celebrations, educational events, live broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera, and the Middlebury Union High School Junior Prom, and

Whereas, the Will and Carolyn Jackson Gallery at Town Hall Theater presents eight exhibitions each year of the work of Vermont artists, and

Whereas, Town Hall Theater now presents over 165 events every year and was presented a Preservation Trust of Vermont Award, and

Whereas, on June 22, 2013, the Town Hall Theater will celebrate its fifth anniversary with a performance cavalcade of memorable past events as part of a festive birthday party, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates June 22, 2013 as Town Hall Theater Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Town Hall Theater in Middlebury.

H.C.R. 129.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Vermont Prudential Spirit of Community Award Winners

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

Whereas, annually, Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals present the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards to secondary school students for their exemplary volunteerism, and

Whereas, Neel Desai and Michaela Forgione were designated as the 2013 Vermont State Honorees, will each receive a \$1,000.00 award and an engraved silver medallion, and will compete for national recognition at an all-expense-paid event this spring in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, Neel Desai, a South Burlington High School senior, attended a student leadership conference in central Europe and returned home looking for a way to serve his community, and

Whereas, he established a nonprofit organization, Teach for Tomorrow, that teaches computer skills at workshops conducted at the local public library, and

Whereas, his partners and he received a grant to finance six workshops, and one session featured Senator Leahy addressing the group via Skype, presenting his thoughts on technology, and

Whereas, Michaela Forgione of South Burlington, a seventh-grader at Mater Christi School, regularly helps to feed the hungry and visits a local nursing home, and

Whereas, she asked friends to give her grocery store gift cards for her birthday and used the \$600.00 worth of cards to feed the hungry, and she organized a dancing jigathon, raising \$300.00 plus for the family of a young boy paralyzed in a swimming accident, and

Whereas, Thomas Watson of Williston, a freshman at Champlain Valley Union High School, and Samantha Wulfson of South Burlington, a senior at South Burlington High School, were each named a Vermont's Distinguished Finalist and will each receive an engraved bronze medallion, and

Whereas, Thomas Watson trained nearly 400 persons, including the Governor, on how to conduct hands-only CPR, and

Whereas, Samantha Wulfson cofounded Vermont Dream Project, Inc., which provides tennis rackets and sneakers to children across the nation who otherwise would not be able to afford to play tennis, and

Whereas, each of these students is to be commended for his or her voluntary initiative and commitment to improve the lives of others, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates each of the 2013 Vermont Prudential Spirit of Community Award winners, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 130.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Hartland Winter Trails on the 40th anniversary of its system of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails

Offered by: Representatives Bartholomew of Hartland and Sweaney of Windsor

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, the community-managed system of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails in Hartland originated in the early 1970s when Henry Merritt sought a backyard recreational activity to keep his daughter, who suffered from cystic fibrosis, as healthy as possible, and

Whereas, when several high school students sought a practice course for Nordic skiing, they collaborated with adjacent landowners to extend the Merritt trail system to five kilometers, and

Whereas, in the years that followed, other landowners sought to expand the trail system onto their property, eventually necessitating a formal organization to manage this growing winter recreational resource, and

Whereas, in 1995, a group of the trail system's landowners established Hartland Winter Trails (HWT), a nonprofit and user-supported organization, and artist Gloria Charney designed a logo for the group depicting a skier in a descending glide with a mountain range in the background, and

Whereas, HWT's four core goals are "to provide a community resource for families and individuals of all ages; to foster community participation; to promote respect for and appreciation of the natural environment; and to enhance the physical and mental well-being of those who participate," and

Whereas, HWT is now a part of the Hartland Recreation Department, which provides liability insurance and accounting services, but it remains self-governing and dependent on private financial support through individual donations and occasional fundraisers, and

Whereas, HWT now encompasses 25 kilometers of well-maintained winter pathways, an array of sophisticated grooming equipment, and approximately 30 cooperating private landowners, and

Whereas, the Hartland Nordic Club, formed in 2012, is teaching youngsters to ski, and they can take advantage of HWT's new map, and

Whereas, the volunteers of HWT, including Gary Trachier, Jan and Mike Fisher, George and Carol Little, Lorraine Nichols, Theodore and Andrea Ambros, who is the HWT volunteer director, and Roger and Clydene Trachier, along with the skiers and snowshoers of Hartland continue to enjoy this 40-year-old local recreational resource, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Hartland Winter Trails on the 40th anniversary of its system of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hartland Winter Trails.

H.C.R. 131.

House concurrent resolution honoring the career and community service of Dr. Walter J. Griffiths of Bellows Falls

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, Dr. Walter Griffiths earned his medical degree at the Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York and completed his residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, and

Whereas, his wife, Eileen, and he arrived in Bellows Falls in July 1974, and he established a medical practice at the Hospital Professional Offices, and

Whereas, this newly arrived physician soon became affectionately known as Dr. Wally within months of starting his Vermont medical practice, and

Whereas, Dr. Wally has provided medical services to a broad age spectrum of local residents, serving for over two decades as the Bellows Falls Union High School football team doctor, and, in recognition of his many older patients, earning board certification in geriatric medicine from the Dartmouth Medical School in 1988, and

Whereas, in a reverse educational direction, Dr. Walter Griffiths mentored Dartmouth Medical School students, and

Whereas, on the top of Griswold Drive in Bellows Falls, Dr. Wally developed a conservation tree farm, including a series of hiking trails which are open to the public, and

Whereas, for 20 years, a Halloween tradition in Bellows Falls was for youngsters to visit Dr. Wally's home which he outfitted as a haunted house for the children's enjoyment, and

Whereas, in the business sector, he sat for a decade on the Bellows Falls Trust Company's Board of Directors, and

Whereas, for 35 years, his fraternal association has been as a member of the Bellows Falls Elks, and

Whereas, a New Zealand organization similar to Doctors Without Borders benefited from Dr. Walter Griffiths' professional expertise during his visits to that nation, where he gave respite relief to physicians in small rural towns, and

Whereas, this much beloved doctor whose kindness, consideration, and, of course, expert medical care have all meant so much to the residents of the Bellows Falls area will be retiring in June 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the career and community service of Dr. Walter J. Griffiths of Bellows Falls, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Wally in Bellows Falls.

H.C.R. 132.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Essex Hornets' state gymnastics champions

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

Whereas, prior to this academic year, the Essex High School Hornets gymnasts had won seven consecutive team and all-around (individual) state championships, and

Whereas, despite the perception among some competitors that injuries and team roster changes might end this long dual championship streak, any doubts were put to rest at the 2013 state gymnastics championship tournament held on February 23, 2013 at Essex High School, and

Whereas, Hornet Courtney Gleason performed with enormous finesse on the vault, placing first, and also finished second in the floor exercise, third on the bars, and fifth on the beam and amassed enough points to clinch Essex's eighth consecutive all-around title, and

Whereas, when all the competitors' scores were tallied, the Hornets, with a team score of 139.10, had narrowly edged the second-place Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks, who earned 138.25 points, and

Whereas, this hard-fought victory represented the Hornets' eighth consecutive gymnastics team state championship, and the triumphant team members included Keira Cameron, Ashley Douglas, Emily Douglas, Abigail Evans, Courtney Gleason, Rylie Hathaway, Michaela Isham, Olivia Mueller, Haley Sullivan, Karyn Svarczkopf, and Taylor Thompson, and

Whereas, the great Hornet coaching staff consisted of Head Coach Ashley Godin, Assistant Coach Mary Krug, and volunteers Mary Parmenter and Lucy Lincoln, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Essex Hornets' state gymnastics champions, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 133.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the designation of Birsky-Wyman Field in Springfield

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Springfield, Dakin of Chester, and Emmons of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Richie Wyman and the late Bo Birsky each taught for decades in the Springfield public school system, and

Whereas, each of these extraordinary individuals was a dedicated baseball coach who mentored and encouraged the players on the Springfield High School baseball team for a combined 51 years, and

Whereas, Bo Birsky taught mathematics at the Riverside Middle School for nearly half a century, and

Whereas, he also served as the varsity baseball coach at Springfield High School from 1946 until 1974, and

Whereas, Coach Birsky earned the respect and admiration of his players as he taught them the technical aspects of America's sporting pastime and, more importantly, lessons of good sportsmanship that would last a lifetime, and

Whereas, Richie Wyman was a teacher at Springfield High School from 1961 until 1999, and

Whereas, in 1975, he assumed the varsity baseball coaching duties at Springfield High School and continued in this role until 1998, and

Whereas, his coaching skills inspired the players to play their best, to take to the baseball diamond proudly as representatives of Springfield High School, and to win and lose with grace, and

Whereas, some of Coaches Birsky's and Wyman's students are now serving as coaches and teachers themselves and bringing the valuable lessons they learned from their mentors to a new generation of student athletes, and

Whereas, on May 11, 2013, preceding the varsity baseball game between Springfield High School and Windsor High School, the Town of Springfield will dedicate the baseball field at Riverside Park in memory of Coach Bo Birsky and in honor of Coach Richie Wyman as Birsky-Wyman Field in a

most fitting tribute to both of these pillars of the Springfield public school system, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the designation of Birsky-Wyman Field in Springfield, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richie Wyman, the family of Bo Birsky, and the Springfield Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 134.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home, Lincoln Essay Competition Winners

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Christie of Hartford, Goodwin of Weston, Grad of Moretown, Krowinski of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Vowinkel of Hartford, Wilson of Manchester, and Wizowaty of Burlington

Whereas, Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home in Manchester, sponsors an annual essay contest for eighth grade students, focusing on an important issue of the day, and

Whereas, the question for the 2013 contest was “Is civil discourse necessary for civil society? Sometimes? Always? Never? Support your position,” and

Whereas, 145 students, representing 30 Vermont schools, submitted essays of fewer than 500 words, and the judges had a challenging task selecting honorees, and

Whereas, first place, with a \$1,000.00 prize, was awarded to Isaac Dodson (Edmunds Middle School in Burlington), with faculty support from Kathy Gallagher and librarian Carole Renca, who worked with each Edmunds School winner, and

Whereas, the second-place winner, with a \$750.00 prize, was Sarah Mangiacotti (Stratton Mountain School and Maple Street School in Manchester Center), with faculty support from Matthew Smith and Alex Lehmann at Stratton Mountain, and Mary Mangiacotti at Maple Street, and

Whereas, the tied third-place prize recipients, with a \$500.00 prize awarded to each student, were James Reilly (Maple Street School), with faculty support from Mary Mangiacotti, and Rebecca Berlind (Edmunds Middle School), with faculty support from Richard Boyers, and

Whereas, honorable mention winners, with a \$200.00 prize each, were Conor Joyce (Hartford Memorial Middle School), with faculty support from Jennifer Boeri-Boyce; Sabrina Amorocho Laing (Edmunds Middle School),

with faculty support from Stephen Boyle; Anneka Williams (Harwood Union Middle/High School in Moretown), with faculty support from Sarah Ibson; and Maya Homziak (Edmunds Middle School), with faculty support from Stephen Boyle, and

Whereas, these outstanding young writers will receive their awards on May 19 at a luncheon at Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home, for writers, parents, teachers, and principals, at which the top three winners will read their essays aloud, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home, Lincoln Essay Competition Winners, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the students honored in this resolution and to Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home.

H.C.R. 135.

House concurrent resolution honoring West Rutland municipal official Jayne Pratt

Offered by: Representatives Burditt of West Rutland and Potter of Clarendon

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, for over three decades, the Town of West Rutland was fortunate that the multi-talented Jayne Pratt was a member of its administrative team, and

Whereas, Jayne Pratt began her municipal government career in 1980 as a West Rutland Lister, and

Whereas, in 1981, she added the role of West Rutland Zoning Administrator to her job portfolio, and

Whereas, her list of responsibilities expanded in 1984 when she took on a third position as that of West Rutland Assistant Town Clerk, and

Whereas, in 1986, she concluded her responsibilities as a Lister but moved up in the local government ranks to become West Rutland Town Clerk while remaining the Town's Zoning Administrator until 2011, and

Whereas, Jayne Pratt's knowledge of local government benefited organizations beyond her home town's borders, as she served as President of the membership group of Rutland County's town clerks and treasurers and for over 20 years on the boards of the Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association including over a decade on the association's education committee,

of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, of Vermont Enhanced 9-1-1, and of the local PEGTV organization, and

Whereas, Jayne Pratt is a respected member of her community, as evidenced when she was selected as the local Rotary President, and

Whereas, since retiring recently as West Rutland Town Clerk, Jayne Pratt has remained an active civic leader in her community through her participation in the Friends of the West Rutland Town Hall and the West Rutland Historical Society and is still directly involved in town government in her role as West Rutland Planning Commission Chair, and

Whereas, her decades of maintaining town records make her eminently qualified for her current duties as Board Secretary of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, and

Whereas, the superb civic and community service which Jayne Pratt has rendered merits special commendation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly House honors West Rutland municipal official Jayne Pratt, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 136.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of the Lothrop School

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, by the year 1911, all the classrooms in the Pittsford school district were full, necessitating the assignment of 17 seventh-grade students to a temporary classroom established at the Otter Creek Inn, and

Whereas, in response, the voters of Pittsford at the March 7, 1911 Town Meeting approved the motion of Rev. C. H. Smith that “the town erect an eight room brick school building according to the recommendation of the school house committee, to accommodate High, Grammar, Village and Mills Intermediate Schools,” and

Whereas, the Pittsford electorate, upon a motion of A. D. Tiffany, established a building committee to oversee this construction project, of which Ernest Hitchcock was designated chair, and

Whereas, upon motion of Albert Brouseau, the voters decided to name the school the Lothrop School in honor of the financial generosity of Henry E. Lothrop, and

Whereas, 96-year-old William Barton Shaw laid the cornerstone on August 15, 1911, the 150th anniversary of the granting of the Pittsford town charter, and

Whereas, the building committee hired Henry L. Rourke as the architect, and P. E. Mooney built the foundation, and

Whereas, the new building, which some residents considered far too grand, featured electric lights, slate blackboards, window screens, and an Italian marble entrance, which the Vermont Marble Company contributed for \$2.00, and

Whereas, the town accepted the finished building, costing \$47,794.29, in August 1912, and classes first met in their new home in September 1912, but at first only high school classes were assigned to the Lothrop School, and

Whereas, by approximately 1920, all 12 grades were assigned to the new building, and this configuration continued until Otter Valley Union High School opened in 1961, when Lothrop became an elementary school, and

Whereas, that same year, four new classrooms were added, more rooms were added in 1985, and further renovations occurred in 2008, and

Whereas, a celebration of the school's 100th anniversary will occur on May 31, 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial anniversary of the Lothrop School, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 137.

House concurrent resolution honoring David Clark for his outstanding leadership as Director of the Ilsley Library in Middlebury

Offered by: Representatives Nuovo of Middlebury and Ralston of Middlebury

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, for over 16 years, David Clark served as Director of the Ilsley Library in Middlebury, making it an increasingly important community resource, and

Whereas, David Clark's directorship has coincided with the expansion of library digitization, and under his expert guidance, the Ilsley Library has embraced the advantages of this technology while continuing to welcome bibliophiles who prefer the printed word in a traditionally bound book, and

Whereas, in 2003, the Ilsley Library was renovated, with the expansion of the side entrance, the installation of a new circulation desk, the addition of new office space, and the introduction of air conditioning, and

Whereas, in 2004, the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science awarded a Blue Ribbon Award to the Ilsley Library for its Collier Health Information Collection, and

Whereas, in 2005, the online catalog was updated and new services were introduced, including the ability to search all online library catalogues in Vermont and online request and renewal of books and digital materials, and

Whereas, in 2008, audiobooks could be downloaded from the library's website, and

Whereas, David Clark has served as President of the Vermont Library Association and has been active in the Addison County Libraries Association, the Better Middlebury Partnership, and the Middlebury Rotary, and in 2011 he led a Rotary Exchange to South Africa, and

Whereas, a special passion for David Clark is the Opera Company of Middlebury, with which he has been associated since its inception, and for the past six years he has served as president of this respected arts organization, and

Whereas, in 2012, the Addison County Chamber of Commerce awarded to David Clark its Buster Brush Citizen of the Year Award, and the 2012 Middlebury Town Report was dedicated in his honor, and

Whereas, David Clark concluded his extremely successful directorship of the Ilsley Library on March 15, 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors David Clark for his outstanding leadership as Director of the Ilsley Library in Middlebury, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to David Clark and to the Ilsley Library.

H.C.R. 138.

House concurrent resolution honoring the 2013 winners of the Working Forests Essay Contest

Offered by: Representatives Gallivan of Chittenden, Clarkson of Woodstock, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Kilmartin of

Newport City, Marcotte of Coventry, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, for decades, much of the Vermont forestland was not properly managed, and now, parcelization is occurring in a way that is permanently altering the Vermont landscape, and

Whereas, the future of Vermont's forest products industry will be the responsibility of the state's upcoming generations, and

Whereas, it is important to encourage young Vermonters to focus on the need to manage Vermont's forests in a sustainable and ecologically responsible manner that preserves the State's rural landscape and the vitality of the State's forest products industry, and

Whereas, an exciting opportunity for Vermont high school students to gain a better appreciation of Vermont forestry and the forest products industry is through their participation in an essay contest that the Vermont Woodlands Association, the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the French Foundation, and *Northern Woodlands* magazine jointly sponsor, and

Whereas, the contestants were instructed as follows: "As the next generation of forest stewards, we would like you to tell us, in 600 words or less, why working forests in Vermont are important and how they contribute to the quality of life of all Vermonters," and

Whereas, Kia Amirkiaee of Woodstock Union High School was awarded first prize for her essay "Vermonters and Forests: A Symbiotic Relationship" and won a \$1,000.00 prize, and

Whereas, the second- and third-prize winners were Ben Dillner of North Country Union High School and Nicholas Sweet of Rutland High School, and they were presented awards of \$750.00 and \$500.00 respectively, and

Whereas, each of these students was honored on April 6 at a ceremony conducted during the Vermont Woodlands Association annual meeting, held at Vermont Technical College in Randolph, and

Whereas, the first prize essay was published in the spring 2013 issue of *Northern Woodlands* magazine, and

Whereas, the future of Vermont's forests is a timely topic for legislative reflection on the first Friday in May, which is Arbor Day, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the winners of the 2013 Working Forests Essay Contest, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 139.

House concurrent resolution designating May as Older Americans Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representative Poirier of Barre City

Whereas, the State of Vermont includes over 144,000 citizens 60 years of age and older, and

Whereas, our State is committed to valuing all individuals and recognizing their ongoing life achievements, and

Whereas, older adults in Vermont play an important role through their continuing contribution of experience, knowledge, and wisdom to life in our State, and

Whereas, they are active community members involved in volunteering, mentorship, the arts, culture, and civic engagement, and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, between 1977 to 2007, there was a one hundred and one percent increase in the number of Americans 60 years of age and older who were employed, and

Whereas, recognizing the successes at work or as retirees of older Vermonters encourages their continuing community participation and spurs further accomplishments, and

Whereas, local communities can provide opportunities enabling older citizens to continue flourishing by emphasizing the importance of their leadership and publicly recognizing their continuing achievements, and

Whereas, presenting opportunities for older Americans to share their wisdom and experience has enormous societal benefits, and recognizes these Vermonters as a valuable asset in strengthening and enriching our communities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May as Older Americans Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Inc. in St. Johnsbury.

H.C.R. 140.

House concurrent resolution designating May 1, 2013 as Poverty Awareness Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Poirier of Barre City, Burke of Brattleboro, Donovan of Burlington, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Jerman of Essex, McCormack of Burlington, Miller of Shaftsbury, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Webb of Shelburne, and Weed of Enosburgh

Offered by: Senators Pollina and White

Whereas, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011 poverty data from its American Community Survey, 69,075 Vermonters, representing 12 percent of the state's population, were living in poverty, and

Whereas, the nonpartisan organization Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity reported that in, Vermont 15 percent of children and 11 percent of seniors live in poverty and 29 percent of single-parent families with related children are below the federal poverty level, and

Whereas, 4.9 percent of Vermonters live in extreme poverty, and

Whereas, according to the Vermont Department of Taxes, an individual earning \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 experienced a loss of adjusted gross income of -13.3 percent between 2001 and 2011 while the comparable figure for persons earning \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 was a gain of 51.9 percent, and

Whereas, as reported in the *Barre Montpelier Times Argus*, the National Low Income Housing Coalition and the Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition recently released a report, "Out of Reach 2013," which estimated that 63 percent of Vermont renters cannot afford the \$964.00 monthly fair market price for a two-bedroom apartment, and

Whereas, Vermont's childhood poverty rate has increased 50 percent during the past decade, and

Whereas, according to Hunger Free Vermont, 13 percent of all Vermont households are food insecure, 22 percent of the state's children under age 18 live in food insecure households, and 12,290 Vermont children depend on food shelves each month, and

Whereas, individuals who are dedicated to reducing and ultimately eliminating poverty in Vermont are gathered at the State House today, May 1, 2013, to inform legislators about the existence and ramifications of poverty in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 1, 2013 as Poverty Awareness Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, the

Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont Business Roundtable, and Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility.

S.C.R. 24.

Senate concurrent resolution designating September 2013 as River Green Up Month.

Whereas, in recognition of the role a concerted citizens' effort could contribute to beautifying Vermont's landscape, Governor Deane Davis issued an executive proclamation designating April 18, 1970 as "Green Up Day," which Vermonters were urged to observe "by volunteering two hours of their time to rid the highways of litter and to green up their neighborhoods," and

Whereas, on March 10, 1970, the General Assembly adopted Joint Resolution No. R-79 in support of the Governor's proclamation, and

Whereas, the first Green Up Day, during which the Interstate Highway System was closed for three hours, was an enormously successful event, and

Whereas, Green Up Day now takes place on the first Saturday in May, and

Whereas, Green Up's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the viability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter-free environment, and

Whereas, on May 1, Vermont's water levels are traditionally high and the water temperatures are low, making it difficult to perform efficient river cleanup efforts safely, resulting in few waterway cleanup efforts on Green Up Day, and

Whereas, designated waterway cleanup events are dependent on the variations in the weather, and dates should be chosen based on the best conditions for efficiency and safety, and

Whereas, river basin organizations' cleanup events are scattered throughout the summer months without statewide coordination or support, and

Whereas, during the month of September, water levels are usually low and temperatures are warm and colleges and schools are in session, and by involving youths, there is an opportunity for education regarding the importance of clean rivers and lakes, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates September 2013 as River Green Up Month, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor and to the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources.

