

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

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Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

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

Resolutions

H.C.R. 141.

House concurrent resolution honoring Dr. Kevin Daniel Crowley

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Lewis of Berlin

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, Dr. Kevin Crowley was born in 1948 in Northfield while his parents, Frank J. Crowley, a World War II veteran, and Anita O'Connor Crowley, were residing in the town as Frank finished his Norwich degree, and

Whereas, although he spent much of his youth in Wilmington, Delaware, Kevin Crowley returned to Vermont each summer to visit his grandparents in Hardwick where, as a teenager, he met Valerie Thompson, who would later become his wife, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, Kevin Crowley enrolled at Norwich University, and after graduation in 1970 earned a medical degree at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, and

Whereas, Dr. Kevin Crowley completed a family practice residency at the Womack Army Medical Center at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and

Whereas, while Kevin and Valerie Crowley were visiting family in Hardwick, the family car needed servicing, and instead of waiting at the Montpelier auto dealer, Dr. Kevin Crowley decided to hitchhike to Northfield to visit Norwich University, and

Whereas, a local undertaker, George Kingston, was his driver, and their conversation was the first step in Dr. Kevin Crowley's becoming Northfield's new town doctor, and

Whereas, Dr. Kevin Crowley's professional duties consisted of caring for patients from young to old, attending hospital rounds, and serving as the sick call physician on the Norwich University campus, and

Whereas, Dr. Kevin Crowley also served as a medical examiner who was called to the scene of accidents and deaths on many occasions, and

Whereas, he mentored University of Vermont medical students and served in many alumni roles at Norwich University, and

Whereas, this much-admired and respected country doctor retired in September 2012, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dr. Kevin Daniel Crowley for his dedication as a rural physician in Northfield and for his many years of alumni service at Norwich University, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Kevin Crowley in Northfield.

H.C.R. 142.

House concurrent resolution honoring Bennington College President Elizabeth Coleman for her visionary academic leadership and scholarship

Offered by: Representatives Campion of Bennington and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senator Hartwell

Whereas, in 1987, Elizabeth Coleman began her extraordinary quarter-century tenure as the ninth President of Bennington College, and

Whereas, her academic and administrative credentials include: an honors undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago; a PhD with distinction from Columbia University; literary scholarship; and service as the founding Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at New York's New School for Social Research, and

Whereas, her intellectual foresight, pragmatism, and resolute commitment to the long-term viability of Bennington College were called upon in 1994 when, at the Board of Trustees initiation, she led a decisive and difficult organizational restructuring that has brought fiscal stability and innovative academic programs for students, and

Whereas, among these new educational ventures are a low-residency graduate program in creative writing and the ambitious Center for the Advancement of Public Action (CAPA) which invites students to put the world's most pressing problems at the center of their education, and

Whereas, CAPA exemplifies Elizabeth Coleman's belief that higher education should be an innovative catalyst for reinvigorating society, and

Whereas, the Presidency of Elizabeth Coleman reflects many accomplishments, including an historically high enrollment derived from a record number of applicants; fund raising at a record \$175 million; the construction of six new buildings; and campus renovations, including the implementation of biomass as the primary campus heating source, and

Whereas, under Elizabeth Coleman's leadership, Bennington College has happily relinquished the distinction as the nation's most expensive college,

offering 80 percent of its students institutional grants and scholarships, with lower debt than the national average, and

Whereas, after a tenure of enormous historical significance and unusual longevity, Bennington College President Elizabeth Coleman will retire this June, but will remain to serve as Director of the Center for the Advancement of Public Action until June 2015, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Bennington College President Elizabeth Coleman for her visionary academic leadership and scholarship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Elizabeth Coleman at Bennington College.

H.C.R. 143.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center on its 40th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Hebert of Vernon, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, 40 years ago, a group of concerned citizens lovingly restored Brattleboro's historic 1915 Union Station building, which soon after was named to the National Register of Historic Places, and

Whereas, in an impressive example of the repurposing of a former transportation building, those local residents transformed Union Station into the now nationally renowned Brattleboro Museum & Art Center (BMAC), and

Whereas, BMAC enriches the Town of Brattleboro and surrounding communities by presenting world-class contemporary art exhibitions showcasing the work of such internationally renowned artists as Andy Warhol, Wolf Kahn, and Maya Lin as well as the emerging artists of the future, and

Whereas, art exhibitions are only one facet of BMAC's activities, as it hosts lectures, concerts, and many other events and offers an international travel program featuring art-focused educational journeys, and

Whereas, BMAC serves as a leader in southern Vermont in engaging schoolchildren through visual art, employing the widely respected methodology known as Visual Thinking Strategies, which enhances students' critical-thinking and literacy skills, and

Whereas, the museum serves as Vermont's affiliate for the prestigious national Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, which recognize and encourage our state's budding young artists and writers, and

Whereas, BMAC is an important New England arts destination and worthy of commendation for a job well done, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center on its 40th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Danny Lichtenfeld, Director of the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, and to the Museum's Board of Trustees and staff.

H.C.R. 144.

House concurrent resolution honoring the military valor of the Shores brothers in defending the Union during the Civil War

Offered by: Representatives Quimby of Concord, Batchelor of Derby, Branagan of Georgia, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Johnson of Canaan, Kilmartin of Newport City, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Marcotte of Coventry, Michelsen of Hardwick, South of St. Johnsbury, Strong of Albany, Toll of Danville, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Benning, Kitchel, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, in remembering the Civil War, it is important to reflect on the lives of individual Vermonters as well as the battles in which they fought, and

Whereas, two young brothers from Granby, Paschal Shores, age 18, and Ethan Shores, age 20, enlisted together on December 9, 1861 into Company K, 8th Regiment Vermont Volunteers, and their older brother George, age 22, enlisted shortly thereafter on January 1, 1862 into the same company and regiment, and

Whereas, George Shores was discharged on July 4, 1862 after sustaining a hernia while serving in Ship Island, Mississippi and was buried in Granby Village cemetery in 1917, and

Whereas, Paschal Shores was taken prisoner on September 4, 1862, but was able to rejoin his regiment, and

Whereas, on June 14, 1863, he was wounded at the Battle of Port Hudson in Louisiana when a musket ball hit his shoulder, but he refused a discharge, and

Whereas, Paschal Shores' life ended at the Battle of Cedar Creek on October 19, 1864 when a musket ball passed through one of his lungs, and he died at midnight the following night, and his brother Ethan saw him on the

battlefield and spoke to him one last time but, as he was carrying the Vermont colors, he could not stop, and

Whereas, Paschal Shores is now buried at Winchester National Cemetery in Virginia in lot No. 2, grave No. 1,674, and

Whereas, Ethan Shores was subjected to multiple wounds at the Battle of Bayou des Allemands in Bootee Station, Louisiana on September 4, 1862, was promoted to corporal on November 26, 1863, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant on July 1, 1864, and

Whereas, when the Vermont regimental color-bearer at the Battle of Cedar Creek was shot, Sgt. Ethan Shores seized the flag and shot one rebel and bayoneted another when challenged, and he retained the flag for the balance of the day after a corporal of the color guard was shot as Sgt. Ethan Shores passed him the flag, and

Whereas, Sgt. Ethan Shores survived the Civil War, returned to Granby, held various town offices, served in the General Assembly, and was buried at Shores Cemetery in Victory in 1901, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the military valor of the Shores brothers in defending the Union during the Civil War, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the descendants of these brave Vermonters.

H.C.R. 145.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance for U.S. military personnel of the award-winning documentary film *The Invisible War*

Offered by: Representatives O'Sullivan of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Cole of Burlington, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Chester, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Gallivan of Chittenden, Goodwin of Weston, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Krowinski of Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCullough of Williston, Michelsen of Hardwick, Miller of Shaftsbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Vowinkel of Hartford, Wizowaty of Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, sexual assaults in the U.S. military have not been diligently adjudicated, and historically, media reporting was sparse, and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Defense estimated that 19,300 service members were sexually assaulted in 2010, and

Whereas, documentary film director Kirby Dick and producers Amy Ziering and Tanner King Barklow adapted Columbia University journalism professor Helen Benedict's 2007 *Salon.com* article "The Private War of Women Soldiers" as a documentary film entitled *The Invisible War*, and

Whereas, this revealing documentary film has been honored with several awards and was nominated for an Academy Award in the Best Documentary Feature category, and

Whereas, nine sexually assaulted military personnel, eight females and one male, including U.S. Coast Guard Seaman Kori Cioca; U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Jessica Hinves; U.S. Marine Corps Officer Ariana Klay; U.S. Navy Seaman Trina McDonald; U.S. Marine Corps Second Lieutenant Elle Helmer; U.S. Navy Seaman Hannah Sewell; U.S. Army Sergeant Myla Haider; U.S. Navy Lieutenant Paula Coughlin; and U.S. Air Force Technical Sergeant Michael Matthews bravely agreed to forgo their privacy to tell their stories in this film, and

Whereas, various senior active and retired military officials and civilian experts, including Helen Benedict and eight members of Congress, also appeared in this film, and

Whereas, although the publicity resulting from this film prompted the U.S. Secretary of Defense to initiate changes in the Department's handling of sexual assault allegations, the problem of inconsistent prosecution of military personnel accused of committing sexual assault persists, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs has developed legislation requiring the Adjutant and Inspector General to report annually on sexual assault or harassment complaints in the Vermont National Guard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the importance for U.S. military personnel of the newly released documentary film *The Invisible War*, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chain Camera Pictures in Los Angeles, to the military personnel named in this resolution, and to Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General Steven Cray.

H.C.R. 146.

House concurrent resolution honoring Dianne Jaquith for her exemplary career at the Barstow Memorial School in Chittenden

Offered by: Representative Gallivan of Chittenden

Whereas, Dianne Jaquith was first introduced to the Barstow Memorial School in 1976, when she was hired as an emergency substitute secretary, and she remained on the job for the next five months, and

Whereas, her impressive emergency service was not forgotten, and in 1977, the Barstow Memorial School hired her again, this time as the school's administrative secretary, and

Whereas, this employment decision cemented a professional and personal association with the school that has continued for over three and one-half decades, and

Whereas, Dianne Jaquith has reported to seven different principals, each of whom recognized the outstanding quality of her work and relied on her to attend to the myriad situations that can arise on a typical school day, and

Whereas, although her office location changed several times, she has been a consistent and welcome presence in the operation of the Barstow Memorial School, and

Whereas, each school day Dianne Jaquith greets students and staff in the morning and then makes sure everyone is home safely in the evening, and

Whereas, her shoulder is ideal for crying on, and students know they can turn to her for support, and she is a woman with amazing patience, and

Whereas, Dianne Jaquith contributes back to the school in many ways with gifts, food, and graduation flowers that show the devotion she has to the school, her colleagues, and the students, and

Whereas, one of her claims to fame is having sung happy birthday to Governor Philip Hoff, and

Whereas, Dianne Jaquith has served in regional and state leadership roles in the Vermont Association of Educational Office Professionals, including president, and was its 2007 Region IV Apple Award recipient as the outstanding office professional of the year, and

Whereas, she has served on the Board of the National Association of Educational Office Professionals and chaired its Elementary Council, and

Whereas, after 37 years of exemplary service, Dianne Jaquith is concluding her special role at the Barstow Memorial School and will be honored at a school assembly on May 30, 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dianne Jaquith for her exemplary career at Barstow Memorial School in Chittenden, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dianne Jaquith at Barstow Memorial School in Chittenden.

H.C.R. 147.

House concurrent resolution honoring Stafford Technical Center Director Lyle Jepson on being named the 2013 Technical Director of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Cupoli of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Malcolm of Pawlet, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, as Director of the Stafford Technical Center in Rutland for 15 years, Lyle Jepson has brought creativity, imagination, and a willingness to work with individual students to his administrative portfolio, and

Whereas, this combination of personal attributes has proven ideal for supervising the diverse educational menu offered at the Stafford Technical Center, and

Whereas, the secondary education program features traditional technical education classes in automotive, culinary, cosmetology, electrical, and plumbing studies and other programs in digital arts, forestry, human services, music technology, public safety, recreation, and video and multimedia communications, and

Whereas, Stafford Technical Center is also the home of an extensive adult and continuing education program, which includes classes as varied as commercial driver license training, grant writing, Indian cooking, knitting, motorcycle operation, and watercolor painting, and

Whereas, the Stafford Technical Center is not shuttered during the summer months as it hosts summer camps including theme camps for ninth and tenth graders focusing on music performance, forestry and ecology, fun with food, crime scene investigation, and digital photography, and

Whereas, in 2001, the Vermont Principals Association (VPA) recognized the special attributes that Lyle Jepson brings to his duties as Director of the Stafford Technical Center when it honored him as the Technical Director of the Year, and

Whereas, in the 12 years since his receipt of this award, Lyle Jepson has continued to distinguish himself as an outstanding technical education leader in Vermont, and in 2013 he has once again been named as the VPA's Technical Director of the Year, an honor that he says reflects on the entire Stafford Technical Center community's accomplishments, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Stafford Technical Center Director Lyle Jepson on being named the 2013 Technical Director of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lyle Jepson at the Stafford Technical Center in Rutland and the office of the Rutland City Superintendent of Schools.

H.C.R. 148.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the opening of the new Adult Intensive Unit at the Brattleboro Retreat in partnership with the Department of Mental Health

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Goodwin of Weston, Hebert of Vernon, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, more than one-half of all Vermont adults requiring inpatient psychiatric and addiction care are admitted to the Brattleboro Retreat, and

Whereas, the facility's programs provide vital inpatient, partial hospitalization, residential, outpatient, and educational services for those in need, and

Whereas, the Brattleboro Retreat proactively adapts to the changing needs of its clients and today's evolving health care environment, and

Whereas, the Brattleboro Retreat is a significant employer in Vermont, providing more than 700 jobs, and

Whereas, the Brattleboro Retreat is a strong participant in the work to eradicate the stigma associated with mental illness, and

Whereas, the medical philosophy of the Brattleboro Retreat is that compassionate and effective patient care occurs when patients are viewed as being the best source of their own recovery, and

Whereas, when Tropical Storm Irene struck Vermont, and the Vermont State Hospital evacuated its patients on almost instantaneous notice, the Brattleboro Retreat responded immediately and accommodated a large number of these individuals, and

Whereas, the Brattleboro Retreat's vision is to be the highest quality psychiatric hospital in the United States, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the opening of the new Adult Intensive Unit at the Brattleboro Retreat in partnership with the Department of Mental Health and the State of Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Robert E. Simpson, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Brattleboro Retreat.

H.C.R. 149.

House concurrent resolution in memory of retired Vermont State Police Sgt. Harold Ackerman

Offered by: Representatives Quimby of Concord, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Higley of Lowell, Johnson of Canaan, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, South of St. Johnsbury, Strong of Albany, Terenzini of Rutland Town, and Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Benning, Kitchel, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, retired Vermont State Police Sgt. Harold Ackerman was a true law enforcement pioneer, and

Whereas, on May 16, 1946, he became a Vermont Highway Patrolman assigned to the Rutland barracks, and

Whereas, the law enforcement authority of the Vermont Highway Patrol was limited to traffic accidents, truck weight enforcement, and speeding tickets, and the county sheriffs oversaw major criminal investigations, and

Whereas, Act 163 of 1947 established the Department of Public Safety and directed the new Department to consolidate law enforcement authority, resulting in the formation of the Vermont State Police, and

Whereas, Harold Ackerman became one of the original 19 State Police troopers, and

Whereas, the transformation in his duties was significant, as he was now investigating major crimes, initially with no specialized training, and

Whereas, Harold Ackerman eventually studied homicide investigation techniques at Harvard Medical School, and

Whereas, at first, the troopers relied on signs posted in gas stations as a notification to call their office, and when the first two-way radio system was installed, Trooper Ackerman needed to drive to the top of Mendon Mountain in order to access the signal from Vermont State Police headquarters in Montpelier, and

Whereas, Harold Ackerman demonstrated his proficiency as a law enforcement professional, was promoted to Trooper First Class, and was put in charge of all of Rutland and Addison Counties, and

Whereas, during his Rutland years, Harold Ackerman gained the nickname “Ace” after solving a Mendon case involving missing lumber, and

Whereas, he later served in White River Junction and eventually in St. Johnsbury, where he served as post commander and retired in 1977, and

Whereas, he was frequently the recipient of commendations for his work, and his most memorable case was the Gibson murder in Newbury, and

Whereas, Sgt. Ace Ackerman, the last surviving original Vermont State Trooper, died in April 2013 in St. Johnsbury at the age of 92 and is survived by his three children, George, Steve, and Robin, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of retired Vermont State Police Sgt. Harold Ackerman, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of his children and to the Vermont State Police barracks in St. Johnsbury.

H.C.R. 150.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Mikaela Shiffrin on her international alpine ski racing achievements

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, according to a recent profile in the *New York Times*, since she was seven years old and strove “to ski clean arcs in the snow,” Mikaela Shiffrin has been on course to become an internationally top-ranked alpine ski racer, and

Whereas, this personal goal is not surprising as her parents were both ski racers as is her brother who is now attending the University of Denver, and

Whereas, she learned the discipline of ski racing at New Hampshire’s small Storrs Hill near Hanover, and

Whereas, Mikaela Shiffrin has skied with the Burke Mountain Academy (BMA) ski racing program since age 11 and has attended BMA since she was in the eighth grade, and

Whereas, at age 14, Mikaela Shiffrin skied on an Italian race course where she won the de facto world championship race for 13- to 14-year-olds with a margin of more than three seconds, and

Whereas, at age 15, she made her first appearance in a World Cup ski race, and at age 16, she placed third in a World Cup race, stepping on to the winners’ podium for the first time, and

Whereas, in December 2012, Mikaela Shiffrin at the still young but now experienced age of 17 won her first World Cup victory on the slopes in Are, Sweden, and she followed this victory with a win at the prestigious Snow Queen race near Zagreb, Croatia, and

Whereas, Mikaela Shiffrin won the 2013 World Championship slalom in Austria and, most impressively, the World Cup slalom title in Lenzerheide, Switzerland and ultimately the season-long World Cup title for slalom competition, which was an extraordinary accomplishment, and

Whereas, Mikaela Shiffrin is only the second U.S. woman to win either a World Championship or an Olympic gold medal in slalom and the youngest U.S. alpine athlete since 1985 to win a World Championship gold medal, and

Whereas, through her string of amazing victories, Mikaela Shiffrin has remained a modest and down-to-earth teenager who, despite the travel and training time, is determined to graduate this June with her BMA class, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Mikaela Shiffrin on her international alpine ski racing achievements, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mikaela Shiffrin at Burke Mountain Academy.

H.C.R. 151.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Bennington Rural Fire Department on its 60th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Campion of Bennington, and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, in 1953, the Bennington Pomona Grange, recognizing the need for more localized fire protection services in rural Bennington, established the Bennington Rural Fire Department, and

Whereas, the Department's first chief was T. Howard Mattison, who commanded a force of 35 firefighters, and

Whereas, by 1956, recognizing that a more substantial financing and support structure was required, the Department was instrumental in organizing the Bennington Fire District No. 1, which geographically encompassed all of rural Bennington and those sections of the town of Bennington not within the boundaries of the village of Bennington, including Old Bennington and North Bennington, and, subsequently, a contractual arrangement was established with the town of Woodford, and

Whereas, the Department consists of four companies, each of which has its own officers, and in addition, the legal voters of the entire district annually elect a chief, first assistant chief, and second assistant chief, and

Whereas, in 1959, the Department's firefighters built their own firehouse on Willow Road, which was expanded in 1976 and again in 1992, and two additional firehouses were constructed subsequently, one on Beech Street in 1966 and the other at Fairdale Farms in 1969, the latter having since been replaced in 1985, when the Department purchased nearby land, and

Whereas, today, the 55-member Department is the proud owner of four fully equipped pumper trucks, a brush truck, and rescue vehicles, including extraction equipment, and

Whereas, in 1985, Chief Edward A. Haddad, Jr. and, in 2000, First Assistant Chief Kevin J. Goodhue served as president of the Vermont State Firefighters' Association, and, also in the year 2000, the association named Chief Walt Sweet Chief of the Year, a very special honor, and

Whereas, in 2013, under the outstanding leadership of Chief Shawn K. Gardner, First Assistant Chief John M. Scutt, and Second Assistant Chief Aaron Longtin, the Bennington Rural Fire Department is proudly observing its 60th anniversary as a vital volunteer public safety service, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Bennington Rural Fire Department on the occasion of the Department's 60th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Shawn Gardner, Chief of the Bennington Rural Fire Department.

H.C.R. 152.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Green Street School 2012 Vermont State Spelling Bee championship team

Offered by: Representatives Toleno of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, and Stuart of Brattleboro

Whereas, spelling is one of the fundamental academic skills elementary school students need to master, and

Whereas, learning to spell difficult and unusual words can be a challenging and exciting educational experience for students when they participate in the Vermont State Spelling Bee, and

Whereas, the disappointment experienced by a student who misspells a word increases when a competitor carefully and successfully navigates the alphabetic labyrinth to select the correct letters, and

Whereas, the team of students from the Green Street Elementary School in Brattleboro almost claimed the 2011 Vermont State Spelling Bee team championship when it tied for second place, and

Whereas, with a team of new fifth-grade and returning sixth-grade spellers, the Green Street School team traveled to the 2012 Vermont State Spelling Bee championship held on November 17 at Northfield High School, and

Whereas, one returning speller summarized the team's perspective on the 2012 event as one of recognizing its strong spelling skills, harboring a need to win after the near success of 2011, and feeling the pressure from the presence of other well qualified teams, and

Whereas, at the conclusion of the 2012 competition, the participating students from the Green Street School had proudly won the 2012 Vermont State Spelling Bee team championship, and

Whereas, these accurate spelling detectives from Brattleboro included fifth-graders Sarah Annis and Ben Brady and their sixth-grade teammates Julia Belyung, Seviah Cepeda, and Malcolm Toleno, and they are all grateful for the inspiring leadership and helpful assistance of their coach, Alice Charkes, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Green Street School 2012 Vermont State Spelling Bee championship team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Green Street School in Brattleboro.

H.C.R. 153.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Bennington Children's Chorus on its silver anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Campion of Bennington, and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Barbara Kourajian established the Bennington Children's Chorus in 1987 for the purpose of giving children "the opportunity to study and perform the finest choral literature," and

Whereas, although they focus primarily on the performance of classical music, the youngsters work with choral compositions old and new from many genres, including folk, and sing in a variety of languages, and

Whereas, the Bennington Children's Chorus strives to "create an environment where children can experience the joy of singing," and

Whereas, all of the young singers collaborate in musical projects with other ensembles including the Sage City Symphony, the Green Mountain Youth Orchestra, the Bennington County Choral Society, the Williams College Choir, and the Battenkill Chorale, and

Whereas, Kerry Ryer-Parke, a highly regarded soprano soloist and an artist associate in voice at Williams College, has been associated with the Bennington Children's Chorus since 1993 and became its Director in 1995, and

Whereas, Valerie Peters, accompanist, Deborah Teller, production manager, and Lauren Gotlieb, chorus manager, provide support to the chorus, and

Whereas, the Board of Directors and the Friends of the Chorus contribute time and financial support to the organization, and

Whereas, the Bennington Children's Chorus has performed wonderful concerts throughout the area and provided the young singers a special opportunity to learn and appreciate the beauty of choral music, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Bennington Children's Chorus on its silver anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kerry Ryer-Parke at the Bennington Children's Chorus.

H.C.R. 154.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 South Burlington High School Rebels Division I championship boys' ice hockey team

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

Whereas, despite their dedicated play, the South Burlington High School ice hockey Rebels had not won a divisional championship since 1994, and

Whereas, the 2012–2013 Rebels boys' ice hockey team took a different course as it skated swiftly and powerfully throughout the regular season, winning all but two of their contests, and

Whereas, South Burlington defeated each of its opponents through the preliminary playoff rounds and earned a berth in the Division I championship game at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse in a final contest against the Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) Redhawks, and

Whereas, the Rebels took a 1–0 first period lead, retained a 2–1 lead at the end of the second period despite CVU's tying the score briefly at 1–all, and although early in the third period the score was tied at 2–all, South Burlington won the game 4–2 and clinched the 2013 Division I boy's ice hockey championship, and

Whereas, Rebels David Streeter, Mike Cunavelis, Zach Johnson, Matt Fisher, Peter Camardo, Gabe Simpatico, Brendan Lahue, Conner O'Toole, Pierre Chacun, Connor Bradley, Adam Weinheimer, Eric Craig, Tommy Royer, Liam Nerber, Bernie Thibeault, Matt Baechle, Kyle Ehler-Vock, Mike Blauvelt, Charles Hall, Chris Rochford, and Noah Beatty were a unified team, and

Whereas, Head Coach Sean Jones and Assistant Coaches Tim Davidson, Jed Doucevicz, and Greg Babbitt lent their experience and expertise to the Rebels' cause, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 South Burlington High School Rebels Division I championship boys' ice hockey team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 155.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Shamrocks on winning the New England and National 2013 USA Hockey Tier II-U16 championships

Offered by: Representatives Till of Jericho, Ellis of Waterbury, Head of South Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCullough of Williston, O'Brien of Richmond, Townsend of South Burlington, Webb of Shelburne, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, USA Hockey offers boys and girls the opportunity to compete in ice hockey competition while still playing on their high school teams, and

Whereas, in the Tier II girls 16 and under (U16) competition, the Vermont Shamrocks roster includes top female high school ice hockey players from throughout the region who attend Beekmantown High School in New York, BFA-St. Albans, Champlain Valley Union High School, Chazy Rural School in New York, Essex High School, Harwood Union High School, Lake Region Union High School, Mt. Mansfield Union High School, Missisquoi Valley Union High School, North Country Union High School, Northfield Mt. Herman in Massachusetts, and South Burlington High School, and

Whereas, in their third appearance in the New England championship game, the Shamrocks experienced the luck of the Irish on St. Patrick's Day as they defeated the New Hampshire Lady Cyclones 3–0 in an exciting contest played at the Bank of Maine Ice Vault in Hallowell, Maine, and

Whereas, as the New England champions, the Shamrocks traveled to San Jose, California for the national tournament, where they earned a coveted berth in the championship game, and

Whereas, in the exciting national championship contest against the Potsdam Ice Storm, the Vermont Shamrocks, undeterred after initially trailing 1–0, shot four unanswered goals to skate their way to a 4–1 victory and clinch the team’s first USA Hockey Tier II-U16 national championship, and

Whereas, the Vermont Shamrocks’ talented roster consisted of Tiffany Barnes, Whitney Bernier, Molly Burke, Corrina Cota, Molly Dunphy, Aliza Ellis, Chelsea Ellis, Victoria Gibson, Morgan Lamos, Cailee LaPorte, Amy LoTempio, Michaela Martin, Hayley Martini, Taylor Morley, Rachel Morse, Courtney Peyko, Rachel Pitcher, Jade Remillard, and Laura Rollins, and

Whereas, Coach Patrick Burke and Assistant Coaches Dan Ellis and Joe LoTempio, Manager Deborah LaPorte, and Multimedia Advisor Des Hurlbutt all contributed to this special occasion on the ice, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Shamrocks on winning the 2013 New England and National USA Hockey Tier II-U16 championships, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 156.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Lake Champlain Committee on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Webb of Shelburne, Beyor of Highgate, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Buxton of Tunbridge, Cheney of Norwich, Cole of Burlington, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Huntley of Cavendish, Jewett of Ripton, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Nuovo of Middlebury, Pearson of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Taylor of Barre City, Townsend of South Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Lyons, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Doyle, Fox, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, MacDonald, Mazza, McAllister, Pollina, Rodgers, Snelling, Westman, and Zuckerman

Whereas, in 1963, citizens from Vermont and New York established the Lake Champlain Committee (LCC) to prevent the lake from becoming an international seaway, and

Whereas, the LCC's mission is to be "dedicated to protecting Lake Champlain's environmental integrity and recreational resources for this and future generations through science-based advocacy, education and collaborative action," and

Whereas, the Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail is a creation of the LCC which promotes its use as water-based recreational resource, and

Whereas, in 1968, the LCC was successful in opposing the construction of a nuclear power plant in Charlotte, and

Whereas, in 1978, the LCC led the successful effort to ban the use of phosphate laundry detergents, and

Whereas, in 1982, the LCC initiated the nation's first citizens' acid rain monitoring program, and

Whereas, in 1988, the LCC helped bring the governors of Vermont and New York and the Premier of Quebec together to sign an agreement to work cooperatively to reduce pollution in Lake Champlain, and

Whereas, in 1993, the LCC drafted the citizen involvement process for the Burlington Barge Canal Superfund Site, and

Whereas, in 1997, the LCC successfully advocated for the burial of power lines, opening up a scenic vista along the Milton-South Hero causeway, and

Whereas, LCC's citizen participation efforts include extensive outreach programs, water quality monitor training, a lake protection pledge campaign and a bilingual boating manual, and

Whereas, in 2007, the LCC helped secure passage of Vermont legislation to ban phosphates from automatic dishwashing detergents by 2010, and

Whereas, recent LCC initiatives have included the publication of the book *Lake Champlain: A Natural History*, initiation of an invasive species control program, and trebling the number of blue-green algae monitoring locations around the lake, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Lake Champlain Committee 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 Lake Champlain Committee in Burlington.

H.C.R. 157.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Stephen A. Douglas, Brandon's most famous native son

Offered by: Representatives Carr of Brandon and Shaw of Pittsford

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, no person born in the town of Brandon has played a more illustrious role in U.S. history than Stephen A. Douglas, who engaged in the famous 1858 U.S. Senate campaign debates with Abraham Lincoln, and

Whereas, Stephen A. Douglas left Vermont at age 20 and migrated to Illinois, the state which became his home, and

Whereas, he rose rapidly to political prominence in the Illinois Democratic Party, and

Whereas, in 1843, Stephen A. Douglas was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where this 30-year old legislator impressed his colleagues as a hard worker and a gifted speaker, and

Whereas, this short and heavyset congressman soon became known as the "Little Giant," and

Whereas, the Illinois electorate recognized him as a master in the legislative and political arenas, and in 1846 they elected him to the U.S. Senate, and

Whereas, although a contender for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1852 and 1856, he was not nominated because of his controversial advocacy of popular sovereignty in the territories to determine the slavery question, and

Whereas, in 1858, as the highlight of Illinois's U.S. Senate campaign, U.S. Sen. Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln participated in a series of famous debates which focused on the slavery issue, and

Whereas, Stephen A. Douglas did secure the 1860 Democratic Presidential Nomination and returned to Brandon for the final time during the campaign, and

Whereas, he died in Chicago of typhoid fever on June 3, 1861, and

Whereas, on what would have been Stephen A. Douglas's centennial birthday, various commemorations were held in Brandon, including the dedication of a new monument in his memory, and

Whereas, the bicentennial anniversary of his birth will be celebrated on July 6, 2013 with the staging at the Brandon Town Hall, which was built in 1861, of a reading of Norman Corwin's *The Rivalry*, a dialogue about the events that transpired during the Lincoln–Douglas debates, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Stephen A. Douglas, Brandon's most famous native son, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 158.

House concurrent resolution designating the week of May 5–11 as Vermont Organ Donor Awareness Week in honor of Jason Perry and Christian Stromberg

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, Jason Perry and Christian Stromberg met in 1991 as college students at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and belonged to the same fraternity, and

Whereas, after graduation, they worked together in Delaware and shared a house on Chesapeake Bay, greatly enjoying their early adulthood, and

Whereas, Jason Perry spent the summer of 2004 assisting Christian to construct a barn at his Cambridgeport, Vermont home, and

Whereas, the two men remained close friends after Jason Perry married and settled in Athens, Georgia, and

Whereas, over the course of 20 years, Christian Stromberg became extremely ill from the disease IGA nephropathy, which has neither a known cause nor cure and which destroyed his kidneys, and

Whereas, in 2012, Christian Stromberg informed his family and friends that without a new kidney, he would need to rely on dialysis, and his message was publicized on a Facebook page, and

Whereas, after a determination that his sister was not a good match as a donor, Christian Stromberg learned that his friend Jason Perry was a willing and suitable donor, and Christian Stromberg was thrilled to learn this news, and

Whereas, in October 2012, the medical procedure transferring a functioning kidney from Jason Perry to Christian Stromberg took place at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, and

Whereas, Jason Perry has recovered and is now back cycling in Georgia's warm weather, and Christian Stromberg is regaining his strength and has a healthy kidney, and

Whereas, the generosity of Jason Perry in donating a kidney to his friend Christian Stromberg is one example of the importance of organ donations in enabling individuals to live more healthy lives, and

Whereas, donating an organ is a noble act representing a special gift of human kindness, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the week of May 5–11 as Vermont Organ Donor Awareness Week in honor of Jason Perry and Christian Stromberg, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jason Perry and Christian Stromberg.

H.C.R. 159.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Puffer United Methodist Church of Morrisville on its bicentennial anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Wolcott, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Peltz of Woodbury, Smith of Morristown, and Woodward of Johnson

Whereas, the history of the Puffer United Methodist Church began in 1813 when Comfort Olds served as class leader at worship services at private homes in Morristown, and

Whereas, in 1839, the congregation built a Methodist Church at Morristown Corners, and

Whereas, a committee on missions was established in 1857 to support local and foreign missionary activity, and

Whereas, in 1872, the congregation relocated to Upper Main Street in Morrisville and worshipped in the Old Christian Church, and

Whereas, in 1874, a more permanent home was established for the congregation, then known as the Methodist Episcopal Church, when a small chapel was built in Morrisville, and

Whereas, during the 1870s and 1880s, the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church continued to increase, and in 1888, under the leadership of the Reverend William R. Puffer, the chapel was moved back on the building's lot to facilitate the addition of a new sanctuary, and

Whereas, in the late 1800s, the congregation voted to honor the Reverend William R. Puffer when it named the church the Puffer United Methodist Church, and

Whereas, in 1911, the Puffer United Methodist Church installed a pipe organ, a choir loft, and additional stained glass windows, adding new sources of music and beauty to its worship, and

Whereas, the congregation built a new sanctuary on the site in 1970, and

Whereas, during the 1980s, the Puffer Child Care Center and the Lamoille Food Share were each initiated at the Puffer United Methodist Church, and

Whereas, for 40 years, the Wee Explorers Preschool has been based at the Puffer United Methodist Church, and

Whereas, 2013 marks 200 years since Comfort Olds served as Class Leader at worship services in Morristown, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Puffer United Methodist Church of Morrisville on its bicentennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Puffer United Methodist Church in Morrisville.

H.C.R. 160.

House concurrent resolution honoring John Hasen on his outstanding career as an attorney dedicated to serving the public

Offered by: Representatives Deen of Westminster, Cheney of Norwich, and Klein of East Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Lyons

Whereas John Hasen graduated cum laude from St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire and magna cum laude from Amherst College, and these academic achievements were indicative of his career path, and

Whereas, while a student at New York University School of Law, John Hasen was talented as a legal researcher and writer, which led to his appointment as managing editor of the *New York University Review of Law and Social Change*, and

Whereas, a prestigious summer 1975 internship with the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York introduced him to public service in the legal profession, and

Whereas, John Hasen began his legal career in 1976 as a VISTA attorney at the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project of Vermont Legal Aid, where he became a staff attorney in 1977 and was appointed director in 1983, and

Whereas, he returned to New York City, where from 1984 to 1986 he worked at the Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law, and

Whereas, 1986 marked the start of John Hasen's role as an attorney for the State of Vermont, initially at the Vermont State Hospital, then as a Vermont Assistant Attorney General in the Environmental Unit, where his successful prosecutorial work led to supervisory positions in the Office of the Attorney General first in 1994 as Chief of the Public Protection Division and then in 1997 as Director of the Environmental Unit, and

Whereas, a new position as General Counsel of the Environmental Board and the Water Resources Board, the predecessors to the Natural Resources Board, began in 1999, and for the past 14 years, John Hasen has led a legal team immersed in matters pertaining to Act 250, and

Whereas, John Hasen has served in civic leadership roles including membership on the Shelburne Board of Civil Authority and the Cathedral Square Corporation's Board of Directors, and

Whereas, John Hasen's thespian roles have included performing with the Lyric Theatre in Burlington and other amateur theatrical companies, and

Whereas, this highly respected public servant has recently concluded his career as a lawyer for the State of Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors John Hasen on his outstanding career as an attorney dedicated to serving the public, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Hasen and to the Natural Resources Board.

H.C.R. 161.

House concurrent resolution honoring the civic and community leadership of the Montagne family of St. Albans

Offered by: Representative Dickinson of St. Albans Town

Whereas, for many years Frank Montagne and his wife, Annette, have been active community leaders in the town of St. Albans, and

Whereas, the fruits of this special affection for and dedication to the town's civic and educational vitality will serve as their legacy to the community, and

Whereas, Frank and Annette's children have followed the admirable path which their parents established, and

Whereas, Mitch Montagne has served on the Collins Perley Board, the St. Albans Planning Commission, the St. Albans Town Selectboard, the Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans Board of Trustees, and the St. Albans Town Board of Civil Authority, and

Whereas, David Montagne's association with the Vermont dairy industry has included serving on the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery Board of Directors and as the cooperative's Vice President, and

Whereas, he has advocated for Vermont's dairy farmers more broadly, serving on the Vermont Dairy Promotion Board and as a delegate to the New England Dairy Promotion Board, and

Whereas, locally, David Montagne has served on the St. Albans Town Board of Civil Authority, and

Whereas, Rachel (Montagne) Smith has served as the Chair of the Board of the St. Albans Town Educational Center and as a member of the Vermont Economic Progress Council, and

Whereas, Janet Montagne has worked as an education leader and teacher at the St. Albans Town Educational Center, has served as a foster care provider, and has taught at the Community College of Vermont, and

Whereas, Joseph Montagne has sat on the St. Albans Town Design Review Board and the St. Albans Town Board of Civil Authority and has served as a selectman in St. Albans Town, and

Whereas, Dr. Katie (Montagne) Richards has served on the St. Albans Town Educational Center Board, and

Whereas, two generations of the Montagne family have provided great leadership in the town of St. Albans, setting an example for others to follow, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the civic and community leadership of the Montagne family of St. Albans Town, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 162.

House concurrent resolution designating May 13–19, 2013 as American Craft Beer Week in Vermont and celebrating Gregfest

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

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Vermont is a hub of craft brewing, and

Whereas, brewing in the Green Mountains receives an encouraging boost from the American Brewers Guild of Salisbury, which operates one of the premier brewing schools in the United States, and

Whereas, the strength of Vermont's craft brewing industry has resulted in the State's becoming a prime destination for malt beverage tourism, and

Whereas, last year in Vermont, 400,000 barrels of beer were brewed, the brewing industry employed approximately 400 persons, and the average wage was \$14.00 per hour, and

Whereas, the state's craft breweries will observe American Craft Beer Week May 13–19, 2013, and

Whereas, in memory and celebration of the late Greg Noonan, who opened the Vermont Pub and Brewery in Burlington in 1998, the first modern-era brew pub in Vermont, the Vermont Brewers Association will sponsor Gregfest from May 18 to 27 in which its members—Backacre Beermakers (Weston), Covered Bridge Craft Brewery (Lyndonville), Crop Bistro & Brewery (Stowe), Drop In Brewing Company (Middlebury), Fiddlehead Brewing Company (Shelburne), Foley Brothers Brewing (Brandon), 14th Star Brewing Company (St. Albans), Grateful Hands Brewing (Cabot), Harpoon Brewery (Windsor), Hill Farmstead Brewery (Greensboro Bend), Jasper Murdock's Alehouse at The Norwich Inn (Norwich), Kingdom Brewing (Newport), Lawson's Finest Liquids (Warren), Long Trail Brewing Company (Bridgewater Corners), Lost Nation Brewing (Morrisville), Madison Brewing (Bennington), Magic Hat Brewing Company (South Burlington), McNeill's Brewery (Brattleboro), Northshire Brewery (Bennington), Otter Creek Brewing (Middlebury), Rock Art Brewery (Morrisville), Switchback Brewing Company (Burlington), The Alchemist Brewery (Waterbury), The Bobcat Café (Bristol), Three Needs Taproom & Brewery (Burlington), Trapp Family Lodge (Stowe), Trout River Brewing (Lyndonville), Vermont Pub & Brewery (Burlington), Whetstone Station Restaurant & Brewery (Brattleboro), and Zero Gravity Craft Brewery at American Flatbread (Burlington)—are encouraged to participate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 13–19, 2013 as American Craft Beer Week in Vermont and celebrates Gregfest, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kurt Staudter, Executive Director of the Vermont Brewers Association in Springfield.

H.C.R. 163.

House concurrent resolution honoring Patricia Rocheleau Harper for her outstanding work on the restoration of the House committee rooms

Offered by: Committee on Corrections and Institutions

Whereas, the committee rooms assigned to the House of Representatives in past years were frequently overcrowded, lacked sufficient storage space for

members, had less than ideal air circulation, and were not especially attractive, and

Whereas, in the 2010 through 2012 capital construction bills, the General Assembly appropriated funds for the renovation of all the House committee rooms, and

Whereas, the State House curator decided to refurbish the committee rooms in a style reflecting the 1920s period when the rooms were created, and

Whereas, Tricia Harper grew up in the White River Junction area and in 1985 graduated from the University of Arizona with a bachelor's degree in architecture, and

Whereas, after graduation, she moved back to Vermont and was employed at several private architectural firms, and

Whereas, in 1994, the Department of Buildings and General Services (BGS) hired Tricia Harper as a project manager, the first woman offered this important field supervisory position, and

Whereas, one of her immediate assignments was to supervise BGS projects in the State House, a portfolio she has continued to retain, and

Whereas, for the work on the House committee rooms, Tricia Harper assumed a direct role in all aspects of their design, and

Whereas, the finished rooms are probably far more handsome than they were originally, featuring fine wood finishes, new cushioned seating for the public, storage drawers for members, new working space for committee and legal staff, and large video screens in several committee rooms, and

Whereas, the removal of long-hidden French doors between many of the rooms enabled Tricia Harper to expand square footage, providing much-needed extra space, and

Whereas, the entire House committee room renovation project was a great

success due to Tricia Harper's innovative leadership, patience, and appreciation for the need to balance aesthetic, historical, and practical considerations, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Patricia Harper for her outstanding work on the restoration of the House committee rooms, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 164.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Plainfield Fire Department on its centennial anniversary

Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

Whereas, a century ago, the citizens of Plainfield decided that a town fire protection service was needed, and

Whereas, in response to this situation, they organized the Plainfield Fire Department, and

Whereas, during the past one hundred years, the volunteers of the Plainfield Fire Department have fought blazes at all hours of the day and night to safeguard property and on occasion to save lives, and

Whereas, across the decades, the Plainfield Fire Department has upgraded its equipment to serve the community more effectively and with advanced firefighting technology, and

Whereas, despite the changes in equipment and personnel, the Plainfield Fire Department has remained a community-based organization whose dedicated members are proud to serve their town in a special public service capacity, and

Whereas, on Saturday, September 7, 2013, Fire Chief Patrick Martin and the citizens of Plainfield will gather to celebrate 100 years of an exemplary firefighting service's history, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Plainfield 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 Plainfield Fire Chief Patrick Martin.

H.C.R. 165.

House concurrent resolution honoring the retiring educators and support staff in the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Johnny Bushera is a dedicated custodian in the Bennington schools and is known for his vibrant laugh and sense of humor, and

Whereas, Butch Hebert is always ready to help anyone and has used his cotton candy machine for school fundraising events, and

Whereas, Nancy Hoyt is the first teacher to arrive in her building each morning and spends many hours meeting the needs of all her students, and

Whereas, Jim Derby has led the Mt. Anthony Union High School Band with much joy and has brought listening pleasure to the band's audiences, and

Whereas, Kathy Kenyon's beautiful smile lights up her classroom and the lives of her students, and

Whereas, Patti Levesque is a model high school physical education teacher and coach who exemplifies the importance of lifelong fitness, and

Whereas, Tom Sklepowicz has built bridges to his students, and

Whereas, Jill Fortney has accomplished much as an educator, facilitated the first student art exhibit at the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union, and twice traveled to Japan on an educational fellowship, and

Whereas, Jane DiSanto is a dedicated worker, team player, and school leader, and

Whereas, Jim Harwood has served in the classroom and as a central office administrator and is truly a champion for children, and his wife, Gail Harwood, is a resourceful, creative, and compassionate math teacher, and the Harwoods helped found the Lighthouse Program at Molly Stark Elementary School, and

Whereas, Barbara Marino's enthusiasm as a special education teacher has never waned, and

Whereas, Eileen Zazzaro's nurturing style has helped students achieve new literacy goals, and

Whereas, Kathi Marcoux is a thinking teacher who has served as Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, and

Whereas, in June 2013, these outstanding individuals will be concluding their administrative, teaching, or support services careers in the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors each of these employees of the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 166.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Civil War-era musical drama *Ransom* on its professional premiere as the opening production of Lost Nation Theater's 25th anniversary season

Offered by: Representatives Jewett of Ripton, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of Montpelier, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, and Taylor of Barre City

Whereas, scavenging through dusty records can lead to amazing discoveries with unanticipated results, and

Whereas, a remarkable discovery occurred when historian Joe Schenkman stumbled upon an intriguing box located in a room filled with dusty records, and

Whereas, when he opened the box, Joe Schenkman discovered the Civil War diaries, letters, and military documents of Lt. Ransom W. Towle of Rochester waiting to be explored, and

Whereas, this treasure trove of intimate writings and supporting records of one Civil War soldier proved an ideal source for the timely creation of a dramatic musical as Vermont commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, and

Whereas, playwright Dick Robson in collaboration with Joe Schenkman, April Dodd, and Ethan Bowen wrote a script incorporating many verbatim passages from the lieutenant's letters as well as the correspondence of other Vermont soldiers, including Lt. Towle's neighbor, Joshua Whitney, who enlisted at age 51, and the wives who tended the home front during this most perilous time, and

Whereas, Dorothy Robson and Jake Wildwood created the musical score consisting of traditional tunes and original songs, and

Whereas, Charlie Martin and Bill McKone of the Vermont 18th Regiment have served as technical advisors in preparing *Ransom* for theatrical presentation, and

Whereas, the White River Valley Players, a community theater company which includes the play's authors, presented the play's debut, and

Whereas, Lost Nation Theater of Montpelier is honored to kick off its 25th anniversary season presenting the professional premiere of *Ransom* with musical accompaniment featuring band leader and pianist Rip Keller, violinist and fiddler Ruth Einstein, flutist and piccolo player Laurel Ann Maurer, and banjoist Tom McKenzie, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Civil War-era musical drama *Ransom* on its professional premiere as the opening production of Lost Nation Theater's 25th anniversary season, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lost Nation Theater and to Dick and Dorothy Robson in Hancock.

H.C.R. 167.

House concurrent resolution honoring Robert Stannard on his retirement as a legislative lobbyist

Offered by: Representatives Jewett of Ripton and Taylor of Barre City

Whereas, Bob Stannard is known as a citizen's lobbyist who has been present on the State House scene for many years, and

Whereas, he began his working life as a lawn maintenance specialist, and

Whereas, finding politics and legislative deliberations more appealing than horticulture, he switched his career focus and assumed the task of securing clients to represent at the State House, and

Whereas, Bob Stannard launched his political and lobbying career as a Republican, then switched his allegiance to the Democrats and served as a member in House Speaker Ralph Wright's kitchen cabinet of informal advisors, and

Whereas, during his storied political career, Bob Stannard's gleaming bald head has been a shining presence in the State House's crowded hallways, and

Whereas, he has represented ordinary people and businesses in their opposition to large farms and nuclear power and in favor of home weatherization funding, and

Whereas, Bob Stannard has brought a deft touch and a sharp sense of humor to his work as a State House lobbyist and has never allowed a legislative fight to become personal, and

Whereas, when not walking the halls of the State House, Bob Stannard has written and published a book entitled *How to Survive the Recession*, which is his personal formula for living a happy life, and

Whereas, Bob Stannard is an accomplished blues harmonica player who will travel hundreds of miles to play a gig, and

Whereas, Bob Stannard has announced to his broad circle of friends that he will retire from lobbying at the final fall of the gavel of the 2013 legislative session, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends best wishes to Bob Stannard for an enjoyable and musically active retirement, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 168.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the placement of an historic marker at the Rutland fairgrounds honoring aviation pioneer George Schmitt

Offered by: Representative Russell of Rutland City

Whereas, in the early years of the last century, when aviation was in its infancy, there were daring pilots who engaged in this risky endeavor, and

Whereas, one of these brave fliers was George Schmitt, whose family moved from New York City to Rutland when he was a child, and

Whereas, after graduating from Rutland High School in 1910, the young George Schmitt enrolled in a New York trade school with the intent to study electrical work, but soaring in the sky preoccupied the young man, and

Whereas, he had already experimented with building gliders and while in New York had repeatedly visited a Long Island airfield, and

Whereas, with financial assistance from local supporters, George Schmitt purchased a biplane which he hoped to demonstrate at the 1910 Vermont State Fair in Rutland, but unfortunately its altitude gain was minimal, and

Whereas, undeterred, the young pilot took more flying lessons to improve his skills, established an aviation company, and started a successful tour of exhibitions, mostly at fairs in the Northeast, and

Whereas, 1911 proved far more auspicious for George Schmitt's aviation record as he exceeded the 5,000-foot altitude mark, a new record for New York State where this flight occurred, and

Whereas, George Schmitt set a biplane world speed record, traveling 24 miles between two Ohio towns in a mere 16 minutes, and

Whereas, in 1912, he returned to the Vermont State Fair in Rutland for a successful flight and then journeyed to Central America and northern South America, and

Whereas, George Schmitt became the first person to fly from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean when he piloted a plane across the Isthmus of Panama, and

Whereas, his feats of aeronautical glory were short-lived as the Fair in Rutland proved his final takeoff site in the summer of 1913, and

Whereas, on a passenger flight, George Schmitt's plane crashed into a nearby field and killed him, but his passenger survived, and

Whereas, a century after his death, the Rutland Historical Society has honored George Schmitt with an historic marker, which it recently dedicated at the Rutland fairgrounds, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the placement of an historic marker at the Rutland fairgrounds honoring aviation pioneer George Schmitt, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 169.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Pittsford Fire Department on its 65th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, in December 1948, 28 residents of Pittsford, recognizing the need for a local fire protection service, established the Pittsford Fire Department as a municipal operation reliant on volunteer firefighters, and

Whereas, an early goal of the department was the building of a fire station, and the membership began a fundraising drive to accomplish this important task, and

Whereas, in 1951, with funds the members raised, and having used exclusively volunteer labor, the two-bay Pittsford Fire Station was dedicated, and

Whereas, further additions to the original structure have included a meeting room in 1964, two new truck bays in 1971, and most recently three more truck bays in 1985, and

Whereas, the financing for each of these projects was derived exclusively from donated funds, and volunteers were responsible for all of the construction work, and

Whereas, in 1966, the Nickwackett Hose Company was formed to serve as the charitable and social service organization associated with the Pittsford Fire Department, and

Whereas, for 33 years, the Nickwackett Hose Company has conducted two haunted house weekends annually as fundraising events for the department to purchase equipment, to support a scholarship program that was started in 1990 for Otter Valley Union High School graduates, and to make donations to needy individuals or organizations, and

Whereas, looking to the next generation of firefighters, in 1987, the Pittsford Fire Department formed a cadet program for interested students at Otter Valley Union High School, and

Whereas, the Pittsford Fire Department protects approximately 3,000 residents in the towns of Pittsford and Florence, now operates from two fire stations, owns eight pieces of firefighting apparatus, and is a member of the Rutland County Fire Mutual Aid Association, and

Whereas, on August 17, 2013, the 44-member Pittsford Department will celebrate its 65th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Pittsford Fire Department on its 65th anniversary, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 170.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Giancola family for their foresight in the transformation of the Howe Scale Company to the Howe Center

Offered by: Representative Russell of Rutland City

Whereas, the story of the Howe Center begins in the 1850s when John Howe established the Howe Scale Company in Brandon, and

Whereas, in the late 1870s, the company was relocated to Rutland, and

Whereas, the Howe Scale Company operated at the Rutland site as a robust business until it started a slow decline in the 1960s, featuring shifting ownership, labor difficulties, and coping with increasingly outmoded technology in buildings constructed for a bygone era, and

Whereas, these problems culminated in the then-named Howe Richardson Scale Company's permanent closure of its Rutland campus on March 1, 1982, and

Whereas, in the spring of 1987, Rutland businessman Joseph Giancola, who as a high school graduate in the 1950s had worked at the Howe Scale Company, presented a plan to acquire the empty buildings and convert them into a modern multiuse industrial incubator, and

Whereas, acquiring the property entailed overcoming legal and practical hurdles, but Joe Giancola surmounted them, and on July 27, 1989, he completed the transaction, paying \$400,000.00 for the property, and the Howe Richardson Scale Company was renamed the Howe Center, and

Whereas, Joe Giancola's son, David, described the buildings as looking like Armageddon, and

Whereas, Joe Giancola persevered, and in September 1989, Rutland Industries became the first tenant, and

Whereas, through the years, a number of diverse business, governmental, and nonprofit organizations, including David Giancola's own Edgewood Studios, a feature film production company, have located to the Howe Center, and

Whereas, the entire Giancola family, including Joseph, his wife, Barbara, and sons, Peter and David, decided to create an informative and colorful written and digital history of this special urban renaissance story, which they published in 2008 as the *Howe-to-Book*, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Giancola family for its foresight in the transformation of the Howe Scale Company to the Howe Center, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Giancola family in Rutland.

H.C.R. 171.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Windsor High School boys' Basketball Coach Harry Ladue on his induction into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor and Bartholomew of Hartland

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Windsor High School's boys' basketball teams have compiled an enviable record during the 30 years that Harry Ladue has presided as the teams' talented head coach, and

Whereas, under his leadership, Windsor has reached 11 final four rounds of the state boys' basketball playoffs, appeared eight times in a championship game, and brought four titles home to Windsor, and

Whereas, in recognition of these repeated achievements, on eight occasions Harry Ladue has been honored as Coach of the Year, and

Whereas, Harry Ladue's association with Windsor High School basketball predates his coaching duties as he is a former player, and his accomplishments from that era earned him a coveted place on the Windsor High Wall of Fame, and

Whereas, his coaching colleagues throughout the State consider Harry Ladue one of the best in their field, and he is a member of the Vermont Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and

Whereas, for many years, Harry Ladue has served on the Executive Board of the Vermont Coaches Association, and

Whereas, Harry Ladue's coaching skills and success have gained the attention of basketball experts beyond the State's borders, and

Whereas, Harry Ladue will be inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame at a special ceremony to take place on Saturday, June 22, 2013 at the DCU Center in Worcester, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, this regional award places Harry Ladue in a select category of high school basketball coaches whose careers are considered legendary, and

Whereas, Harry Ladue's induction into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame is a well-deserved tribute to his coaching record, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Windsor High School boys' Basketball Coach Harry Ladue on his induction into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Harry Ladue at Windsor High School.

H.C.R. 172.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Joslin Memorial Library in Waitsfield on the occasion of its 100th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Greshin of Warren and Grad of Moretown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, literary pursuits have long been a priority for the residents of Waitsfield, and

Whereas, the first documented library in Waitsfield began in August 1866 when the Waitsfield Library Association was established as 100 persons paid an annual \$3.00 membership fee to support a library, and the Association continued until 1883, and

Whereas, 1894 Acts and Resolves No. 38 established a process for the incorporation of libraries, and in 1896, in accordance with No. 38's provisions, the Waitsfield Town Library was incorporated, and

Whereas, this new library's collection began with 275 volumes, and the core of the collection probably came from the defunct Waitsfield Library Association, and

Whereas, the Waitsfield Town Library was initially located in the Eaton Block and then in the home of Lucius and Bertha Savage, and

Whereas, by the second decade of the 20th century, the need for a new and properly designed edifice was apparent, and

Whereas, on Memorial Day 1913, a group of older military veterans, who possibly served in the Civil War, laid the cornerstone for the new Joslin Memorial Library, and

Whereas, the library's name was selected in honor of Joseph Joslin, a founder of the town of Waitsfield, and

Whereas, the financing for the building resulted from the generosity of Joseph Joslin's grandson, George A. Joslin, a wealthy newspaper entrepreneur who made his fortune in Nebraska, and

Whereas, the new library building was dedicated on October 30, 1913, and

Whereas, this impressive, yellow-brick edifice features two Indiana Bedford limestone columns at the entrance and a stained glass skylight, and

Whereas, 2013 marks 100 years since the Joslin Memorial Library was built, and it remains a thriving community resource with visits from approximately 8,000 people a year, a collection of over 10,000 books, more than 1,100 patrons, and an annual circulation of more than 14,000, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Joslin Memorial Library in Waitsfield on its 100th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Joslin Memorial Library.

S.C.R. 25.

Senate concurrent resolution designating May 7, 2013 as Senior Center Awareness Day.

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

Whereas, the State of Vermont is committed to assisting seniors in their efforts to live independently, and

Whereas, nationally, every President since President Kennedy has issued a proclamation designating May as Older Americans Month, and in H.C.R. 139, the General Assembly designated May 2013 as Older Americans Month in Vermont, and

Whereas, the Older Americans Act recognizes and supports nutrition programs as part of a healthy approach to aging, and

Whereas, senior centers provide nutritious meals at both congregate sites and through the Meals on Wheels™ program, and

Whereas, senior centers also provide opportunities for seniors to socialize with their peers, and

Whereas, the facilities at senior centers are open to all regardless of ability to pay, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 7, 2013 as Senior Center Awareness Day, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jim Coutts, Director of the Vermont Association of Senior Centers.

S.C.R. 26.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Charles Browne for his extraordinary leadership of the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium.

Whereas, Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium Executive Director Charlie Browne is a museum administrator and environmental educator who is respected both in Vermont and nationally, and

Whereas, he graduated from Harvard College as a government major, earned a master's degree in science teaching from Antioch College, and first arrived at the Fairbanks in 1978 as an eager graduate student intern, and

Whereas, the Fairbanks and Charlie Browne were an ideal pairing, as he has remained for the past 35 years, bringing new vitality and excitement to this venerable natural history institution which was established in 1889, and

Whereas, Charlie Browne supplemented his educational background by earning a certificate from the Getty Leadership Institute for Museum Management, and

Whereas, in 1992, the Board of Trustees selected Charlie Browne as the new Executive Director of the Fairbanks, inaugurating a 21-year tenure in this position, and

Whereas, under his leadership, the Fairbanks Museum has retained its historic ambience and continued as an important weather forecasting center while introducing exciting new exhibits, and

Whereas, one of the newest additions to the museum is the OmniGlobe, a 60-inch-diameter sphere that can display animations of the planet's natural and political trends, and

Whereas, Charlie Browne was instrumental in the major overhaul and modernization of the museum's astronomy exhibits, including the installation of the digitally sophisticated Kappa projection system in the Lyman Spitzer, Jr. Planetarium and the opening of the new Vinton Space Science Gallery, and

Whereas, he has held major leadership positions with the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance and the American Alliance of Museums, and

Whereas, after a remarkable career as an environmental educator and museum administrator, Charlie Browne will retire from his position as the Fairbanks' Executive Director, leaving the museum set to continue its role as one of Vermont's leading educational institutions, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Charles Browne for his extraordinary leadership of the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Charles Browne at the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium in St. Johnsbury.

S.C.R. 27.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Hanford Biron for exemplary public service in the town of Norton.

Whereas, for over 40 years, Hanford (Jack) Biron has served the citizens of Norton as a dedicated public servant, and

Whereas, he began his municipal employment in 1970, working the dual positions of Agent to Defend Suits and Agent to sell Real Estate, and

Whereas, Jack Biron continued to serve in both jobs until 1978 when he worked exclusively as Agent to Defend Suits, and

Whereas, starting in 1979, he resumed his dual office duties and remained in both jobs for the next 21 years, and

Whereas, Jack Biron's days and nights became even busier in 1986 when he added Lister to his employment portfolio, and

Whereas, in 2001, he relinquished the role of Agent to sell Real Estate, and

Whereas, in 2003, at the age of 80, Jack Biron did not work for the town of Norton, but his absence from the town payroll was a mere respite and not retirement, and

Whereas, he returned to the town's workforce in 2004 and continued valuing the worth of Norton's real estate properties as Lister until 2011 when, with 41 years of public service in the town, he retired at the age of 88, and

Whereas, at lunch on Memorial Day weekend 2013, the citizens of Norton will pay tribute to Jack Biron for a job well done in each of his municipal occupations, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Hanford Biron for exemplary public service in the town of Norton, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jack Biron in Norton.