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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. 214.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Franklin County civic leader Lawrence Joseph Handy

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Branagan of Georgia, Jerman of Essex, and Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senator Collins

Whereas, Larry Handy's business savvy was apparent at an early age, and

Whereas, Norwich University played a large role in his life as he remained loyal to the university, of which he was a 1953 graduate, and

Whereas, his military education was put to good use when Larry Handy served as Vermont Army National Guard Company Commander of Headquarters Company 1/172nd in St. Albans with the rank of Captain, and

Whereas, in Swanton, his brother, Floyd, and he established the Handy Truck & Tractor Company, and

Whereas, while residing in Swanton, he served as a village trustee, chaired the local Red Cross Fund Drive, was Board President of the Swanton Youth Club, was President and Director of the Swanton Chamber of Commerce, chaired the Swanton Summer Festival Committee, and as Chair of the Swanton Board of Education, was instrumental in the establishment of a union high school, later named Missisquoi Valley Union High School, and also chaired the Vermont Expo 67 Committee, and

Whereas, in 1968, the Handy Brothers relocated their business activities to St. Albans where they established a successful car dealership that expanded over the years and was nationally recognized for its excellence, and

Whereas, in St. Albans, he was Chair and President of the Board of both the community hospitals' boards of trustees, was a leader in merging the

institutions, and was later President of the Northwestern Medical Center Board, and

Whereas, Larry Handy was a leader in Governor Phil Hoff's historic first statewide campaign and served as Chair of the Franklin Democratic Party, and

Whereas, governors appointed him to several important panels, including the Public Service Board, the New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board, and the 1991 Bicentennial Commission, and he always served with distinction, and

Whereas, Larry Handy's death on April 1, 2013 marked the passing of an admired Franklin County citizen, and his survivors include his children, David, Jeffrey, Joanne, and Susan, 11 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of Lawrence Joseph Handy, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of his children.

H.C.R. 215.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act of 1964 and the 30th anniversary of the Vermont Wilderness Act of 1984.

Offered by: Representative Deen of Westminster

Whereas, on a bipartisan vote, Congress passed the Wilderness Act of 1964, Pub.L. 88-577 (the Act), which President Lyndon Johnson signed on September 3 of that year, and

Whereas, in the Act, Congress sought "to secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness," and

<u>Whereas</u>, to implement this objective, the Act created the National Wilderness Preservation System, providing for the designation of federal wilderness areas, and

Whereas, the Act defines wilderness as "an area of undeveloped federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions," and

Whereas, subsequently, Congress adopted the Eastern Wilderness Areas Act of 1975, Pub.L. 93-622, the Vermont Wilderness Act of 1984, Pub.L. 98-322, and the New England Wilderness Act of 2006, Pub.L. 109-382, and

Whereas, annually since 2009, President Barack Obama has proclaimed September as National Wilderness Month, and in his 2011 proclamation declared "The mystery and wonder of wilderness is deeply rooted in our national character," and

Whereas, in 2014, there are eight federal wilderness areas in Vermont, containing thousands of acres within the Green Mountain National Forest, and

<u>Whereas</u>, the National Wilderness Preservation System has greatly enhanced our nation's appreciation of its natural heritage, and

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Federal Wilderness Act and the 30th anniversary of the Vermont Wilderness Act, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Chapter of the Sierra Club.

H.C.R. 216.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Windsor Fire Chief Bruce W. Stearns

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor and Bartholomew of Hartland

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Bruce Stearns was a leading son of Windsor, with enduring ties to his hometown, and

Whereas, he was born in 1941 and graduated from Windsor High School, and

Whereas, Bruce Stearns served in the U.S. Navy during the Cuban Missile Crisis and was stationed on the U.S.S. Wasp, and

<u>Whereas</u>, after his honorable military discharge, Bruce Stearns returned home to Windsor and was employed as a correctional officer at the former Vermont State Prison, and

Whereas, for 39 years, Bruce Stearns was a member in good standing of the Windsor Fire Department, and

Whereas, he was a skilled firefighter, who advanced to the rank of deputy chief, a position he held for 21 years, and

Whereas, Bruce Stearns's service as deputy fire chief impressed his colleagues and town officials, and he was promoted to the office of fire chief, and served with distinction for five years, and

Whereas, this exemplary firefighter served as a mentor to his more junior colleagues, and

Whereas, Bruce Stearns' emergency response skills were well applied during his parallel service as an EMT with the Windsor Ambulance Service, and

Whereas, outside his professional life, Bruce Stearns had belonged to the Windsor Elks Lodge, enjoyed hunting and fishing, and being with his family, especially his grandchildren, and

Whereas, on January 14, 2014, Bruce Stearns died at age 72, and the town of Windsor expressed a fond farewell with a full honor guard of firefighters and equipment at his funeral, and

Whereas, his survivors include his wife, Sandra, children, Carol and Steven, four grandchildren, and sister, Nancy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of former Windsor Fire Chief Bruce Stearns, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sandra Stearns in Windsor and to the Windsor Fire Department.

H.C.R. 217.

House concurrent resolution designating the week of February 3–7 as Vermont School Counseling Week

Offered by: Representatives Frank of Underhill, Evans of Essex, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of Montpelier, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Lenes of Shelburne, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Michelsen of Hardwick, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, and Vowinkel of Hartford

Whereas, school counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential,

Whereas, these education professionals are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents, as they relate to career awareness and development, and

Whereas, school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal, and social growth of their children, and

Whereas, the work of school counselors, in coordination with teachers and other educators, helps students see their potential and set realistic goals for academic achievement, and

Whereas, through the identification and use of community resources, school counselors seek to help students become productive members of society, and

Whereas, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve in school, and

Whereas, in recognition of the importance school counselors play in the educational process, the week of February 3–7 is being observed nationwide as National School Counseling Week, and Vermont's school counselors merit an official State commendation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the week of February 3–7 as Vermont School Counseling Week, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont School Counselor Association.

H.C.R. 218.

House concurrent resolution honoring nonprofit organizations and Common Good Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Christie of Hartford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Gallivan of Chittenden, Goodwin of Weston, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Lenes of Shelburne, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Quimby of Concord, Toll of Danville, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, nonprofit organizations help build and sustain healthy and vibrant communities throughout Vermont, and contribute significantly to making the State a special place, and

<u>Whereas</u>, Vermonters enhance the well-being of their communities through contributions of volunteer time and commitment of financial resources to nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, daily, the nonprofit sector helps millions of individuals and families in the United States sustain their bodies and spirits in many ways, and

<u>Whereas</u>, nonprofit services include animal welfare, the arts, children's and senior citizens' support programs, land conservation and environmental protection, energy efficiency, food security, health education, prevention and care, and many other important services, and

Whereas, according to the Vermont Community Foundation, nonprofit organizations comprise 18.7 percent of the State's annual Gross State Product (GSP), and Vermonters donate 20.7 million hours a year at these organizations, and

Whereas, nonprofit organizations serve a vital role in facilitating charitable giving and social action, and

Whereas, Common Good Vermont helps these organizations to be more effective and efficient, through its delivery of online resources, training opportunities, partnerships, and signature events, and

Whereas, on February 6, 2014, under the auspices of Common Good Vermont, nonprofit organizations will gather in the State House to educate legislators concerning their work, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors nonprofit organizations and Common Good Vermont, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Common Good Vermont.

H.C.R. 219.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Juanita Cook of Pownal

Offered by: Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Morrissey of Bennington, Browning of Arlington, Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Komline of Dorset, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Juanita Cook was born in Jamestown, NY, in 1936 and earned a master's degree in speech-language pathology from UVM, and

Whereas, she was a dedicated speech therapist, serving on the staff and Board of the Brandon Training School, and

Whereas, in later years, she worked with the public schools in Bennington County, the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, multiple rehabilitation facilities, home health agencies, and in private practice, and

Whereas, Juanita Cook was a founding director of Bennington Project Independence, a member of the Board of Directors of the Epilepsy Association of Vermont, and a gubernatorial appointee on the Vermont State Rehabilitation Council and the Vermont Statewide Independent Living Council, and

Whereas, she was a pioneering woman aviator who soloed as a teen, loved music and the outdoors, and was an accomplished musician, and

Whereas, Juanita Cook successfully and productively lived with an increasingly disabling physical condition, and

Whereas, she fervently advocated for the rights of persons with disabilities, and for the rights of all citizens to live independently and fulfill their true potential, and

Whereas, on March 2, 2013, Juanita Cook died after an extensive illness, and

Whereas, her survivors include a son, Daryl, of Pownal, and Kimberly, his companion, two grandsons, Dustin and Derek, a great-granddaughter, Alaina, and her companion of many years, Beth Cheadle, who died subsequently on Christmas night 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Juanita Cook, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Juanita Cook.

H.C.R. 220.

House concurrent resolution honoring Champlain College President Dr. David F. Finney for his higher education leadership

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington and Donovan of Burlington

Whereas, during the past decade, Champlain College has broadened its curriculum offerings, strengthened financial aid and scholarships, constructed architecturally impressive and sustainable new buildings on its Burlington campus, and added international academic programs, and

Whereas, these major institutional advancements have come from the leadership of Dr. David Finney, who has served as president of Champlain College since 2005, and

Whereas, David Finney earned an undergraduate degree at Westminster College in Pennsylvania, continued his education at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, and earned his doctorate at Teachers College, Columbia University, and

Whereas, David Finney arrived at Champlain College as the school's seventh president, having served in senior administrative positions at New York University and the Rochester Institute of Technology, and

Whereas, during his presidency, Champlain College has raised its profile as an ideal academic destination for career-minded students, prompting the number of freshman applications nearly to triple, and

Whereas, David Finney spurred the establishment of an integrated liberal arts core curriculum, and of the Life Experience & Action Dimension (LEAD) Program that emphasizes life skills and financial sophistication, and

Whereas, improving Vermont's economy has been an important goal for David Finney, and he has fostered close ties between Champlain College and the State's business community, and

Whereas, leaders in higher education, nonprofit management, and commerce respect David Finney's counsel, and he serves on many organizations' boards of directors, and

Whereas, after leading Champlain College on a new path to excellence, David Finney will conclude his presidential tenure on June 30, 2014, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Champlain College President Dr. David F. Finney for his higher education leadership, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to David Finney.

H.C.R. 221.

House concurrent resolution extending congratulations and best wishes for success to the Vermonters selected to represent the United States at the 2014 Winter Olympics.

Offered by: All Members of the House Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, will feature premier athletes from around the world, and

Whereas, on the snowy slopes and trails or on icy surfaces, 230 extraordinary Americans will represent our nation with pride as members of the U.S. Olympic Team, and

Whereas, Vermont is one of the nation's centers for winter athletic competition, and it is not surprising that 16 athletes with close ties to the Green Mountain State are members of this impressive team, and

Whereas, this number of Vermont participants far exceeds the State's percentage of the national population, and

Whereas, those Vermont athletes selected for membership on the 2014 U.S. Winter Olympic team are Sophie Caldwell of Peru, debuting in cross-country skiing; Kelly Clark, a Dover native, who won gold in 2002 and bronze in 2010 in the snowboard halfpipe; Alex Diebold, who grew up in Manchester Center, debuting in snowboard cross; Jessica Diggins of Stratton, debuting in cross-country skiing; Hannah Dreissigacker of Craftsbury, debuting on the women's biathlon team; Susan Dunklee of Craftsbury, debuting on the women's biathlon team; Lindsey Jacobellis of Stratton, who won silver in 2006 in snowboard cross; Nolan Kasper of Warren, a 2010 slalom skier, competing in Alpine skiing; Hannah Kearney of Norwich, who won gold in 2010 in the moguls; Devin Logan of West Dover, debuting in freestyle skiing; Andy Newell of Weston, a 2006 and 2010 cross-country skiing veteran; Ida Sargent of Orleans, debuting in cross-country skiing; Mikaela Shiffrin, a 2013 Burke Mountain Academy graduate, debuting in Alpine skiing; Liz Stephen of East Montpelier, a 2010 cross-country skiing veteran; Hannah Teter of Belmont, who won gold in 2006 and silver in 2010 in snowboard halfpipe; and Ty Walker of Stowe, debuting in snowboard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends congratulations and best wishes for success to the Vermonters selected to represent the United States at the 2014 Winter Olympics, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermonters on the U.S. Olympic Team in Sochi, Russia.

S.C.R. 32.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the *Montpelier Bridge* on its 20th anniversary.

Whereas, for two decades, the Montpelier Bridge has informed and enlightened the reading public of the greater Montpelier area, and

Whereas, since its first issue appeared in 1993, the Montpelier Bridge has sought to serve as a community-focused newspaper reporting on the many facets of life in Vermont's capital city, and

Whereas, the inaugural issue was produced under the volunteer leadership and direction of Editor Bernie Folta, Assistant Editor Phil Dodd, Copyeditor Kate Mueller, Business Manager Steve Larose, who also was responsible for production and design, while Nancy Schulz sold advertisements, and

Whereas, the first front page featured Patricia Blouin, Jake Brown, Nat Frothingham, and Doug Wilhelm bylines, a Patricia Mitofsky photo, and a Tim Newcomb illustration, and

Whereas, Nat Frothingham is now in charge as Editor and Publisher, and his staff includes General Manager Bob Nuner, Strategic Planner Amy Brooks Thornton, Production and Calendar Editor Kate Mueller, Sales Representatives Carolyn Grodinsky, Rick McMahan, and Ivan Shadis, Graphic Design and Layout person Cynthia Ryan, who also serves as Website Manager, Bookkeeper Kathryn Leith, and Distribution staffers Kevin Fair, Diana Koliander-Hart, Daniel Renfro, and Anna Sarquiz, and

Whereas, specialized reports have included a survey of local architects, planners, and others who wrote of their visions for Montpelier's future, and the Montpelier Bridge's presentation featured a detailed color map of their proposals, and

Whereas, in a letter to readers, coinciding with the *Bridge's* 20th anniversary, Editor and Publisher Nat Frothingham set forth his future goals regarding coverage, digitalization, distribution, and staffing, and

Whereas, the Bridge is a leader in the field of community journalism and has become an important news and cultural resource in Montpelier, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the *Montpelier Bridge* on its 20th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the staff at the *Montpelier Bridge*.

S.C.R. 33.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating radio station WDEV in Waterbury, as the first electronic media winner of the Matthew Lyon Award.

Whereas, in 1798, Matthew Lyon represented a Vermont congressional district, when he was arrested and jailed for publishing a letter criticizing President John Adams, a violation of the recently adopted Alien and Sedition Act, and

Whereas, the Vermont Press Association (VPA) established the Matthew Lyon Award to honor lifetime commitment to the First Amendment and the public's right to know, and

Whereas, until 2013, the Matthew Lyon Award had always been awarded to one of Vermont's daily or weekly newspapers, and

Whereas, in 2013, the VPA decided to break with this tradition when it presented the Matthew Lyon Award to radio station WDEV in Waterbury, and

Whereas, since its inception in 1931, WDEV has featured extensive local and State news coverage, including the General Assembly, where Mark Johnson originates a weekly talk show during the legislative session, Town Meeting Day, with detailed reports on the results from many municipalities, and Election Day, with comprehensive coverage, and

Whereas, WDEV produced in-depth live coverage during Tropical Storm Irene, and

Whereas, the station is proud to have won more broadcast journalism awards than any commercial radio station in Vermont, and

Whereas, in awarding this honor to an electronic media outlet, VPA President Maria Archangelo stated that "WDEV is one of the few fully live radio stations in Vermont that bring the latest breaking news to listeners as it happens," and

Whereas, WDEV President Ken Squier describes the station's winning the 2013 Matthew Lyon Award as perhaps "the most meaningful and important" award of the many it has received over 82 years, and that WDEV was "truly humbled by and appreciative of this honor," now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates WDEV as the first electronic media winner of the Matthew Lyon Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to radio station WDEV in Waterbury.

S.C.R. 34.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Sarducci's restaurant and bar on its 20th anniversary.

Whereas, residents of, and visitors to, Montpelier have delighted in the delicious Italian-style cuisine which, for the past two decades, Sarducci's restaurant and bar has served to the public, and

Whereas, in the early 1990s, Dorothy Korshak, a former partner at the Montpelier restaurant Julio's, and Carol Paquette, who had worked as a Julio's waitress, decided the time was right to introduce a new Italian culinary establishment in Montpelier, and

Whereas, the prior home of Great American Salvage became available, and the women decided to proceed with their idea, and they selected the name Sarducci's, in honor of the Saturday Night Live television program character Guido Sarducci, and

Whereas, they began the restaurant development process visiting Italian restaurants in Boston and New York, where they sampled different dishes, spoke to owners and staff, collected menus, and examined decors, and

Whereas, with their research completed, Korshak and Paquette hired New England Culinary Institute-trained chefs and a wait staff, and

Whereas, an interior decor, featuring a large and patron-visible wood-fired oven was created, and an appetizing menu was finalized, and

Whereas, on January 19, 1994, Sarducci's opened its doors to the dining public, and

Whereas, the popularity of this restaurant was nearly immediate and has continued, as evidenced when Sarducci's added new dining space facing the Winooski River, and

Whereas, be it leaf-peeping tourists, legislators, or local residents, Sarducci's customers have continued to experience dining pleasure at this popular local eatery, and

Whereas, January 19, 2014 marks Sarducci's 20th anniversary and the still enthusiastic original owners remain committed to its successful operation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Sarducci's restaurant and bar on its 20th anniversary *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sarducci's in Montpelier.

S.C.R. 35.

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Eagleton Institute Director Alan Rosenthal.

Whereas, Alan Rosenthal was a passionate advocate for representative democracy and the vitality of the nation's state legislatures, and

Whereas, as both a respected academic and clinical consultant, Alan Rosenthal developed a unique expertise on state legislatures, and

Whereas, he graduated from Harvard College, then served in the U.S. Army's Counter Intelligence Corps in the former West Germany, and

Whereas, after returning to the United States, Alan Rosenthal earned master's and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton University before joining the Rutgers University political science faculty, on which he remained active until his death, on July 10, 2013, at age 81, and

Whereas, Alan Rosenthal was a lead author of *The Sometime Government*, the Ford Foundation financed study on state legislatures that resulted in the establishment of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and

Whereas, at Rutgers University, he had directed the Eagleton Institute of Politics and established and directed the Institute's Center for State Legislative Research and Service, and

Whereas, Vermont legislators who enrolled at Eagleton Institute legislative seminars included Governor Madeleine Kunin, Senators Bill Doyle and Frank Smallwood, and Representative Judy Rosenstreich, and

Whereas, Alan Rosenthal wrote or edited numerous books and monographs on the state legislative process, including Heavy Lifting: The Job of the American Legislature, which included a comparative examination of Vermont's and four other states' legislative procedures, and

Whereas, in preparation for this, Alan Rosenthal devoted several weeks to observing Vermont's General Assembly in action, and

Whereas, he was an advocate for campaign finance and legislative ethics reforms, served as a chair or member on several New Jersey legislative redistricting commissions, and chaired that state's Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the role of Alan Rosenthal in analyzing and serving as both the conscience and defender of state legislatures, and extends condolences to his family and colleagues at Rutgers University, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send two copies of this resolution to the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University.

S.C.R. 36.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Bear Pond Books in Montpelier on its 40th anniversary.

Whereas, on August 3, 1973, Michael Katzenberg established Bear Pond Books on Main Street in Montpelier, and

Whereas, in the subsequent years, Bear Pond Books became a popular destination for the book-loving public, and

Whereas, in 1992, an expanding patronage and inventory resulted in Bear Pond Books' moving across Main Street to a larger and more commodious retail space, and

Whereas, Bear Pond Books became not merely a purveyor of books, but also a gathering place for interesting presentations from authors representing a variety of literary genres, and

Whereas, in October 2006, after 33 years of successful book entrepreneurship, Michael Katzenberg and his wife, Linda Prescott, sold Bear Pond Books to Claire Benedict and Rob Kasow, and

Whereas, as the owners of Rivendell Books in Montpelier, Claire Benedict and Rob Kasow were committed to continuing Bear Pond Books' traditions of local ownership and community involvement, and

Whereas, despite the predominance of large chain bookstores and more recently, online sales, Bear Pond Books has worked successfully to overcome the challenges confronting independent booksellers, and

Whereas, on Saturday, August 3, 2013, the owners and staff of Bear Pond Books and the store's loyal and enthusiastic customers celebrated its 40th anniversary with special events, including birthday cake and many prizes, and

Whereas, Bear Pond Books exemplifies the best attributes of a locally owned independent bookstore, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Bear Pond Books in Montpelier on its 40th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bear Pond Books.

S.C.R. 37.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2012 Montpelier High School Solons Division II championship girls' soccer team.

Whereas, the 2012 Montpelier Solons girls' soccer team astounded its fans and opponents with feats of athleticism atypical of a high school sports team, and

Whereas, despite losing two of its first five games in 2012, the Solons played an overall superb level of soccer, earning a berth in the Division II championship game in Randolph against the Springfield Cosmos, and

Whereas, by the halftime break, Montpelier was in command with a 4–0 lead, and the Solons won with an overwhelming Division II championship 8–0 victory, and

Whereas, this scoring margin was the largest ever achieved in a Division II girls' soccer championship game, and

Whereas, equally impressive were Montpelier's 11 consecutive shutout victories which equaled 887 minutes of play, during which no opponent scored a single goal, and

Whereas, the Solons concluded the 2012 season as the proud owners of a 14–2 record, and

Whereas, the Solons squad, many of whom have played together since they were 10-year old youth soccer players, included Jayme Parker, Rachel Ebersole, Lexi Shea, Kate Laporte, Fiona Steele, Lilly Schwarz, Kate Drew, Annie Jones, Ellen Eurich, Andie Parento, Hartley Bingham, Alexis Boucher, Caroline Kessler, and Tess Lawson, and Head Coach Eric Bagley and Team Manager Kim Surwilo were proud to be associated with this great team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2012 Montpelier High School Solons Division II championship girls' soccer team, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 38.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Hunger Mountain Coop on the 20th anniversary of its Annual Food and Wellness Expo.

Mountain Coop on the 20th anniversary of its Annual Food and Wellness Expo.

Whereas, increasingly, Vermonters have made locally produced food a part of their healthy lifestyle, and

Whereas, the Hunger Mountain Coop's Annual Food and Wellness Expo focuses on both regional food and community health resources, and

Whereas, Expo visitors sampled local products as varied as soaps, herbs, beverages, soups, yogurts, and chocolates, and

Whereas, aside from the product displays and samples, health and wellness practitioners offered information and demonstrations on different topics, including aromatherapy, massage, reiki, and yoga, and

Whereas, representatives of nonprofit organizations informed Expo visitors about community wellness resources, and

Whereas, another important aspect of the Expo is the partnership between Hunger Mountain Coop and the Vermont Foodbank, and

Whereas, the Hunger Mountain Coop offered discount coupons to encourage donations to the Foodbank, and

Whereas, the 20th Annual Hunger Mountain Food and Wellness Expo was held on Saturday, November 9th at the Montpelier City Hall, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Hunger Mountain Coop on the 20th anniversary of its Annual Food and Wellness Expo, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Hunger Mountain Coop in Montpelier.

S.C.R. 39.

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Senator Frank Smallwood.

Whereas, Frank Smallwood was a distinguished scholar, college administrator, and civic leader, and

Whereas, he earned his undergraduate degree at Dartmouth College, and proceeded to Harvard University, where he obtained a master's degree in public administration and a doctorate in political economy, and

Whereas, Frank Smallwood returned to his college alma mater to commence a 35-year career as a faculty member and Dartmouth College administrator, and

Whereas, his accomplishments at Dartmouth include being the founding director of the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Affairs, holding several deanships, and serving as vice president for Student Affairs, and

Whereas, during his many years at Dartmouth, Frank Smallwood was a resident of Norwich, and he was proud to serve in the office of Norwich Fence Viewer, and

Whereas, the Windsor County electorate recognized Frank Smallwood's public policy expertise, and in 1972 elected him to the State Senate, and

Whereas, although he served only one term, the knowledge he gained of the General Assembly served him well, when, following the 1990 decennial census, he served as the Apportionment Board's Special Master, and

Whereas, Frank Smallwood chaired several State government panels related to higher education and intergovernmental relations, and

Whereas, after retiring from Dartmouth College, Frank Smallwood relocated to the Burlington area and taught in the Master of Public Administration Program at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, he was the author of, or contributor to, many articles and books, most recently a biography of Vermont's first Governor, Thomas Chittenden, and

Whereas, his survivors include his wife of 62 years, Ann Logie, his children, Susan, Sandy, David, and Don, his 11 grandchildren, and his brother, Bill, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of former Windsor County Senator Frank Smallwood, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to his wife, Ann, and each of his children.

S.C.R. 40.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Montpelier High School Division II championship girls' tennis team.

Whereas, the girls' tennis team at Montpelier High School has served and volleyed with much success, and

Whereas, the team's four prior Division II titles attest to its history of victorious seasons on local tennis courts, and

Whereas, having clinched the Division II crown in 2012, the Solons were well prepared to seek a repeat of the prior year's victory, and

Whereas, with a 12–1 record entering the 2013 Division II championship, the second-seeded Solons traveled to Bennington where they confronted a most formidable opponent, the first-seeded and undefeated Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs, and

Whereas, Montpelier won all five singles' matches, as well as the doubles' match, earning a sweeping 7–0 triumphant and the 2013 Division II championship, and

Whereas, the talented tennis players who brought a second consecutive and fifth overall Division II girls' tennis championship to Montpelier High School were Carly Watson, Annie Jones, Andie Parento, Chloe Golonka, Caitlyn Bashara, Alexis Boucher, Alyssa Barett, Kate Drew, Rhea Constantino, Julie Connor, Maddy Dunn, and Samantha Ringer, and Coach Wendy Watson oversaw a season of great tennis competition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Montpelier High School Division II championship girls' tennis team, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 41.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Reverend Jay Sprout on being named the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce's 2013 Citizen of the Year.

Whereas, annually, the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce honors a local resident with its Citizen of the Year Award, and

Whereas, Rev. Jay Sprout, a man whose life transcends the traditional boundaries of the religious sphere, is the 2013 recipient of this award, and

Whereas, he graduated from Bethany College in West Virginia and earned a Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School, and

Whereas, after graduating from Yale, Rev. Jay Sprout worked on Maine's Monhegan Island in a one-room schoolhouse and led Sunday worship, and

Whereas, after serving congregations in southern Vermont, he accepted the call to lead the North Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury, and

Whereas, during over 30 years in St. Johnsbury, he has opened his church as a meeting place for public discussions and as a site for celebrations and festivals, and

Whereas, Rev. Jay Sprout broadened his spiritual focus to include serving as the area's human services secretary for the Salvation Army and as a founding member and president of the interfaith Kingdom Community Services, and

Whereas, his community spirit and passion for the arts culminated in his leadership role with the St. Johnsbury First Night, and

Whereas, an accomplished chorister, Rev. Jay Sprout has sung with his church's choir, the North Country Chorus, and the Pumpkin Hill Singers, and has sung in Italy with Village Harmony, and

Whereas, he has appeared in several St. Johnsbury Players' productions, and

Whereas, Rev. Jay Sprout retired from the pulpit in July 2013, and the joint award and retirement dinner held in his honor served as a wonderful tribute to this beloved and respected community leader, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Reverend Jay Sprout on being named the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce's 2013 Citizen of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rev. Jay Sprout.