

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**February 26, 2014**

## **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. 235.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Alexina Federhen on winning U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders's 2014 State of the Union Essay Contest

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell, MacDonald, McCormack, Nitka, Rodgers, Sears, and Starr

Whereas, U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders conducts an annual State of the Union Essay Contest for high school students that coincides with the President's annual address to Congress, and

Whereas, the contest is "designed to engage Vermont's high school students on the major issues facing the country," and

Whereas, in establishing the contest, Senator Sanders expressed a concern that too many high school students are unacquainted with the functioning of government in a democracy, and

Whereas, in 2014, the contest winner is Mt. Anthony Union High School junior Alexina Federhen, and

Whereas, her essay will be published in the *Congressional Record*, and she will participate in a roundtable panel discussion with other top finalists, and

Whereas, Alexina Federhen's winning essay is entitled "A House Divided," citing the speech Abraham Lincoln delivered in 1858, and

Whereas, in her essay, Alexina Federhen mentioned issues that confronted the country in 2013, including the Detroit bankruptcy, school shootings, the Edward Snowden leaks, and the Boston Marathon bombing, and

Whereas, beyond these topics, she identified "a Congress so dysfunctional that it could not even manage to operate the government for the entire year," as the most important issue facing the nation, and

Whereas, she opined that the United States needs federal legislators "who will set aside personal gain and divisive ideology in order to build compromise and find consensus on the issues that challenge us," and

Whereas, in a newspaper interview, Alexina Federhen compared the Congress of Lincoln's era to 2014 and found the former to be "more open to new ideas," and

Whereas, Alexina Federhen is a member of the National Honor Society and aspires to attend a leading college or university, and

Whereas, she has expressed her views on the country's national civic discourse most thoughtfully, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Alexina Federhen on winning U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders's 2014 State of the Union Essay Contest, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 236.**

House concurrent resolution honoring employees of municipal public works departments and designating May 18–24, 2014 as Public Works Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Ancel of Calais, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Champion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of Canaan, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Fairfax, Moran of Wardsboro, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Shoreham, Strong of Albany, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City,

Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Winters of Williamstown, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Bray, Collins, Flory, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, Lyons, MacDonald, McAllister, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, and Zuckerman

Whereas, much of the highway and bridge network in Vermont is municipally owned, and the responsibility for its maintenance is assigned to local public works departments, and

Whereas, local public works departments perform outstanding work to maintain the infrastructure that enables Vermonters to drive their cars without concern that the surface roadway is not properly maintained, and

Whereas, when extremely inclement weather strikes, such as a severe snowstorm or a thunderstorm with high-velocity winds, municipal public works departments' crews are called upon to perform often difficult tasks under the worst possible climatic conditions and not infrequently in the middle of the night, and

Whereas, these special but essential jobs can range from removing snow from the highway while blowing drifts are inhibiting steady progress to supporting utility crews removing trees entangled in dangerously electrified cables, and

Whereas, on May 14, the Vermont Municipal Highway Association will hold its annual Equipment Show and Field Day at the Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, local public works departments' crews from across Vermont will attend this showcase of modern maintenance and proudly demonstrate their ability to use their equipment most effectively, and

Whereas, the Vermont Municipal Highway Association event also serves as an opportunity for vendors to display new products that public works departments' staff can examine and consider purchasing, and

Whereas, May is also an important month for these dedicated municipal employees as the week of May 18–24, 2014 is being observed as Public Works Week in order to recognize these all-too-often unsung heroes who maintain highways, bridges, and other essential municipal infrastructure 365 days a year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont's outstanding employees of municipal public works departments and designates May 18–24, 2014 as Public Works Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Barre Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen.

**H.C.R. 237.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Stephen A. Sampson on his selection as the 2013 Vermont Assistant Principal of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Russell of Rutland City, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, Stephen Sampson has been a faculty member at Rutland High School for the past two decades, and

Whereas, for his first 11 years, Stephen Sampson served as a guidance counselor, and in 2005, his excellent work earned him a promotion to guidance department chair, and

Whereas, Stephen Sampson continued to excel at his job, in both his administrative and guidance duties, and

Whereas, senior administrators in the Rutland Public Schools continued to be impressed with Stephen Sampson, and in 2011, he was named an associate principal, and

Whereas, although student discipline and management is Associate Principal Stephen Sampson's primary focus, he has, according to Rutland High School Principal William Olsen, "immersed himself in the educational environment as a whole," and

Whereas, this broader portfolio reflects Stephen Sampson's personal commitment to continuous professional growth, and

Whereas, once again, Stephen Samson's supervisors recognized that his work is worthy of high commendation, and

Whereas, Rutland Public Schools Superintendent Mary Moran recommended Stephen Sampson "with great enthusiasm," for a Vermont Principals' Association Leadership Award and characterized him "as an exemplar for both students and colleagues," and

Whereas, all of his other support letters for this award were equally effusive in their praise, and

Whereas, this local opinion became a formal statewide recognition when the Vermont Principals' Association selected Stephen Sampson as the 2013 Vermont Assistant Principal of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Stephen Sampson on his selection as the 2013 Vermont Assistant Principal of the Year, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 238.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Diane Marcoux-LaClair on her career accomplishments as an elementary school teacher

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Wolcott and Woodward of Johnson

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, a love for her French-Canadian heritage and the Hyde Park Elementary School (HPES) have been central in the life of Diane Marcoux-LaClair, and

Whereas, her first experience at HPES was as a student, but it proved merely an introduction to a life-long relationship, and

Whereas, after completing her own education, Diane Marcoux-LaClair returned to her first alma mater to embark on a rewarding career as a teacher, and

Whereas, for 33 of her 41 years on the HPES faculty she has served as the much-beloved kindergarten teacher, and is now teaching the children, and occasionally grandchildren, of her former students, and

Whereas, she has developed enduring bonds with her students lasting far beyond their time in her classroom, and

Whereas, as a teacher, Diane Marcoux-LaClair continuously fosters creativity, joy, and imagination in the learning process, and

Whereas, her love of teaching children and commitment to ongoing professional growth have been consistently reflected throughout her career, and

Whereas, she is passionately committed to offering developmentally appropriate instruction to young children, and voluntarily tutors students during the summer months, and

Whereas, the Lamoille North Supervisory Union has previously recognized the dedication and skill she brings to her classroom by naming Diane Marcoux-LaClair a Teacher of the Year, and she is also the recipient of innumerable other prestigious teaching awards, and

Whereas, Diane Marcoux-LaClair preserves her Quebecois heritage both as a French speaker and instructor of the language to her students, and

Whereas, she and her husband, Larry LaClair, are the proud parents of a son, Connor LaClair, who is serving in the Peace Corps in Senegal, and

Whereas, Diane Marcoux-LaClair, a kindergarten teacher who has an unrivaled understanding of what makes five-year-olds tick, is concluding her exemplary 41-year tenure on the HEPS faculty, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Diane Marcoux-LaClair on her career accomplishments as an elementary school teacher, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Diane Marcoux-LaClair.

### **H.C.R. 239.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Town of Londonderry on its revitalization of Pingree Park

Offered by: Representative Goodwin of Weston

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Pingree Park is an 18.4-acre parcel in the heart of Londonderry serving as the town's primary public recreation facility, and

Whereas, in 1981, the park was dedicated to Dr. Elizabeth Pingree, Londonderry's "Doc" for 48 years, and

Whereas, Pingree Park included initially two baseball fields and a tennis court, and

Whereas, in 1993, an Eagle Scout's service project resulted in the addition of a basketball court, and

Whereas, volunteers raised the funds for a swing set and play structure that were added in 2001, and

Whereas, another volunteer raised additional funds for the construction of two skate ramps, and

Whereas, because of heavy local use of the facilities, they had fallen into disrepair and become less attractive, and

Whereas, on May 2, 2013, a group of concerned citizens formed the Londonderry Parks Committee with the dual purposes of rehabilitating the park and expanding its recreational offerings, and

Whereas, the Londonderry Selectboard endorsed the proposal, and on August 5, 2013 appointed five of the committee's members, Kelly Pajala

(chair), Debbie O’Leary, Colleen Gometz, Pam Ameden, and Suzie Wyman, as the first members of the new Londonderry Parks Board, and

Whereas, during the first weekend of November 2013, a group of volunteers demolished the old playground equipment, and

Whereas, later in November, the Pingree Park Revitalization Project was awarded a \$22,000.00 grant from the Department of Buildings and General Services conditioned on raising matching funds from the community, and

Whereas, the Londonderry Parks Board continues fundraising efforts toward securing the required \$75,000.00, and hopes to install new playground equipment, make tennis court improvements, add electric power and security systems, build a dog park, and introduce other amenities during 2014, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Town of Londonderry on its revitalization of Pingree Park, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Londonderry Parks Board.

**H.C.R. 240.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Lexa Clark for her leadership as captain of the Jamaica Rescue Squad

Offered by: Representative Goodwin of Weston

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, in the 1970s, Lexa Clark moved her family from Massachusetts to Jamaica, a town not near a hospital, and

Whereas, concerned that emergency medical aid was not close at hand, she enrolled in a CPR class and subsequently completed an EMT course, and

Whereas, Lexa Clark became one of the original volunteers on the Valley Rescue Service at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, and

Whereas, when Jamaica decided to establish its own rescue squad, Lexa Clark became a founding member, and her new colleagues chose her as the squad’s captain, and

Whereas, in the beginning, Jamaica Rescue Squad members drove their own cars when called to respond, and

Whereas, the first squad vehicle was a used utility van, then came a hearse, and finally, after much anticipation, a brand-new rescue truck, and



Whereas, through all these vehicle upgrades and other improvements at the Jamaica Rescue Squad, Captain Lexa Clark kept close watch over the organization's administrative details, and

Whereas, Lexa Clark has been a dedicated EMT, traveling to accidents and other emergencies at all hours, and

Whereas, during Tropical Storm Irene, Lexa Clark and her Jamaica Rescue Squad crew made an extra effort to check on the well-being of their neighbors, and

Whereas, the psychological support Lexa Clark has given to victims has often proven as valuable as the medical attention her colleagues and she provide, and

Whereas, the Jamaica Rescue Squad's services are now provided through the combined Jamaica Fire and Rescue, and Lexa Clark has ensured that firefighters and EMTs work as a collaborative team, and

Whereas, in 2013, after three decades, Lexa Clark decided it was time to step aside from the captaincy, but she will remain an active member of the Jamaica Rescue Squad on which she has served with pride and dedication, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Lexa Clark for her leadership as captain of the Jamaica Rescue Squad, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lexa Clark in Jamaica.

**H.C.R. 241.**

House concurrent resolution congratulates CVS Caremark for the decision to terminate the sale of all tobacco products, including cigarettes

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town, Batchelor of Derby, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, French of Randolph, Goodwin of Weston, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of Montpelier, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Komline of Dorset, Krowinski of Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lippert of Hinesburg, Marek of Newfane, McFaun of Barre Town, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Pearce of Richford, Quimby of Concord, Ralston of Middlebury, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Wizowaty of Burlington, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, for generations, American consumers have purchased cigarettes and other tobacco products at pharmacies, and

Whereas, since the U.S. Surgeon General issued his 1964 report on the dangers of smoking, the percentage of American adults who smoke has declined sharply, but far too many still die each year due to smoking, and

Whereas, Woonsocket, Rhode Island-based CVS Caremark is the operator of more than 7,600 pharmacies and 800 MinuteClinic locations, and

Whereas, CVS Caremark Chief Medical Officer Dr. Troyen A. Brennan has written in a recent issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* of “the paradox of cigarette sales in pharmacies” especially as pharmacies assume an expanded role in the health care system, and

Whereas, CVS Caremark President and CEO Larry J. Merlo, in a press release dated February 5, 2014, stated “the sale of tobacco products is inconsistent with our purpose” as a company in the business “to help people on their path to better health,” and

Whereas, with these thoughts in mind, Larry Merlo announced that CVS pharmacies would end the sale of all tobacco products, including cigarettes, by October 1, 2014, and

Whereas, although CVS Caremark estimates that the decision will cost the company \$2 billion in annual revenues, Larry Merlo described this historic decision as “the right thing for us to do for our customers and our company,” and

Whereas, CVS Caremark noted this unusual retailing decision, “is consistent with the positions taken by the American Medical Association, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association, and the American Pharmacists Association,” and

Whereas, the elimination of tobacco product sales at CVS pharmacies will start in the spring, and the company expects to provide smoking cessation information at its pharmacies, MinuteClinics, and online, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates CVS Caremark for the decision to terminate the sale of all tobacco products, including cigarettes, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to CVS Caremark President and CEO Larry Merlo.

#### **H.C.R. 242.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the federal TRIO programs in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Jerman of Essex, Cole of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, Mrowicki of Putney, Taylor of Barre City, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Wilson of Manchester, and Woodward of Johnson

Whereas, promoting the academic success of students who come from families with minimal economic resources and who aspire to be the first member of their family to attend college is the laudable goal of the federal TRIO programs, and, in Vermont, these important academic preparatory programs serve students at seven colleges and through the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, students and administrators representing the federal TRIO programs in Vermont are visiting the State House today, Tuesday, March 11, 2014, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

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

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

**H.C.R. 243.**

House concurrent resolution designating March 2014 as Myeloma Awareness Month in Vermont

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, multiple myeloma, also known as myeloma or plasma disease, is a progressive hematologic disease, and

Whereas, it is a cancer of the plasma cell, an important part of the immune system, and

Whereas, multiple myeloma is the second most common blood cancer, and

Whereas, despite its impacting many persons, the existence of multiple myeloma is not widely known among the general public, and

Whereas, most victims have never heard of multiple myeloma until its presence in their blood is diagnosed, and

Whereas, multiple myeloma is a treatable cancer and promising advances are bringing researchers closer to a cure, and

Whereas, in an effort to raise public awareness of this form of cancer, starting in 2009, the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) has declared March as Myeloma Awareness Month, and

Whereas, the IMF hopes that increased awareness will attract greater attention and research funding to this blood disease, and

Whereas, public knowledge of multiple myeloma may also prompt individuals with the symptoms associated with this disease to ask their doctors to consider it as a possible cause of their health problems, and

Whereas, it is important that Vermonters be aware of the prevalence of multiple myeloma, and not hesitate to inquire if there is a possibility they are affected, and

Whereas, representatives of the Multiple Myeloma Networking Group's Southwestern Vermont Region are visiting the State House today, February 28, 2014, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 2014 as Myeloma Awareness Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jan Martin Bopp at the Multiple Myeloma Networking Group's Southwestern Vermont Region.

#### **H.C.R. 244.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the New Haven Town moderators

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, at annual and special town meetings, the voters decide a town's most important financial and policy governance questions, and

Whereas, the success of a town meeting is first and foremost dependent on the town moderator, who must conduct the deliberations drawing on a knowledge of the parliamentary procedures set forth in *Robert's Rules of Order*, and

Whereas, a moderator must not only be conversant in the minutiae contained in this venerable manual, but is expected to apply its precepts equitably and fairly, without showing any bias for or against a citizen or issue, and

Whereas, beyond this technical expertise, the moderator should also possess an innate sense of when to offer a humorous or light-hearted comment, and

Whereas, this special intuitive knowledge is drawn upon to relieve momentary tension, promote civil discourse, and to retain a healthy degree of community camaraderie, and

Whereas, over the decades and centuries, the moderators presiding at New Haven Town Meetings have exhibited their unique personalities while wielding the gavel, and

Whereas, although a New Haven voter may express a personal preference for a specific moderator's style, each of these elected individuals has been willing to assume the challenge and responsibility of overseeing town meeting deliberations, and assuring that decorum and agenda completion are achieved, and

Whereas, the 2013 New Haven Town Meeting Report is dedicated in honor of these wise, and at times brave, citizens, and

Whereas, all of the New Haven Town moderators deserve recognition, and those serving since 1927 have included George C. Everest, Edward S. Dana, William F. Fitts, Clyde D. Hoffnagle, C. Harlan Palmer, Oliver Sprigg, Edward Young, Morris Earle, Douglas Baker, David Pidgeon, and Lanny Smith, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Town of New Haven moderators and their dedicated civic service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the New Haven Town Clerk.

**H.C.R. 245.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Elaine Pinckney on her being named the 2013 Frederick H. Tuttle Superintendent of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Lenex of Shelburne, Webb of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Lyons, Sirotkin, Snelling, and Zuckerman

Whereas, each year, the Vermont Superintendents Association (VSA) honors a superintendent as the Frederick H. Tuttle Superintendent of the Year, and

Whereas, this award is named in memory of a former South Burlington superintendent whose career exemplified an outstanding record of public educational service, and

Whereas, the criteria for the award are “outstanding education leadership at the local, regional, and state levels and a commitment to public education and children of Vermont,” and

Whereas, after careful consideration, the VSA selected Chittenden South Supervisory Union Superintendent Elaine Pinckney of Williston as the 2013 Frederick H. Tuttle Superintendent of the Year, and

Whereas, she is a gifted administrator who inspires others to lead and always works with the best interests of students as her primary concern, and

Whereas, Elaine Pinckney began her career as teacher, and

Whereas, before assuming her current position in 2006, Elaine Pinckney was the principal of the Williston Central School and then Vermont Deputy Commissioner of Education, and

Whereas, Elaine Pinckney has shown a deep commitment to the students in her supervisory union's communities and to raising the quality of elementary and secondary education in Vermont, and

Whereas, in pursuit of that goal, Elaine Pinckney co-chaired a work group focusing on educational quality, and

Whereas, Elaine Pinckney has been a prime advocate for adopting a modern school calendar that promotes a better learning process, and

Whereas, her professional colleagues have recognized her leadership skills by selecting her as the current VSA vice president and as the Vermont representative to the governing board of the American Association of School Administrators, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Elaine Pinckney on her being named the 2013 Frederick H. Tuttle Superintendent of the Year, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 246.**

House concurrent resolution designating April 2014 as Month of the Military Child in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, Moran of Wardsboro, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Stevens of Waterbury, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Vowinkel of Hartford, and Weed of Enosburgh

Whereas, military personnel are relocated frequently, and moving can result in both academic and social challenges for the children of military personnel, and

Whereas, regardless of their grade, military children entering a new school system must adjust to different and possibly incompatible curriculums, become acquainted with new surroundings, and form new friendships, and

Whereas, Vermont is one of the states that has ratified the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children to address the academic aspects of military children's continuous relocations, and

Whereas, nationwide, Operation Military Kids (OMK), which in Vermont is administered through the University of Vermont Extension and its 4-H program, helps these kids adjust to situations that other children do not experience, and

Whereas, for 2013, Vermont OMK office reported that 180 volunteers contributed 1,095 hours working with OMK youngsters, and that 73 support programs reached 550 military children, and

Whereas, OMK is also an information service for the broader community, offering “Ready, Set, Go” trainings about the effect on children of parental deployments and general information sessions on OMK programs, and

Whereas, military parents whose children participate in OMK have responded

favorably to the program’s impact on their children’s lives, and

Whereas, local OMK children, along with Vermont OMK Coordinator staff at the University of Vermont Extension, are visiting the State House today, April 1, 2014, and

Whereas, nationally, April is being observed as the month of the military child, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 2013 as the month of the military child in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Operation Military Kids at the University of Vermont Extension.

**H.C.R. 247.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the retiring Weybridge Selectboard members Gale Hurd, Steven Smith, and Peter James

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, a town’s selectboard serves as the municipal legislative body overseeing the finances and management of local governmental operations, and

Whereas, selectboard members bring individual expertise and perspectives that in combination offer the insight to supervise a town’s administrative affairs, and

Whereas, recently, the Town of Weybridge faced an especially difficult situation that every municipality hopes will never occur, and



Whereas, the selectboard responded magnificently, exhibiting integrity, level-headedness, and thoughtfulness, and

Whereas, the end result of this demanding process was the Town of Weybridge's emerging as a stronger community, and

Whereas, on Town Meeting Day 2014, three of these extraordinary Weybridge Selectboard members, whose civic duty extended beyond the usual responsibilities of a municipal legislator, will conclude their service on the board, and

Whereas, their combined municipal public service equals 60 years, and they have dedicated countless hours to the Town of Weybridge, and

Whereas, Gale Hurd (14 years) was instrumental in the new maintenance shed's construction, managed most of the board's written communications, and was a regular supplier of Tootsie Rolls<sup>®</sup> at meetings, and

Whereas, Steven Smith (16 years) was a thoughtful and informed selectboard member, asked important questions, and examined carefully the long-term effects of the board's decisions, and

Whereas, Peter James (30 years) has served as a calm and attentive leader, earned broad admiration in the community, guided the board in a respectful and collaborative decision-making process, and oversaw major highway projects, and

Whereas, the decision of these selectboard members to not stand for reelection represents the conclusion of an extraordinary governing partnership, and the 2013 Weybridge Town Report is dedicated in their honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the retiring Weybridge Selectboard members Gale Hurd, Steven Smith, and Peter James, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 248.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Bridport's Collector of Delinquent Taxes Harry "Boo" Duffany

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, collectors of delinquent taxes are not the electorate's most popular town official, and

Whereas, despite the unpleasantness associated with this role, a collector of delinquent taxes enables a municipality to secure revenue owed that might otherwise remain unpaid for an indefinite period of time, and

Whereas, the person serving as a town's collector of delinquent taxes must not be easily deterred when official notices are ignored or taxpayers are initially nonresponsive or otherwise uncooperative, and

Whereas, for two decades, Boo Duffany has served in this challenging position in the town of Bridport, performing his duties effectively and professionally, and

Whereas, he has not shown favoritism towards any taxpayer and has always enforced the law as written, and

Whereas, his reports are always meticulous and well-documented, and

Whereas, Boo Duffany appreciates the importance of his responsibilities and seeks to collect all funds that belong in Bridport's municipal coffers, and

Whereas, his efforts on the town's behalf represent a standard of public service worthy of praise, and

Whereas, after serving as Bridport's collector of delinquent taxes for 20 years, Boo Duffany is concluding his tenure on Town Meeting Day 2014, and

Whereas, when not pursuing errant municipal taxpayers, Boo Duffany enjoys engaging in more enjoyable activities, and

Whereas, Boo Duffany is a charter member of the Bridport Horseshoe Club, and

Whereas, he enjoys hunting and viewing hunting programs and NASCAR races on television, and

Whereas, Boo Duffany and his wife Muriel "Pinky" have resided in Bridport for many years, and

Whereas, in honor of his extended and exemplary public service in an essential job that can attract citizen scorn and little praise, the 2013 Bridport Town Report is dedicated in his honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Bridport's Collector of Delinquent Taxes Harry "Boo" Duffany, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Harry Duffany in Bridport.

**H.C.R. 249.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the significant health care role of the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice

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

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, for many Vermonters recovering from an illness or with limited mobility, access to home-based health care is essential, and

Whereas, since 1946, the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice (RAVNAH), a nonprofit and Medicaid-certified organization, has delivered home health services with compassion, dependability, and expertise, and

Whereas, the mission of RAVNAH is “to enhance the quality of life for (everyone) it serves,” and

Whereas, the organization’s vision “is to be the best provider of home and community based health care in Vermont,” and

Whereas, RAVNAH takes pride in adhering to a set of core philosophical and administrative values summarized in the acronym HEALTH, and

Whereas, the components of this acronym are honesty, excellence, accountability, leadership, teamwork, and helpfulness, and

Whereas, RAVNAH provides a full range of personalized health care services “that allow patients to recover more quickly” and that facilitate any necessary changes in the type of care while maintaining a patient’s independence and dignity, and

Whereas, the constant themes of dedication, innovation, and trust pervade RAVNAH’s delivery of health and hospice services to individuals in the Rutland area, and

Whereas, representatives of RAVNAH are visiting the State House today, February 26, 2014, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the significant health care role of the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 250.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating U.S. Navy Ensign Matthew McVay on his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy with a 4.0 GPA

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, as a student at Mt. Anthony Union High School, Matt McVay enrolled in several Advance Placement classes that broadened his knowledge base and instilled in him good learning and studying skills, and

Whereas, the character-building experience he gained as a member of the Mt. Anthony championship wrestling team proved of great value, and

Whereas, after graduating from Mt. Anthony Union High School in 2008 and attending prep school for a year, Matt McVay was admitted to the class of 2013 at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and

Whereas, once in Annapolis, he applied his Mt. Anthony academic and athletic experiences in a far more rigorous and competitive environment, and

Whereas, Matt McVay outshone nearly all his U.S. Naval Academy classmates, and

Whereas, he was one of only 12 students, in a class of 1,060, to earn a perfect 4.0 GPA, an especially remarkable accomplishment at the U.S. Naval Academy, and

Whereas, Matt McVay was commissioned a U.S. Navy Ensign upon his graduation in the spring of 2013, and

Whereas, since October 2013, he has been enrolled in the academically demanding Nuclear Power School (NPS) at the Navy Nuclear Power Training Command, and

Whereas, following the completion of his NPS curriculum, Matt McVay will continue his studies in Ballston Spa, N.Y, where he will learn to operate the type of reactor that powers a nuclear submarine, and

Whereas, Matt McVay will complete his training with the Submarine Officer Basic Course in Groton, Connecticut and then be assigned to serve on a U.S. Navy submarine, and

Whereas, his outstanding success at the U.S. Naval Academy merits special recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates U.S. Navy Ensign Matthew McVay on his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy with a 4.0 GPA and wishes him every success in his U.S. Navy career, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 251.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Senator Merritt S. Hewitt

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Merritt Hewitt, widely known as Bud, graduated from North Bennington High School and then earned a two-year degree at Green Mountain College, and

Whereas, in 1942, he married Shirley Susan Smith, who was his wife for 62 years, and they established a dairy operation, purchasing the first of five farms, and selecting the name Double TT Farm, and

Whereas, in 1963, Bud Hewitt passed the Vermont real estate examination, embarking on a new and enjoyable career, and

Whereas, the success of Double TT Realty earned Bud Hewitt the 1971 Vermont Realtor of the Year award, and

Whereas, Bud Hewitt would eventually construct 40 homes at Harvest Hills, including his own, and on Hewitt Drive, and

Whereas, the banking community recognized Bud Hewitt's business savvy, and he served on the boards of the First National Bank of North Bennington, the Catamount National Bank, and its successor Merchants Bank, and

Whereas, the voters of Shaftsbury acknowledged Bud Hewitt's civic standing electing him to the House of Representatives in 1952, 1954, and 1956, and the Bennington County electorate selected him as a Senator in 1958, and

Whereas, Bud Hewitt returned to the General Assembly in 1970 as Shaftsbury's representative, serving two terms before resuming his role as a Bennington County Senator through adjournment sine die in 1980, and

Whereas, among his legislative assignments was the Committee on Appropriations and service as a University of Vermont legislative trustee, and

Whereas, in 1985, Bud Hewitt completed a bachelor's degree at Southern Vermont College, fulfilling a long-held dream, and

Whereas, his many local leadership roles included service as a Southern Vermont College trustee and on the board of the Old First Church, and

Whereas, Bud Hewitt died at 93 years of age on May 22, 2013, and his survivors include his children, Sandra, Malcolm, Karen, and Brian, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and his special friend, June King, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of former Representative and Senator Merritt Hewitt, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 252.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Town of Corinth

Offered by: Representatives Davis of Washington and Winters of Williamstown

Whereas, Corinth is a town with a landscape the *Vermont Encyclopedia* describes as one of “forested hills and upland meadows,” and

Whereas, this Orange County municipality was established on February 4, 1764 pursuant to a charter New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth issued to 66 grantees or proprietors, and

Whereas, the 24,000-acre track of six miles square was set forth in the charter as “Begining at the South Westerly Corner Bounds of the Town of Newbury thence runing South Thirty Two degrees West ab Six Miles & one half Mile to the North Westerly Corner Bound of the Township of Fairlee...,” and

Whereas, the Town of Corinth was named after an ancient Greek City, and

Whereas, within five years each grantee was instructed to plant five acres for every 50 acres granted to him, and

Whereas, the charter named Jonathan White Esq. as the moderator to call the initial Corinth Town Meeting on the first Tuesday in March of 1764, and

Whereas, in observance of this seminal event in the town's history, the Corinth 250 Planning Committee was formed to schedule a series of commemorative activities, and

Whereas, at a period home in the Corinth Village of Cookeville, Selectman Chris Groschner, the committee's chair, and town residents, Dan Wing and Dustin White, staged a reenactment of New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth signing the Corinth Town Charter, and

Whereas, the Town of Corinth will celebrate its 250th anniversary with a birthday cake on Town Meeting Day, March 4, 2014, at noon in Town Hall, and

Whereas, the many other Corinth celebratory activities during 2014 include a self-guided historic buildings tour (May 24), a Memorial Day Service (May 26), a parade and barbeque (July 4), Old Home Day events (August 15–17), a traditional New England dance (November 14), and a cookie swap and historical music performance (December 13), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Town of Corinth, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Corinth 250 Planning Committee.

#### **H.C.R. 253.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Edward Koren of Brookfield on his being named Vermont's newest Cartoonist Laureate

Offered by: Representatives Ryerson of Randolph and French of Randolph

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, Ed Koren was born in New York, graduated from Columbia University, and earned a master's degree in fine arts from Pratt Institute, and

Whereas, his primary publishing home is the *New Yorker* where over 1,000 of his imaginative illustrations, many featuring shaggy creatures of unknown origin and the unique Koren dry wit, have been published in the magazine's pages and as covers, and

Whereas, the illustrative creativity of Ed Koren has appeared in many other periodicals, including *GQ*, *Fortune*, the *Nation*, the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Time*, *Vanity Fair*, and *Vogue*, and

Whereas, authors Delia Ephron, Peter Mayle, and George Plimpton have written books that are decorated gloriously with Ed Koren's graphic depictions, and

Whereas, several museums boast Ed Koren's drawings in their collections, and

Whereas, academia has recognized Ed Koren's genius as a John Simon Guggenheim Fellow and a Distinguished Visitor at the American Academy in Berlin, and Union College conferred an honorary doctorate, and

Whereas, despite his New York roots and publication ties, Ed Koren is a proud Vermonter, having chosen to call the Green Mountain State home, and

Whereas, a resident of Brookfield, he is a member of the volunteer fire department and a former captain, and

Whereas, his art work has depicted Vermonters maneuvering through waves while whitewater canoeing or falling on the ski slopes, and

Whereas, Ed Koren has stated "what captures my attention is all the human theater around me," and

Whereas, his adoptive State honored Ed Koren as the 2007 recipient of the Vermont Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, and

Whereas, in 2014, the State of Vermont is extending a new honor to Ed Koren naming him the State's second cartoonist laureate, and

Whereas, today, February 27, 2014, Ed Koren's appointment is being recognized at the State House and The Center for Cartoon Studies, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Edward Koren of Brookfield on his being named Vermont's newest Cartoonist Laureate, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ed Koren and The Center for Cartoon Studies.

**H.C.R. 254.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Laura Soares of Randolph for her contributions to public education policy and governance

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph and Ryerson of Randolph

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, Laura Soares has been a significant contributor to the formation of elementary and secondary education policy in Vermont, and



Whereas, her leadership has brought benefits to students locally, regionally, and statewide, and

Whereas, in 1993, Laura Soares was elected to the Randolph Elementary School Board, and

Whereas, members of the board soon recognized Laura Soares's leadership potential and selected her as their chair, and

Whereas, Laura Soares's leadership proved essential as Randolph constructed a new unified elementary school, bringing students from three buildings into a modern learning center, and

Whereas, the Randolph community took notice of her dedication to public education and she served on and chaired both the Randolph Union High School Board and the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union Board, and

Whereas, as a member-at-large of the Vermont School Boards Association, Laura Soares brought first-hand expertise to the State organization's deliberations, and her colleagues selected her as their president from 2001 to 2003, and

Whereas, she has served on the board of the Vermont Educational Leadership Alliance and as the group's director in 2004–2005, and

Whereas, Laura Soares has also been a member of the Vermont Education Health Initiative's board of directors, and

Whereas, in 2004, she accepted a board seat with the Vermont School Boards' Insurance Trust and now serves as its president and chief executive officer, and

Whereas, the broad scope of her positive impact on elementary and secondary education in Vermont is a tribute to her industriousness and innovative leadership, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Laura Soares of Randolph for her contributions to public education policy and governance, and be it further

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

**S.C.R. 43.**

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Grad of Moretown and Greshin of Warren,

**S.C.R. 43.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Mad River Glen ski area on its 65th anniversary.

*Whereas*, on December 11, 1948, the first skier accelerated down the slope at Mad River Glen in Fayston, opening a unique chapter in Vermont downhill skiing, and

*Whereas*, Mad River Glen's founder, Roland Palmedo, stated that "a ski area is not just a place of business . . . but a winter community dedicated to the enjoyment of the sport," and

*Whereas*, this iconic ski area began with a single chair lift that came to symbolize the Mad River Glen challenge and special experience skiers cherish, and

*Whereas*, in 1961, the Sunnyside double chair lift debuted, increasing the skier carrying capacity, and

*Whereas*, Truxton Pratt purchased Mad River Glen in 1972, and upon his death in 1975, his wife, Betsy Pratt, assumed ownership and managerial responsibilities, and

*Whereas*, for the next two decades, Betsy Pratt oversaw Mad River Glen, making improvements in trails and support facilities, but always kept the ski area's traditions her primary focus, and

*Whereas*, the emerging sport of snowboarding was welcomed briefly in the late 1980s, but it was decided that the Mad River Glen experience was best preserved as a skiing-only resort, and

*Whereas*, the Mad River Glen Cooperative was established on December 5, 1995, creating a new form of ownership, and

*Whereas*, the Mad River Glen Cooperative sold its 1,667th ownership share in April 1998, finalizing the stipulation for 100 percent skier ownership, and

*Whereas*, on April 8, 2007, the original chair lift was retired, with fond memories, but a modernized duplicate is now in operation, and

*Whereas*, the Mad River Glen ski area is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and

*Whereas*, December 11, 2013 marked the 65th anniversary of the Mad River Glen ski area, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the Mad River Glen ski area 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 Mad River Glen ski area.

#### **S.C.R. 44.**

By Senators Kitchel and Benning,

By Representative Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford,

**S.C.R. 44.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring Gary W. Moore for his accomplishments as an educator, environmentalist, and civic leader.

*Whereas*, Gary Moore graduated from Lyndon State College and earned graduate degrees from Dartmouth College and the University of Vermont, and

*Whereas*, for 22 years, he was an outstanding faculty member at St. Johnsbury Academy, including 16 years as assistant headmaster, and

*Whereas*, in 1991, Gary Moore was appointed a Vermont State Colleges Trustee, and, for the next 15 years, he worked actively to promote the best interests of the State college system, and

*Whereas*, in 2006, Governor Douglas appointed Gary Moore Chair of the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees, and

*Whereas*, he has fulfilled the important duties of this office diligently, effectively, and fairly, guiding the Board through major policy and personnel decisions, and

*Whereas*, Gary Moore has served in leading public policy roles related to the environment, including Commissioner of Fish and Game, Chair of the Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Chair of the Water Resources Board, and service on the Fish and Game Board and several panels overseeing the stewardship of the Connecticut River, and

*Whereas*, Gary Moore's extensive knowledge of the outdoors was a great contribution to his service on the Vermont State Police Search and Rescue Team, and

*Whereas*, he has taught the class Weapons of Mass Destruction Incident Management around the nation for the Texas A&M University System and serves on the Vermont Hazardous Materials Response Team, and

*Whereas*, within his community, Gary Moore contributed to the protection of life and property as a 33-year member of the Bradford Fire Department, serving much of his tenure as either assistant chief or chief, and he has also served as the West Newbury Fire Chief, and

*Whereas*, Gary Moore has assumed leadership roles at several Vermont nonprofit civic and educational organizations, and

*Whereas*, this dynamic leader is concluding his 23 years of service as a Vermont State Colleges Trustee, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors Gary Moore for his accomplishments as an educator, environmentalist, and civic leader *and be it further*

**Resolved:** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Gary Moore.

**S.C.R. 45.**

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Grad of Moretown and Greshin of Warren,

**S.C.R. 45.** Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Waitsfield Fire Chief Delbert W. Palmer.

*Whereas*, Delbert Palmer resided in his native Waitsfield throughout his life, and

*Whereas*, he was born on August 22, 1934, and

*Whereas*, Delbert Palmer graduated from Waitsfield High School and earned a two-year degree in agricultural studies from Vermont Technical College, and

*Whereas*, his family's six-generation, award-winning Palmer Maple Products were a major part of his life, and from 1995 forward he assumed managerial responsibility, and

*Whereas*, Delbert Palmer worked for one-quarter century as a meat cutter, and he brought great skill to this trade, and

*Whereas*, since his youth, community service was of great importance to Delbert Palmer, and he joined the Waitsfield Fire Department at 17 years of age, beginning an association that endured for 62 years, and

*Whereas*, for 23 years, Delbert Palmer served as the respected Waitsfield Fire Chief, and

*Whereas*, when the alarm signaled a fire, he would rush to the scene of the blaze, even if sounding his vehicle's siren and flashing the red lights were required to assure his rapid speed, and

*Whereas*, he encouraged women to join the department, so his daughters, Shawn and Susan, and a granddaughter, Shannon, answered his call, and his grandson, Jared, also followed the path of his female relatives, and

*Whereas*, Delbert Palmer was extremely proud of his Waitsfield Fire Department colleagues, and

*Whereas*, for one-quarter of a century, the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service benefited from his service as a driver, and

*Whereas*, for 25 years, Delbert Palmer served as the town fire warden, and

*Whereas*, he loved to talk with his fellow Waitsfield residents, and

*Whereas*, Delbert Palmer died at 79 years of age, on January 25, 2014, leaving Sharlia, his wife of 55 years, his two daughters, five grandchildren, his sisters, Joyce and Lois, many nieces and nephews, and his friends of long standing in the town of Waitsfield, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of former Waitsfield Fire Chief Delbert Palmer, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sharlia Palmer in Waitsfield.

**S.C.R. 46.**

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Koch of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Poirier of Barre City, and Taylor of Barre City,

**S.C.R. 46.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the People's Health and Wellness Clinic on its 20th anniversary.

*Whereas*, the People's Health and Wellness Clinic (PHWC) in Barre has a special role in the provision of health care for area residents who are either underinsured or uninsured, and

*Whereas*, although patients are not charged, individuals are asked to contribute a small donation, and

*Whereas*, the clinic screens patients to determine their eligibility for various health insurance and financial assistance programs, and

*Whereas*, dozens of health care professionals, including doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, mental health providers, and body workers, volunteer their services and work in collaboration with a small paid staff, and

*Whereas*, aside from these dedicated and caring volunteers, the PHWC receives thousands of dollars of donated pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, and free diagnostic testing support, and

*Whereas*, through a new oral health care program, the clinic refers patients to volunteer dental professionals, and

*Whereas*, although it serves patients primarily from Washington County and several Orange county towns, in 2013, persons from 49 communities availed themselves of the PHWC's outstanding care, and

*Whereas*, the PHWC's women's clinic, conducted in collaboration with Central Vermont Medical Center, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and Ladies First, offers breast exams, mammograms, and Pap tests, and

*Whereas*, the spring 2011 floods in Barre damaged the clinic's offices, but it was able to remain open through Central Vermont Medical Center's generous donation of temporary space, and

*Whereas*, although operating this free clinic is financially challenging, especially as a result of the costs related to the flooding, the People's Health and Wellness Clinic remains dedicated to its mission of providing health care in central Vermont for those with no alternative, and

*Whereas*, the People's Health and Wellness Clinic observed its 20th anniversary in March 2013, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the People's Health and Wellness Clinic 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 People's Health and Wellness Clinic in Barre.

**S.C.R. 47.**

By Senators Lyons, Ayer, Baruth, Cummings, MacDonald, Mazza, and Nitka,

**S.C.R. 47.** Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Sister Miriam Ward.

*Whereas*, Sister Miriam Ward devoted her life to her religious order, the Sisters of Mercy, religious education, and to the pursuit of international peace and justice, and

*Whereas*, at 17 years of age, Dorothea Irene Ward entered the Sisters of Mercy and professed her final vows as Sister Miriam Ward on August 18, 1945, and

*Whereas*, her higher education began as an undergraduate English major at Trinity College, then continued with a master's degree in theology from Providence College, and ultimately a Ph.D. in religion from the University of Ottawa, and

*Whereas*, she worked as a religious education instructor, both at elementary and secondary schools where her order served as faculty and in local Vermont Roman Catholic parishes, and

*Whereas*, Sister Miriam returned to Trinity College where she was a professor of religious studies, chaired the Religious Studies Department, and established, and then for 24 years directed, Trinity College's annual Biblical Institute, and

*Whereas*, as a writer and activist, Sister Miriam devoted considerable attention to issues of peace and justice in El Salvador, the Middle East, and South Africa, and

*Whereas*, she had recently completed a book for publication, *Behind the Wall: Palestinians Under Occupation*, and

*Whereas*, Sister Miriam was the founder of Vermonters for Middle East Peace, and

*Whereas*, the Association of Arab-American University Graduates and the Palestine Human Rights Committee had honored her, and

*Whereas*, she had been a member of the Vermont Human Rights Delegation to El Salvador and Honduras, and

*Whereas*, in recognition of her many efforts in the cause of peace, Paxi Christi in Burlington presented her its Janet Rogan Peace Award, and

*Whereas*, Sister Miriam Ward died in Burlington on January 14, 2014, and her survivors include her sisters, Ruth and Dolores and her sisters in religion at the Sisters of Mercy, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family and religious colleagues of Sister Miriam Ward, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of her sisters and to the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community in Burlington.

**S.C.R. 48.**

By Senators Kitchel and Benning,

By Representative Conquest of Newbury,

**S.C.R. 48.** Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Marilyn Fuller on her selection as the 2013 Cohase Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

*Whereas*, on January 13, 2014, the Cohase Chamber of Commerce presented its 2013 Citizen of the Year award to Marilyn Fuller of Newbury, and

*Whereas*, Marilyn Fuller has devoted 64 years of service as a 4-H leader in Vermont, and more recently in New Hampshire, helping “youth and adults to learn, grow, and work together,” and

*Whereas*, through the Grafton County Coop Extension’s 4-H program, Marilyn Fuller was responsible for volunteer recruitment, the teen milk booth

at the New Hampshire Fair, the annual golf tournament, and turkey supper fundraisers, and she served as a 4-H teen chaperone, and

*Whereas*, from 1974 through 2004, Marilyn Fuller coordinated 4-H activities for Vermont and the New England Center at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts, and

*Whereas*, Marilyn Fuller earned her master gardener certification and volunteers a minimum of 40 hours annually at the Bath School's 4th grade plant and science class, and

*Whereas*, her cake baking skills are a local legend, and she has created delicious confectionary delights for many community occasions, including the coordination of extraordinary quilt cakes, and

*Whereas*, Marilyn Fuller's civic roles have consisted of service as a Newbury poll worker, membership on the town's 200th and 250th anniversary committees, and as president of the Newbury Center Town House Cemetery Association, and

*Whereas*, knitting booties and bonnets for intensive care unit newborns at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and making party favors for RSVP volunteer organization's holiday events enable her to help others, and

*Whereas*, Marilyn Fuller's philosophy of life is encapsulated in a saying of the British statesman Winston Churchill, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give," and

*Whereas*, this generous community leader and volunteer is an ideal choice for the 2013 Cohase Citizen of the Year, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates Marilyn Fuller on her selection as the 2013 Cohase Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Marilyn Fuller in Newbury.

**S.C.R. 49.**

By Senators Cummings, Doyle, Pollina, and McCormack,

By Representatives Ancel of Calais and Klein of East Montpelier,

**S.C.R. 49.** Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Legislative Council Operations Director Claudette Marinelli.

*Whereas*, Claudette Marinelli of Montpelier was a mainstay in the General Assembly during a 36-year career on the staff of the Legislative Council, and



*Whereas*, the office evolved organizationally and technologically during her tenure as the legislative drafting process and administrative procedures assumed greater complexity, and

*Whereas*, at the time of her hiring in 1966, the Legislative Council was headquartered in the former Vermont Supreme Court chamber, now the legislative lounge, and

*Whereas*, Claudette Marinelli participated in the Legislative Council's first experiment with automation when large IBM document-processing machines were introduced, and

*Whereas*, although typewriters were soon back in full force, Claudette Marinelli would later oversee the support staff's transition to modern word processing, e-mail, and the General Assembly's original website, and

*Whereas*, Claudette Marinelli's job duties covered all aspects of the Legislative Council's support functions, and

*Whereas*, in the middle 1980s, Claudette Marinelli was promoted to the position of Legislative Council Operations Director and continued in this role until her retirement in 2002, and

*Whereas*, Claudette Marinelli was the first point of contact at the Legislative Council and worked well with legislators, attorneys, and the public, bringing consistent courtesy, nonpartisanship, and professionalism to the workplace, and

*Whereas*, her family was of great importance and the focus of her life, and

*Whereas*, Claudette Marinelli, most recently a resident of the Gary Home in Montpelier, died on February 8, 2014 at 78 years of age, and

*Whereas*, her survivors include her children, Lisa, Beth, Michael, Kevin, and Steven, nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and her sisters, Joan and Johanne, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of former Legislative Council Operations Director Claudette Marinelli, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of her children.

**S.C.R. 50.**

By Senator MacDonald,

By Representatives French of Randolph and Ryerson of Randolph,

**S.C.R. 50.** Senate concurrent resolution honoring S. John Osha.

*Whereas*, John Osha was born on April 7, 1941 on his parents' East Brookfield dairy farm, and

*Whereas*, as a youth, John Osha rode calves in local Brookfield parades and later worked as a horse riding instructor at the Green Trails Inn, and

*Whereas*, he graduated from Spaulding High School and Rutgers University before serving in the U.S. Army, and

*Whereas*, John Osha began his business career as an underwriter at the Glens Falls Insurance Company in New York, before becoming a special agent at the Mutual Insurance Company of Burlington, and

*Whereas*, in 1968, he married Gail Aprilliano, and they are the parents of Adam and Amy, and

*Whereas*, from 1969 to 1993, John Osha worked at his family's Holden Insurance Agency in Randolph, and

*Whereas*, because of his unique business and community knowledge, in 1973 John Osha became a director and stockholder of the Randolph National Bank and from 1986 to 2013 served as its chair, and

*Whereas*, during his service at the bank, its assets increased ninefold, and

*Whereas*, missing dairying, in 1978 John Osha purchased a 240-acre, 130-cow dairy farm in Randolph, and

*Whereas*, in 1992, John Osha was named Vermont Dairy Farmer of the Year, and

*Whereas*, he was a director of Montpelier's Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company from 1996 until 2014, serving as board chair for the last nine years, and

*Whereas*, during his 18-year tenure at Union Mutual, direct written premiums increased threefold, and

*Whereas*, his business and agricultural achievements in the Green Mountain State merit special recognition, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors S. John Osha for his many business and agricultural accomplishments, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Osha.