

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House and Senate  
Concurrent Resolutions**

**of**

**March 27, 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. 274.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Devin Logan on winning the silver medal at the first Olympic slopestyle skiing women's competition

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

Offered by: Senators Galbraith, Hartwell, Sears, and White

Whereas, freeskiing was established in the 1990s and entails tricks, jumps, and different types of obstacles, and

Whereas, slopeside skiing, a form of freeskiing, had its Olympic premiere at the 2014 games in Sochi, Russia, and

Whereas, one of the world's premier slopestyle freeskiers is Devin Logan of Dover who has competed as both a slopestyle and halfpipe skier in freestyle competition, and

Whereas, at 15 years of age, she captured second place in halfpipe skiing at the U.S. freeskiing championships, and

Whereas, in 2011, she won a bronze medal in halfpipe skiing at the European X Games, and

Whereas, the competency and creativity Devin Logan has demonstrated on the slopes earned her the Association of Freeskiing Professionals 2011 and 2012 women's championships, and

Whereas, while undergoing rehabilitation after a knee injury following her victory at the August 2012 New Zealand World Cup halfpipe, she became a freeskiing judge, a role that enabled her to fine-tune her knowledge of the sport, and

Whereas, after healing, Devin Logan returned to the slopes in time to qualify for the 2014 U.S. Olympic team, and

Whereas, Devin Logan's trip to Sochi, Russia, was a most memorable experience as she won the silver medal in the first Olympic women's freestyle event, and

Whereas, in celebration of her special Olympic silver medal victory, Devin Day, featuring a parade through Dover culminating in a welcoming ceremony at Mt. Snow, will take place on Saturday, March 22, 2014, and

Whereas, special recognition is due to the other Vermont Olympic medal winners, including Kelly Clark (Olympic bronze in halfpipe snowboarding), Hannah Kearney (bronze in moguls), Mikaela Shiffrin (gold in slalom), and Alex Diebold (bronze in snowboard cross), as well as all medal-winning members of the 2014 U.S. Winter Olympic team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Devin Logan on winning the silver medal at the first Olympic slopestyle skiing women's competition, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 275.**

House concurrent resolution designating April 9, 2014 as the Battle of Cedar Creek Remembrance

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Branagan of Georgia, Jerman of Essex, and Marek of Newfane

Whereas, Virginia's Shenandoah Valley was vital to the Confederate States of America, and

Whereas, Lieutenant General Ulysses Grant created the Army of the Shenandoah, and instructed its commander, Major General Philip Sheridan, to defeat the Confederate Army under Lieutenant General Jubal Early that defended the Valley, and

Whereas, in the new army were the First Vermont Brigade, the First Vermont Cavalry, the Tenth Vermont, and the Eighth Vermont, and

Whereas, in September 1864, the Army of the Shenandoah, with Vermonters playing important roles, twice defeated Early's army, and

Whereas, the Army of the Shenandoah returned in mid-October and dug in on high ground above Cedar Creek, and

Whereas, a confident General Sheridan journeyed to Washington, D.C., for strategy meetings, and

Whereas, before dawn on October 19, 1864, Early's reinforced army launched a surprise attack across Cedar Creek, and

Whereas, the Eighth Vermont Regiment made an heroic and costly stand on a ridge top, and the men of the Tenth Vermont attacked to recapture several cannons, and

Whereas, the Vermont Brigade achieved a hastily formed battleline that finally halted Early's advance, and

Whereas, Major General Sheridan reached his battered army after a 12-mile ride from Winchester, and launched a counterattack that turned the battle into a Union victory, and

Whereas, Vermont units played major roles in the counterattack, with the Vermont Cavalry alone capturing 23 cannons and three battle flags, and

Whereas, the Cedar Creek victory won Union control of the Shenandoah Valley, ensuring Abraham Lincoln's 1864 presidential win, and this epic battle is depicted in Julian Scott's large State House painting, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 9, 2014 as the Battle of Cedar Creek Remembrance Day with ceremonies to be held in the Cedar Creek Room, including the unveiling of a Vermont historic marker for the Cedar Creek Battlefield, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, the Vermont Historical Society, and the Friends of the Vermont State House.

#### **H.C.R. 276.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Williamstown High School Blue Devils Division III championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Winters of Williamstown and Davis of Washington

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, the Williamstown High School Blue Devils boys' basketball team reigned supreme in Division III in 2012 and 2013, and

Whereas, the Blue Devils remained undefeated throughout the regular 2013–2014 season and were first seed for the Division III basketball playoffs, and

Whereas, Williamstown progressed to the Division III championship game to meet its Orange County rival, the second-seeded Randolph Union High School Galloping Ghosts, and

Whereas, although Randolph took an early 9–4 lead, the Blue Devils answered back immediately, surging ahead to win impressively 88–69, and

Whereas, this win was the third consecutive championship for the amazing Blue Devils, their fourth in five years, and their 50th successive win, and

Whereas, the powerful Blue Devils were Jason Manwaring, Devin Duff, Chris Hulbert, Dylan Patterson, Garret Poulin, Hunter McLaughlin, Aric Avery, Connor Gerrish, Curtis Gauthier, D. J. Stone, Jason Premont, Brandon Carrier, and Jared Dwinell, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jack Carrier tallied his 99th victory with help from assistant coaches Adam Wheatley and Hayden Coon, while player-manager Dylan Hartman and managers Cherish Preti, Meghan Rafferty, Riley Flowers, and Jordan Ashe were all supportive of the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Williamstown High School Blue Devils Division III championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 277.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont State Grange

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Canfield of Fair Haven, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donahue of Northfield, Hebert of Vernon, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of South Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Larocque of Barnet, Lewis of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Whereas, the Grange, officially known as The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, is the oldest agriculturally based organization in the United States, and

Whereas, the Grange was established in 1867 to help farmers recover from the effects of the Civil War and to organize them to protest the high shipping costs the railroad monopolies had established, and

Whereas, in order to avoid railroad officials' detection, Grange meetings were held in secret, and

Whereas, a few years later, in 1876, the Bridgewater Corners Grange Hall became the first in Vermont, and

Whereas, the Grange led the struggle to establish rural free mail delivery and to expand electricity in rural areas, and today, the Grange supports efforts to improve Internet availability in rural areas, and

Whereas, from the day of its formation, the Grange gave women and young adults equal status within the organization, including the right to vote and hold office at any level, and

Whereas, in the early 20th century, the Grange was a leading force in the women's suffrage movement, and

Whereas, in 2014, the Grange continues advocating for human rights having recently signed a letter to the U.S. Congress calling for the doubling of legal immigration and legalization for illegal immigrants currently in the United States, and

Whereas, local Granges in Vermont serve as the home for a variety of locally based activities including giving dictionaries to students, offering classes on preserving food, and providing space for dances and other community events, and

Whereas, the General Assembly appreciates the community service of Vermont Grange members, and the work of Vermont State Grange President Errol Briggs and of former leaders Everett Willard, Daryl Lowry, Harold Bergeron, Margaret Richardson, Dale Sanderson, Lester Gibbs, Phyllis Mason, Clyde Berry, the late Richard Brouillette, and the late former Representative Kermit Richardson who served as both State Grange President and National Grange President, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont State Grange, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 278.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Joyce Pedone for her municipal public service in the town of Clarendon

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

Whereas, serving as a town clerk is a challenging responsibility, as one is at the center of municipal government management and must perform many important tasks for the local citizenry, and

Whereas, town clerks are the keeper of their community's history through the preservation of birth, marriage, death, and land ownership records, and

Whereas, Joyce Pedone of Clarendon has devoted three decades to working in municipal public service in Clarendon, and

Whereas, she started in 1984 as the assistant town clerk and administrative assistant to the town's selectboard, and

Whereas, her training period was not extensive as she was appointed Town Clerk in August 1986 upon the retirement of her predecessor, and

Whereas, on Town Meeting Day in 1987, Joyce Pedone was elected Town Clerk of Clarendon in her own right and has won the approval of the voters ever since, and

Whereas, under her direction, Clarendon has completed a major modernization of its record-keeping systems, and

Whereas, this modernization process has included scanning municipal land records and posting them online to make them more accessible, and

Whereas, the Clarendon Selectboard Chair has commented on Joyce Pedone's efficiency and helpfulness in assisting the panel in performing its duties, and

Whereas, she has served a key role in the orderly conduct of elections in Clarendon, be they on Town Meeting Day or in a presidential election year, and

Whereas, after 27 and one-half years of faithful service as Town Clerk of Clarendon, Joyce Pedone retired on Town Meeting Day 2014, and a farewell party with many expressions of thanks and good wishes was held on Sunday, March 8, 2014, and

Whereas, Joyce Pedone is looking forward to spending more time with her family, including her recently retired husband, and concluding her tenure as Town Clerk of Clarendon will be the start of a new chapter in her life, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Joyce Pedone for her municipal public service in the town of Clarendon, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joyce Pedone in Clarendon.

#### **H.C.R. 279.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing Project VISION for its role in addressing opiate addiction in Rutland City

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of

Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, Komline of Dorset, Malcolm of Pawlet, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, Stevens of Shoreham, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, Governor Peter Shumlin devoted his 2014 State of the State address to the major opiate addiction problem in Vermont, and

Whereas, opiate and heroin addiction has had an especially strong impact on Rutland City, and

Whereas, the Rutland City Police Department has acknowledged that arresting drug users will not, in itself, address the opiate problem because it does not account for the underlying issues, and

Whereas, law enforcement and social service organizations in Rutland City submitted a proposal for a \$1 million U.S. Department of Justice grant to combat the city's opiate epidemic, and

Whereas, although Rutland City was not awarded the grant, the application process spurred the establishment of Project VISION (Viable Initiatives and Solutions through Involvement Of Neighborhoods), an organization that works with law enforcement to tackle substance abuse, crime, and quality-of-life issues through the implementation of evidence-based strategies, and

Whereas, Project VISION's chair, Joseph Kraus, explained that the concept of this civic partnership is to inform the public that Rutland "is our community and we're taking it back," and

Whereas, the Rutland City Police Department has identified a 10-block zone in the northwest area that is responsible for nearly three-fourths of all the city's police calls, and

Whereas, Project VISION will implement integrated approaches to prevent and reduce crime within the targeted neighborhood through a 25 percent reduction of blighted homes, and a three-year, 50 percent decrease in the number of multiunit apartments through a combined purchase, rehabilitation, and resale program, resulting in the owners residing in the units, and

Whereas, Project VISION has inspired other city initiatives to improve life in this northwest Rutland City neighborhood, and

Whereas, it will take much time and effort to address successfully the opiate problems in Rutland City, but Project VISION represents an important start in the right direction, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:



That the General Assembly recognizes Project VISION for its role in addressing opiate addiction in Rutland City, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 280.**

House concurrent resolution honoring cancer survivors and their caregivers

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Jewett of Ripton, Kilmartin of Newport City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lippert of Hinesburg, and Myers of Essex

Whereas, April is a time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have survived, and

Whereas, cancer not only affects survivors, but also their caregivers, family members, and close friends, and

Whereas, every year since 1938, the President of the United States has proclaimed April as Cancer Control Month to highlight advances against cancer and rededicate the nation to fighting this disease, and

Whereas, in his 2013 Presidential Proclamation designating April as Cancer Control Month, President Obama stated “Together, our Nation is moving forward in the fight against cancer. As we recommit to improving prevention, detection, and treatment, let us honor the memory of the courageous men and women we have lost to the disease,” and

Whereas, the Vermont Department of Health’s most recent statistics indicate that approximately 32,000 Vermonters, at some point in their lives, have been diagnosed with cancer, and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society works tirelessly to save lives from cancer by helping people stay well and get well, and

Whereas, recent medical breakthroughs, in combination with an increased public awareness of steps that can be taken to reduce an individual’s risk of developing cancer and the importance of early detection, have made cancer more likely to be controllable and curable, and

Whereas, according to the American Cancer Society, research shows that behavior and lifestyle changes, such as quitting tobacco, eating healthier, drinking less alcohol, exercising regularly, using sun protection, and completing necessary cancer screenings, can significantly reduce the risk of being diagnosed with cancer, and

Whereas, despite Vermont’s high cancer screening rates, cancer remains the State’s leading cause of death, and

Whereas, for survivors and caregivers, a cancer diagnosis is life changing, and their experiences can serve as inspiration for all Vermonters, and

Whereas, April 2014 is recognized nationally as Cancer Control Month and serves as an excellent opportunity to honor cancer survivors and their caregivers and their role in educating the public about this dreaded but increasingly controllable disease, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors cancer survivors and their caregivers and their special role as cancer educators, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont office of the American Cancer Society.

### **H.C.R. 281.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 and ninth consecutive Essex High School State championship gymnastics team

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

Whereas, competitive gymnastics entails practice, perseverance, and precision in the performance of complex athletic routines, and

Whereas, the Essex High School Hornets' historic gymnastics team record of 22 State championships since 1971, including eight consecutive titles from 2006 through 2013, is truly remarkable, and

Whereas, the 2013–2014 Essex High School gymnastics team is a group of athletes focused on the present and not merely basking in their predecessors' accomplishments, and

Whereas, the Hornets proved this point completing an undefeated 9–0 regular season record, and

Whereas, on February 22, 2014, in the friendly confines of its home gymnasium, Essex earned the top team score of 145.225, nearly 20 points ahead of runner-up Champlain Valley Union High School, to clinch its ninth consecutive State gymnastics championship, including the top three individual scores, and

Whereas, Keira Cameron, Eve Contois, Ashley Douglas, Emily Douglas, Abigail Evans, Abigail Gehsmann, Mallory Gilbert, Courtney Gleason, Lindsey Gleason, Claire Peterson, Katlyn Schmigel, Mallory Stultz, Haley Sullivan, Karyn Svarczkopf, Kylie Svarczkopf, Taylor Thompson, Lauren Watson, manager Cristina Roberts, and outstanding Coach Ashley Godin are an incredible gymnastics team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 and ninth consecutive Essex High School State championship gymnastics team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 282.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Essex High School Division I championship girls' indoor track team

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

Whereas, the Essex High School Hornets opened the 2013-2014 girls' indoor track season as the defending Division I champions, and

Whereas, with a squad committed to winning another divisional title, the Hornets proceeded to earn first place in each of their regular season meets, and

Whereas, these victories acted as a warm-up for the most important meet of the year, the State Championship held on February 8 at Norwich University, and

Whereas, the thoroughly tested and well-prepared Hornets quickly surged ahead on the scoreboard as they won their second consecutive, and sixth overall, Division I title, earning 159 points, 52 ahead of second place Mt. Anthony Union High School, and

Whereas, the great Essex athletes who achieved their 2014 season objective included Claudia Allaire, Miranda Baker, Destin Barber, Margaret Barch, Rosemary Barrows, Julianna Battig, Aileen Button, Mallory Charland, Olivia Dimambro, Jenna Emery, Katherine Furland, Sade Hankey, Katherine James, Emily Kerin, Irma Melezovic, Marisa Minadeo, Rose Monahan, Melissa Morris, Charlotte Murphy, Grace Murphy, Mariah Neverett, Ashlyn Nuckols, Anna O'Malley, Hollie Parks, Taylor Picard, Sophia Seman, Lucy Sopchak, Madison Stephenson, Jessica Stowe, Charlotte Stuart, Abigail Trombley, Mia Verro, Alexis Walker, Schnell Williams, and Mina Zhao, and they were the recipients of Head Coach Joe Gonillo's excellent direction, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Essex High School Division I championship girls' indoor track team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 283.**

House concurrent resolution designating April 15, 2014 as MS Awareness Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Krebs of South Hero, Ancel of Calais, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Carr of Brandon, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Dakin of Chester, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Hoyt of Norwich, Johnson of South Hero, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Ryerson of Randolph, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Vowinkel of Hartford, Waite-Simpson of Essex, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting 2.3 million people worldwide, and each hour someone is newly diagnosed, and

Whereas, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater New England Chapter reports that in Vermont more than 1,600 people are diagnosed with MS, and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between 20 and 50 years of age, and

Whereas, MS causes unpredictable effects in which the progression, severity, and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen, and the cause and cure for this chronic and often debilitating disease remain unknown, and

Whereas, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater New England Chapter has been committed for more than 58 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease, and

Whereas, since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment, and a cure and has invested more than \$771 million in groundbreaking research, and

Whereas, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel the efforts of nearly 325 research projects, globally totaling \$40 million annually, at the best medical centers, universities, and other institutions, and because of this, MS researchers have never been more hopeful, and

Whereas, discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations from getting MS is an important task that all Americans and Vermonters should support, and

Whereas, the State of Vermont recognizes the importance of finding the cause of and cure for MS, and expresses its appreciation and admiration for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater New England Chapter has shown toward a future free of MS, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 15, 2014 as MS Awareness Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater New England Chapter.

**H.C.R. 284.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Lida Croteau Surridge on her 100th birthday

Offered by: Representative Quimby of Concord

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, on November 11, 1913, Lida Croteau was born on her family's Sugar Hill Farm in Kirby, the first of six children of Theodore and Alphosine Croteau, and

Whereas, her household was religiously observant, and the family traveled by buggy or sleigh to Roman Catholic mass each Sunday, and

Whereas, when she was a small child, her father insisted that English was for school and that at home only the French language of his heritage was to be spoken, and

Whereas, in 1921, Theodore Croteau offered the use of a vacant one-room schoolhouse on his property, known today as the Little Red Schoolhouse, if the town of Kirby provided a teacher, and in that structure Lida Croteau completed her education through the eighth grade, and

Whereas, in 1923, Theodore Croteau died when Lida was nine years old, and

Whereas, Lida Croteau met George Surridge while he was logging near her family's farm, and their marriage began on January 31, 1931 at St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church in Lyndonville, and

Whereas, they became the parents of eight children Isabelle, Ethel, Raymond, George Jr., Betty, Helen Ruth, Paul, and Diane Marie, and the family has now grown to include 19 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and 16 great-great-grandchildren, and

Whereas, in 1940, the family moved for a period of time to a home in Kirby created by moving, and then joining, two camps together, and Lida Surridge returned to an improved version of the house in 1973, remaining until 2013, and

Whereas, Lida Surridge was employed at the St. Johnsbury (later the Northeast Vermont Regional) Hospital, and served as the long-time president of the Morse's Mills Home Demonstration Club, and

Whereas, she has taught her children and their descendants to respect others, be productive members of society, stand up for what they believe, and be independent, and

Whereas, on November 11, 2013, Lida Croteau Surridge celebrated her 100th birthday, marking a special milestone in her life, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lida Croteau Surridge on her 100th birthday, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 285.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Rochester High School 2014 valedictorian Pavin Parrish on his academic and basketball accomplishments

Offered by: Representative Haas of Rochester

Whereas, Rochester High School senior Pavin Parrish is proof that earning an outstanding academic high school record and excelling in athletics need not be mutually exclusive, and

Whereas, Pavin Parrish's positive academic focus has enabled him to rise to the top of his class, and he will graduate as the Rochester High School class of 2014's valedictorian with plans to attend Castleton State College, and

Whereas, classmates recognized Pavin Parrish's leadership skills, electing him class president, and

Whereas, Pavin Parrish has a deep passion for basketball, a game he has played since first grade, and his high school career on the hardwood floor has been exciting to watch, and

Whereas, in the summer of 2013, Pavin Parrish conducted a basketball camp for local youths as his senior year project, and he enjoys guiding younger players on their own athletic trajectories, and

Whereas, Pavin Parrish's on-court success is all-round as his game-average statistics include 31.0 points, 14.5 rebounds, 8.6 assists, and 5.2 steals, and

Whereas, on March 5, 2014, Pavin Parrish made Vermont high school varsity sports history when, while scoring 45 points in a semifinal championship game, he set a new Vermont career scoring record of 2,479 points, and

Whereas, the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association has selected Pavin Parrish as its 2014 Vermont Player of the Year, and

Whereas, especially impressive was the announcement from *USA Today*, in collaboration with the Gatorade Company, of Pavin Parrish as the 2014 Gatorade Vermont Boys Basketball Player of the Year, the first from Rochester High School, and

Whereas, this award is premised on athletic and academic excellence as well as personal character demonstrated on and off the court, and placed him in competition for the Gatorade National Boys Player of the Year award, and

Whereas, Pavin Parrish is an ideal role model for student athletes across the State, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Rochester High School 2014 valedictorian Pavin Parrish on his academic and basketball achievements, and be it further

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

**S.C.R. 52.**

Senate concurrent resolution expressing appreciation and gratitude to the Agency of Transportation Maintenance Section's employees for their 2013-2014 winter highway work.

*Whereas*, during the winter of 2013–2014, unusual highway clearance and maintenance challenges were presented to the men and women of the Agency of Transportation's Maintenance Section, and

*Whereas*, these challenges included a unique combination of significant freezing rain events, record low temperatures, snowfall, and ice storms, and

*Whereas*, these stellar State employees have adopted a service-beyond-self mentality, and they give their all to keep Vermont's roads open and safe, and

*Whereas*, their jobs require them to be called to work on nights, weekends, and holidays, resulting in long, continuous hours, and

*Whereas*, many of these employees, instead of spending the holiday with their families, were on the job Christmas Day, driving plow trucks on State highways with a chainsaw at the ready to clear felled trees as a result of the ice storm, and

*Whereas*, these State employees' level of dedication and commitment to maintaining the State's roads for the safety of the traveling public embodies a spirit and work ethic in which they, and all Vermonters, can take great pride, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly expresses appreciation and gratitude to the Agency of Transportation Maintenance Section's employees for their 2013–2014 winter highway work, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each Agency of Transportation Maintenance Section garage and to the Secretary of Transportation.

**S.C.R. 53.**

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Air Pollution Control Division Director  
Richard Valentinetti

*Whereas*, the mission of the Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Air Pollution Control (Division) is to maintain and improve the quality of the air Vermonters breathe, and

*Whereas*, for four decades, Richard Valentinetti has directed the Division in the implementation of its vital environmental protection responsibilities, and

*Whereas*, in this role, Richard Valentinetti has demonstrated an unwavering and enduring commitment to promoting increasingly cleaner air in Vermont, and

*Whereas*, Richard Valentinetti's leadership of the Division has resulted in the development of air quality improvement policies and projects benefiting Vermonters' health and quality of life, and

*Whereas*, he was a key contributor in building the technical foundation justifying the establishment of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) acid rain initiative, and



*Whereas*, under his direction, the Division conducted a monitoring program documenting that mercury is transported for long distances, and

*Whereas*, Richard Valentinetti played a major role in the creation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, “the first market-based regulatory program in the United States to reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” and

*Whereas*, he has continued to invest Division resources in the development of reliable and respected air quality research leading to Vermont’s reputation as a national leader in this complex scientific area, and

*Whereas*, Richard Valentinetti’s leadership in air quality regulation, including the nation’s first emission limits for outdoor wood-fired boilers and coordinating the regional adoption of California’s vehicle emission standards, is a truly impressive model for other states, and

*Whereas*, as a leader in regional clean air regulatory organizations, Richard Valentinetti has brought his regulatory expertise to other jurisdictions, and

*Whereas*, this outstanding environmental pioneer, whose tenure as Vermont’s senior air pollution control official is the longest of any state, is being honored this spring with the prestigious EPA Clean Air Excellence Award, a special recognition he richly deserves, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors Air Pollution Control Division Director Richard Valentinetti, *and be it further*

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