

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

April 17, 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. 309.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the *Reporter* newspaper on winning eight 2014 New England Newspaper and Press Association awards

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, the New England Newspaper and Press Association (NENPA) recognizes journalistic excellence in the presentation of its annual awards, and

Whereas, the *Reporter*, serving the towns of Brandon, Pittsford, Proctor, and West Rutland, as well as other nearby communities, is judged as a NENPA Class I Weekly with a circulation under 6,000, and

Whereas, this newspaper's three-person staff, including advertising manager-general manager Alyssa Zollman, editor-reporter Lee Kahrs, and graphic artist Mandy Davis, won an impressive eight awards at the 2014 NENPA convention in February, and

Whereas, in the editorial category, the *Reporter's* Lee Kahrs earned two first-place awards for Business-Economic Reporting and Business-Economic Special Section for an August 2012 edition devoted almost entirely to detailed coverage of the Brandon business community one year after the devastation of Tropical Storm Irene, and

Whereas, Lee Kahrs' reporting garnered two second-place prizes, one in the Local Personality category, for a story on Rutland author Linda Goodspeed, whose blindness has not prevented her from writing, skiing, and parenting an adopted daughter, and a second for the Human Interest Feature on Harold and Becky Adams's 65th wedding anniversary, and

Whereas, her incisive reporting garnered a third-place award in the History Reporting category for a story on the 1935–1936 Proctor Marble strike and Brandon resident Scott McDowell's master's thesis on the same topic, and

Whereas, 2014 marked the initial entry of the *Reporter* into the advertising competition, and Mandy Davis's black and white ad for the Pittsford Fire Department's Haunted House won a first-place award, and

Whereas, the *Reporter* was also honored with second- and third-place advertising recognition respectively for a Neshobe River Winery color ad and a Brandon Lumber advertisement, and

Whereas, these multiple honors demonstrate the extraordinary results a small but talented newspaper staff can produce, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the *Reporter* newspaper on winning eight 2014 New England Newspaper and Press Association awards, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the *Reporter* in Brandon.

H.C.R. 310.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Town of Weybridge on winning State and Addison County honors in the Vermont Home Energy Challenge

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, the State of Vermont has established a goal of improving the energy efficiency of at least 25 percent of Vermont homes by the year 2020, and

Whereas, in January 2013, as an incentive to move towards this important goal, Efficiency Vermont, in coordination with the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network, issued a Home Energy Challenge (HEC), and

Whereas, the HEC invited towns across Vermont to weatherize three percent of the homes in their communities within a one-year period, and

Whereas, aside from the inherent benefits of increasing the number of weatherized homes in a community, the town in each county with the highest number of homes either weatherized or with owners submitting pledge cards to complete this process would be awarded a \$10,000.00 Efficiency Vermont grant, and

Whereas, the grant may be used for actual construction costs of a municipal or school project designed to achieve thermal or electrical energy savings, and

Whereas, the types of municipal projects that the award may fund include buildings, streets, lighting, and water or wastewater facilities, and

Whereas, when all the results were tabulated, the Town of Weybridge, through the diligent work of the Weybridge Energy Committee and especially Fran Putnam, won Addison County's top ranking, and

Whereas, 18 homes in Weybridge were weatherized, and another 59 homeowners completed the Efficiency Vermont pledge cards, and

Whereas, this total gave the Town of Weybridge the further honor of finishing first in the State for the Vermont Home Energy Challenge, and

Whereas, Weybridge's success in persuading 59 homeowners to complete weatherization pledge cards garnered the town an additional \$500.00 award, and

Whereas, the winning towns were honored at a ceremony held in Montpelier on March 28, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Town of Weybridge on winning State and Addison County honors in the Vermont Home Energy Challenge, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 311.

House concurrent resolution congratulating 2014 Vermont Spelling Bee champion Liam Lustberg

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

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

Whereas, the E.W. Scripps Company conducts the Scripps National Spelling Bee, an opportunity for students through 8th grade to demonstrate their mastery of the skills necessary to spell correctly English-language words, and

Whereas, as a first step towards admission into this national event, to be held in May near Washington, D.C., youngsters take part in local spelling bees across the country, and

Whereas, students who had competed successfully at their individual schools gathered with understandable excitement and trepidation on March 19, 2014 at St. Michael's College's McCarthy Arts Center for the Vermont Spelling Bee, and

Whereas, judging this event were Vermont Humanities Council Executive Director Peter Gilbert, FairPoint Communications State President Beth Fastiggi, and *Times Argus* Editor Steve Pappas, and *Rutland Herald-Times Argus* Editorial Page Editor Dave Moats, pronounced each word for the student spellers, and

Whereas, on the 26th round, Liam Lustberg, an 8th-grader at the Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School in South Burlington, was declared the winner when he spelled correctly the word pogrom, a noun meaning “an organized massacre and looting of helpless people usually with the connivance of officials,” and

Whereas, Liam Lustberg was thrilled and can be proud of his victory that resulted from intensive preparation and practice, and

Whereas, he will now begin a new round of study in anticipation of his all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June to represent Vermont at the Scripps National Spelling Bee, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates 2014 Vermont Spelling Bee champion Liam Lustberg, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Liam Lustberg at the Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School in South Burlington.

H.C.R. 312.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Division II Lyndon Institute Vikings championship boys’ basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon and Feltus of Lyndon

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, the Lyndon Institute (LI) Vikings had never appeared in a boys’ State basketball championship game, and

Whereas, the 2013–2014 season would forever change that statistic and will be remembered as an historic moment for the LI boys’ basketball team, and

Whereas, the Vikings were powerful on defense, displayed a collaborative can-do team spirit, and sent a well-balanced roster on to the basketball court, and

Whereas, in combination, these admirable playing attributes earned the Vikings the respected second seed for playoff competition, and

Whereas, LI upheld the expectations associated with this high-level ranking when it met the championship-tested and top-seeded U-32 Raiders in the decisive playoff game at the Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, despite a brief U-32 5–2 lead, the Vikings countered with an 11–0 run, building a 26–22 halftime advantage, won the contest convincingly 55–35, and brought LI its first-ever boys’ basketball crown, and

Whereas, the 2014 LI Vikings who played skillfully and smartly were James Shufelt, Harwant Sethi Jr., Nicholas Ruede, J. J. Mesics, Kyle Cipollone, Marshall Mosher, Logan Larose, Axerre Ntabana, Mason Lantz, Jay Cobb, and Ben Brooks; team manager Levi Gardner, Head Coach Pat Guckin, and assistant coaches Fred Miller and Jimmy Lau were thrilled with their team’s stunning success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Division II Lyndon Institute Vikings championship boys’ basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 313.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Proctor High School Lady Phantoms Division IV championship girls’ basketball team

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 Pittsford, Stevens of Shoreham, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Whereas, the Proctor High School Lady Phantoms girls’ basketball team entered the 2013–2014 season hoping to continue its championship successes of 2012 and 2013, and

Whereas, this experienced Proctor team included a number of seniors well acquainted with the pressure of playoff competition, and

Whereas, the Lady Phantoms played a consistently high quality game and worked their way into the Division IV championship game against the Mount St. Joseph Academy Mounties, and

Whereas, with these two teams slated for this important basketball game, an exciting four quarters of play were sure to ensue, and

Whereas, the Mounties took off in the first half and at the midpoint held a strong 20–13 lead, but the Lady Phantoms returned to third-quarter play reenergized, were soon ahead 24–21, and remained on top for the balance of the contest, winning the game 40–31, and capturing their third consecutive Division IV championship, and

Whereas, this skilled team included Carly Trombley, Brodie Langlois, Riley Coombs, Mackenzie Hickey, Rebecca Elrick, Alyssa Valerio, Abby McKearin, Megan Elrick, Jordan Mitchell, Olivia Valerio, and Emma Reichert, and Head Coach, Chris Hughes, and assistant coaches, Lisa Hughes and Jacob Tanner, skillfully advised the team on playing strategy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Proctor High School Lady Phantoms Division IV championship girls’ basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 314.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Peoples Academy Lady Wolves Division III championship girls’ soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Smith of Morristown and Peltz of Woodbury

Whereas, the Peoples Academy girls’ soccer team had compiled a reputation for excellence, having won the previous two Division III championships, and

Whereas, the Lady Wolves continued an extended undefeated streak into 2013, and again earned a berth in the girls’ soccer Division III championship game, and

Whereas, this decisive soccer game, played at Williamstown, featured Peoples Academy and Thetford Academy, and

Whereas, the Lady Wolves started strongly, and developed a mid-game lead of 2–0, and in the second half, Peoples Academy continued to play vigorously and defeated Thetford Academy 4–1, and

Whereas, in securing the 2013 girls’ soccer championship, the Lady Wolves continued a tradition that also includes similar season finales in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, and 2012, and the team is proud of its multi-season 50–0 record, and

Whereas, the highly proficient 2013 Peoples Academy girls' soccer team included Kelli Grimes, Jamie Barrett, McKenna Montminy, Micaela Gailmor, Nicole Liekert, Elise Zilius, Katie Stames, Michelle Yando, Hannah Merriam, Hallie VanCor, Carie Wan, Katie Fish, Kaitlyn Newton, Kayla Carr, Megan LaMare, Caitlyn Bain, Evelyn Liekert, and Izzy Weiss, and Head Coach Jim Eisenhardt, and assistant coaches Carolyn Stames, and Phil Kiely each provided pivotal guidance for the players, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Peoples Academy Division III championship girls' soccer team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 315.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Danville High School Division IV championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representative Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, after the No. 2-seeded Danville High School Indians defeated the Rochester High School Rockets in a Division IV semifinal game that featured a Rocket scoring 45 points, the Indians were well prepared for the 2014 championship game against the No. 1-seeded Twin Valley Wildcats, and

Whereas, little could the Indians imagine the late-game scoring surge that would be needed to win the contest, and

Whereas, tied 24–24 midway through the game, the Wildcats were ahead 43–33 with 5:20 remaining, but the Indians began a 17–0 scoring spree, enabling them to take the lead with just over two minutes left, and ultimately to achieve a most satisfying 50–43 win, and

Whereas, seldom has a State championship boys' basketball contest generated this degree of late-game excitement, and

Whereas, the determined Indians were Eric Remick, Coleton Loura Bumps, Jake Boudreau, Grady Peterson, Jason Sweet, Matt Montgomery, Brett Elliott, Keith Tillotson, Patrick White, Kyle Johnson, Connor Johnson, and Robert Drown, and

Whereas, Head Coach Scott Rainville, Assistant Coach Jason Brigham, trainer Ryan Farly, managers Cameron Horne and Dillon Brigham, and student assistants Matt Chamberlin and Patrick Rainville each were critical to the team's outstanding (21–3) 2014 championship season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Danville High School Division IV championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 316.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the third annual Turkic Cultural Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives O'Sullivan of Burlington and Ram of Burlington

Whereas, in recent years, the Turkish community in Vermont has grown, and

Whereas, as a way for the Turkish community to share its rich and wonderful cultural traditions with other Vermonters, this community has established the Turkish Cultural Center Vermont, and

Whereas, in addition to its cultural activities, the Turkish Cultural Center has conducted a food drive to help needy Vermonters and made a \$5,000.00 donation to the Tropical Storm Irene relief effort, and

Whereas, the Turkish Cultural Center Vermont sponsors Turkic Cultural Day to strengthen intercultural understanding between persons of Turkish ancestry and other Vermonters, and

Whereas, an important goal of this annual celebration is to strengthen international understanding and foster friendship, peace, and tolerance among people across the globe, and

Whereas, the third annual Turkic Cultural Day will take place today, April 15, 2014, at the Vermont State House, and

Whereas, this exciting event will feature fine arts demonstrations, Turkic music and dance performers, and samples of Turkish culinary delights, and

Whereas, within less than a century since the arrival of the first Turkish immigrants, Turkish Americans have left a unique impact on the diverse cultural spectrum of our nation and contributed to advancements in the arts, business, medicine, and technology, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the third annual Turkic Cultural Day in Vermont, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 317.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Mt. Abraham Union High School Division II championship girls' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Sharpe of Bristol, Fisher of Lincoln, and Smith of New Haven

Whereas, as the 2013 Division II girls' basketball champions, the Mt. Abraham Union High School Eagles were eager to retain their title, and

Whereas, during the 2013–2014 season, the Mt. Abraham girls proved their skill on both offense and defense, and

Whereas, when playoff time came, the Eagles defeated each opponent and once again arrived at the Barre Auditorium as a contender for the Division II girls' basketball title, and

Whereas, their opponents were the second-seeded Fair Haven Union High School Slaters, who proved to be formidable, and

Whereas, despite Mt. Abraham's development of a 19–4 lead, the Slaters were not easily discouraged as they narrowed the Eagles' margin to a fourth quarter 29–22 advantage, before Mt. Abraham's late-game surge culminated in a 40–30 Eagle victory, and

Whereas, this second consecutive Division II title and great 18–4 Eagle season were the result of Hailey Sayles, Samantha Driscoll, Meghan Livingston, Keegan Jackman, Ashlie Fay, Ashley Boise, Gabrielle Ryan, Megan Wetter, Stephanie White, Jen Gordon, Isabel Brennan, and Angela Dupoise playing their best, and they had the encouragement of Head Coach Connie LaRose and assistant coaches Steve Barsalou and Gene Bell, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Mt. Abraham Union High School Division II championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 318.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Plattsburgh and honoring those who fought on Lake Champlain's western shore

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Jerman of Essex, Marek of Newfane, Branagan of Georgia, Cole of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Baruth, Lyons, Mazza, Sirotkin, Snelling, and Zuckerman

Whereas, in early September 1814, British land and naval forces invaded the United States of America, moving south from British territory on and along Lake Champlain, and

Whereas, veterans of the Napoleonic Wars formed part of the 10,000-man British Army, and

Whereas, the powerful British fleet included the 36-gun *Confiance*, the largest warship ever to ply Lake Champlain, and

Whereas, Thomas Macdonough's newly constructed American fleet awaited the British Navy, and

Whereas, when Vermont learned the British were coming, militia units quickly assembled and headed for Plattsburgh, crossing the lake in all manner of vessels to report to Vermonter Samuel Strong, and

Whereas, the British attacked on the morning of September 11, 1814, and

Whereas, Macdonough's fleet was in line of battle behind Cumberland Head, in Plattsburgh Bay, and

Whereas, the British Infantry crossed Saranac River, and 4,500 Americans, 2,500 of them being Vermonters, met them in combat, and

Whereas, after three hours of a bloody and thunderous naval engagement, the British fleet surrendered, and

Whereas, when word of the naval defeat reached the British Army, it disengaged and began a northward retreat across the international border, and

Whereas, McDonough messaged the U.S. Navy Department, "The Almighty has been pleased to grant us a signal victory on Lake Champlain . . .," and

Whereas, the Battle of Plattsburgh was the War of 1812's decisive battle, and

Whereas, Vermonters' brave response to the invasion was a key to victory at Plattsburgh, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Plattsburgh and honors those who fought on Lake Champlain's western shore, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 319.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Chloe Johnson of Fairfield on her service as the 2013 Miss Vermont Outstanding Teen

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes and Connor of Fairfield

Offered by: Senators Collins and McAllister

Whereas, the Miss Vermont Outstanding Teen competition is an event the nonprofit Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization sponsors in furtherance of its scholarship and youth mentoring missions, and

Whereas, the competition encourages young women to improve their personal esteem and poise while emphasizing the importance of academics and active community service, and

Whereas, the 2013 Miss Vermont Outstanding Teen has been Chloe Johnson of Fairfield, and

Whereas, Chloe Johnson was judged on five criteria, including talent (35 percent), a personal interview (25 percent), her on-stage presence in evening wear (20 percent), lifestyle and fitness (10 percent), and scholarship (10 percent), and

Whereas, she was an excellent entrant in each of these categories, and

Whereas, Chloe Johnson is a conscientious student ranked in the top five percent of her class at Bellows Free Academy (St Albans), a National Honor Society member, and was admitted as an early decision applicant to the Middlebury College class of 2018, and

Whereas, her school extracurricular roles have included serving as treasurer of the foreign language club, designation as a BFA Ambassador, and being presented the highest award for leadership skills in leadership training, and

Whereas, as a talented ballet dancer, Chloe Johnson has appeared in several leading roles with a preprofessional dance company, and

Whereas, as a Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen contestant, Chloe Johnson developed a personal platform topic she titled *Be YourSELF*, and

Whereas, her platform, which has been the topic of presentations across the State, focuses on healthy Service, Environment, Leadership, and Fitness habits, and

Whereas, her community service efforts have consisted of creating an after-school program for girls, organizing two canned-goods competitions, and volunteering at many Fairfield Community Center events, and

Whereas, during the past year, Chloe Johnson has served as a dedicated and effective community ambassador for the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Chloe Johnson of Fairfield on being named the 2013 Miss Vermont Outstanding Teen, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 320.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Brandon Allen Gleason of Enosburg Falls

Offered by: Representatives Weed of Enosburgh, Beyor of Highgate, Branagan of Georgia, Connor of Fairfield, Consejo of Sheldon, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Keenan of St. Albans City, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Mitchell of Fairfax, Pearce of Richford, and Savage of Swanton

Offered by: Senators Collins and McAllister

Whereas, Brandon Gleason was an easy going and friendly young man, whose modest demeanor was combined with a life of athletic accomplishment, and

Whereas, he was born in St. Albans, and in the spring of 2013 was a senior at Enosburg High School, and

Whereas, Brandon Gleason was a talented volleyball player who had mastered the game's intricacies, and

Whereas, for three consecutive years, Brandon Gleason was named the most valuable player at the state championship volleyball game, and

Whereas, basketball was a sport which Brandon Gleason played with skill and daring, and

Whereas, as a member of the Enosburg High School boys' varsity basketball team, Brandon Gleason earned entry to the special circle of Vermont high school players who had scored 1,000 points, and

Whereas, Brandon Gleason had been honored as the Mountain Division Boys' Basketball Player of the Year, and

Whereas, he hoped to follow his older brother in the U.S. Air Force and eventually embark on a teaching career, and

Whereas, Brandon Gleason's life was ended abruptly in an automobile accident in April 2013, and

Whereas, a candlelight vigil was held in memory of Brandon Gleason on the Enosburg High School soccer field, and many persons attended, and

Whereas, his survivors include his father, stepmother, siblings Devyn, Maria, and William, grandparents, and great-grandparents, and the village of Enosburg Falls has lost a young man who accomplished much during his all-too-short life, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Brandon Allen Gleason, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of the family and to Enosburg High School.

H.C.R. 321.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Black River High School State rock climbing championship team

Offered by: Representative Devereux of Mount Holly

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, during the cold winter months, adventurous Vermont teenagers ascend indoor climbing walls as members of one of 14 high school coed rock climbing teams, and

Whereas, the teams competed in two divisions, and each division's three top-ranked teams tested its climbing skills at the State rock climbing championship held on March 22 at the Green Mountain Rock Climbing Center in Quechee, and

Whereas, during the regular season, the Black River High School climbers had maintained second place in their division, and

Whereas, this final day of climbs was challenging, and at its conclusion, the Black River High School climbers had ascended past their competitors to clinch the 2014, and Black River High School's first, State rock climbing championship, and

Whereas, the strategic and skilled climbers from Black River High School included Cedar Allen, Katie Cloutier, Sage Allen, Rye Greineder, Eli Tucker, Sullivan Miele, Abigail Schmidt, and Elsa Eliasson, and

Whereas, the expert guidance of Head Coach Bonnie Allen and Assistant Coach Jim Allen proved a steady and winning combination, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Black River High School State rock climbing championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 322.

House concurrent resolution designating April 23, 2014 as Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Honor and Appreciation Day and recognizing their service and sacrifice on behalf of our nation

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, the years of the Iraq and Afghanistan military conflicts have been especially difficult for the numerous Americans who have served in these countries since September 11, 2001, and

Whereas, many Vermont service personnel have been deployed to these countries on multiple tours of duty, and

Whereas, the families of our service personnel have experienced great anxiety during their family members' deployment, and

Whereas, American soldiers have been engaged in consistent combat under extremely trying conditions, and when they have returned home, many have struggled with significant instances of posttraumatic stress syndrome, traumatic brain injury, depression, or a combination of these medical conditions, and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Department of Defense, American military fatalities in Iraq totaled 4,410, and the comparable number for Afghanistan is 2,310 as of April 8, 2014, and

Whereas, according to Professor William Estill of Norwich University, who has been tracking Vermonter's participation in these conflicts since September 11, 2001, of the 3,125 Vermonters who have served, 41 have died, and

Whereas, it is especially important to remember those American military personnel, both from Vermont and across the United States, who have made the ultimate sacrifice when called to serve their nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, and

Whereas, it is fitting to pay tribute and express our many thanks to all of the Vermonters who have served in Iraq, and have served or are currently serving in Afghanistan, and their families, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 23, 2014 as Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Honor and Appreciation Day and recognizes their service and sacrifice on behalf of our nation, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General Steven Cray; the Governor's Veterans Advisory Council; the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs; the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Navy Burlington area recruiting offices; and the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Burlington.

H.C.R. 323.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 University of Vermont Catamounts America East Regular Season title winning men's basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Donovan of Burlington, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Christie of Hartford, Connor of Fairfield, Cupoli of Rutland City, Davis of Washington, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fagan of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, Goodwin of Weston, Hebert of Vernon, Jerman of Essex, Larocque of Barnet, Lenex of Shelburne, Mitchell of Fairfax, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, Pearce of Richford, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Wilson of Manchester, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Baruth, Doyle, Flory, McAllister, and Mullin

Whereas, the University of Vermont (UVM) Catamounts completed a great 2013–2014 season with a 22–11 record including a 10–2 home court victory margin, translating into a 66.7 overall winning percentage, and

Whereas, the penultimate regular season game was memorable as the Catamounts defeated Stony Brook 69–53 to capture the 2014 America East Regular Season title, and

Whereas, first-seeded UVM beat New Hampshire 77–60 in the quarterfinal round of the America East post-season tournament before experiencing a heartbreaking 67–58 loss to the Albany Great Danes in the semifinals, and

Whereas, the Catamounts had the thrill of competing in the NIT, where confronting the Georgia Bulldogs in Athens, Georgia, they played valiantly despite a 63–56 loss, and

Whereas, UVM Head Coach John Becker was named the America East Coach of the Year, Brian Voelkel the America East Defense Player of the Year, Sandro Carissimo and Clancy Rugg earned America East All-Conference First Team slots, Ethan O’Day was named to the conference’s All-Defensive Team, and Kurt Steidl to its All-Rookie Team, and

Whereas, the 2013–2014 UVM basketball squad consisting of Brian Voelkel, Luke Apfeld, Ryan Pierson, Naasir Williams, Hector Harold, Sandro Carissimo, Josh Elbaum, Brendan Kilpatrick, Dre Wills, Candon Rusin, Clancy Rugg, Ethan O’Day, and Kurt Steidl were a first-rate team, while Head Coach John Becker, assistant coaches Chris Markwood, Matt O’Brien, and Kyle Cieplicki, as well as Director of Operations Ryan Schneider and Academic Advisor Tacy Lincoln each contributed to a great season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 University of Vermont Catamounts America East Regular Season title winning men’s basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 324.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont associated 2014 U.S. Winter Olympic Team members

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

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

Whereas, on the snowy slopes and trails or on icy surfaces, extraordinary Americans represented our nation with pride as members of the 2014 U.S. Winter Olympic Team, and

Whereas, Vermont is one of the nation's centers for winter athletic competition, and it is not surprising that 19 athletes with close ties to the Green Mountain State, based on residency or extensive training time in the State, were members of this impressive team, and they included Sophie Caldwell, Peru (Nordic skiing); Kelly Clark, Mount Snow Academy (snowboard halfpipe); Alex Deibold, Manchester (snowboard cross); Hannah Dreissigacker, Craftsbury (biathlon); Susan Dunklee, Craftsbury (biathlon); Julia Ford, Okemo Mountain School (alpine skiing); Nick Goepper, Mount Snow Academy (ski slopestyle); Jared Goldberg, Killington Resort (alpine skiing); Jackie Hernandez, Londonderry (snowboard cross); Lindsey Jacobellis, Stratton (snowboard cross); Nolan Kasper, Warren (slalom); Hannah Kearney, Norwich (freestyle moguls); Devin Logan, West Dover (ski slopestyle); Andy Newell, Weston (Nordic skiing); Ida Sargent, Orleans (Nordic skiing); Mikaela Shiffrin, Burke Mountain Academy (alpine skiing); Liz Stephen, East Montpelier (Nordic skiing); Hannah Teter, Belmont (snowboard halfpipe); and Ty Walker, Stowe (snowboard slopestyle), and

Whereas, among these outstanding athletes, six came home as medal winners, including Mikaela Shiffrin—gold (women's slalom); Devin Logan—silver (women's ski slopestyle); Kelly Clark—bronze (women's snowboard halfpipe); Hannah Kearney—bronze (women's freestyle moguls); Alex Diebold—bronze (men's snowboard cross); and Nick Goepper—bronze (men's ski slopestyle), and

Whereas, on April 23 at the State House, the General Assembly will honor the Vermont-associated 2014 U.S. Winter Olympic Team members, who will be presented with a personalized engraved glass medallion, created by Simon Pearce and donated by Cabot Creamery, commemorating their accomplishments, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont-associated 2014 U.S. Winter Olympic Team members, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 325.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Jeanelle Achee of Rochester on her service as the 2013 Miss Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes and Haas of Rochester

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Jeanelle Achee was raised in an off-the-grid cabin in Rochester, and her single mother struggled to provide for the family, and

Whereas, she will be a May 2014 graduate of the University of Vermont nursing program, and

Whereas, for the past year, Jeanelle Achee has been honored to serve as Miss Vermont 2013, and

Whereas, the personal platform she developed for her Miss Vermont candidacy and service year is titled *Stop the Silence: Advocating for Survivors of Sexual Violence & Promoting Healthy Relationships*, and

Whereas, during the past year, Jeanelle Achee has discussed the pertinent issue with audiences across the State, and

Whereas, Jeanelle Achee's platform topic coincides with her education and career goals to earn a Ph.D. in nursing in preparation for employment as a sexual assault nurse examiner, and

Whereas, while at UVM, Jeanelle Achee was active in many community service activities, compiling over 3,100 hours in these pursuits and winning four consecutive Miss America Community Service Awards, and

Whereas, as a recipient of scholarship awards from the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization, she graduated from college nearly debt free, a major accomplishment for a student with few economic resources, and as a recipient of a Truman Scholarship, Jeanelle Achee was awarded an additional \$30,000.00 for her graduate studies, and

Whereas, Jeanelle Achee has used her Miss Vermont service year to encourage other young women to consider careers in science, technology, education, or mathematics, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jeanelle Achee of Rochester on her service as the 2013 Miss Vermont, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 326.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Randolph Union High School Galloping Ghosts Division II championship baseball team

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph and Ryerson of Randolph

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, it had been 24 years since the Randolph Union High School Galloping Ghosts had won a State baseball championship, and

Whereas, the 2013 team was one of the best in many years, and

Whereas, the Galloping Ghosts' great regular season play and 13–3 record resulted in Randolph being awarded the second-seed in the Division III playoff tournament, and

Whereas, the Galloping Ghosts remained undefeated through the semifinal round and faced top-seeded and undefeated Bellows Free Academy (Fairfax) in the championship game, and

Whereas, the fans of the Galloping Ghosts were confident that the Randolph team had the talent and perseverance to win the season's ultimate contest on the baseball diamond, and

Whereas, although Bellows Free Academy (Fairfax) took the initial lead 2–0 in the 4th inning, Randolph was not deterred, and its subsequent 3–2 lead was sufficient to win the game and the 2013 Division III championship, and

Whereas, the victorious Galloping Ghosts were Jacob Sprague, Zac Laperle, Alex Gilbert, Mackenzie Porier, Ben Jickling, Jay Swartz, Dylan Jacobs, Brandon Keyes, Leland Goodenough, Alex Delhagen, Ross Caswell, Nick Jickling, Connor Baker, Nathan Gray, Garrett Gagnon, and Gabe Strand, and Head Coach Mike Czok, assistant coaches David Maxfield and Gary Curley, and team managers Mariah Rilling, Hanna Locke, and Kaitlin Klovdahl were all important contributors to the team's exciting 2013 season and 17–3 record, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Randolph Union High School Galloping Ghosts Division III championship baseball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 327.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Madison Cota on being named the 2014 Miss Vermont Teen USA

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Deen of Westminster, Frank of Underhill, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Martin of Springfield, Toll of Danville, and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, the Miss Vermont Teen USA beauty pageant was established in 1983, and its goals include the promotion of the contestants' involvement in community service programs and charities, and

Whereas, the pageant also seeks to educate young women concerning ovarian and breast cancer, and

Whereas, the winner represents Vermont in the Miss Teen USA pageant held the following summer, and

Whereas, the Vermont and national pageant contestants are judged in three competition categories: interview, swimsuit, and evening gown, and

Whereas, Madison Cota, a senior at Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, has entered the contest three times, and

Whereas, as a junior, the judges awarded Madison Cota third runner-up status, and

Whereas, on November 24, 2013, in Burlington, Madison Cota proved that hard work and persistence are rewarded, as she was crowned the 2014 Miss Vermont Teen USA, and

Whereas, her fashion design skills enabled Madison Cota to create several of the outfits she wore during different phases of the competition, and

Whereas, in the months preceding the Miss Teen USA national pageant, Madison Cota will make a number of guest appearances at charity events, and

Whereas, as a college student, Madison Cota intends to pursue studies in the fashion field, and

Whereas, Madison Cota has worked diligently to reach this special goal and can be proud of her accomplishment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Madison Cota on winning the 2014 Miss Vermont Teen USA pageant and extends best wishes for her success in the national Miss Teen USA competition, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 328.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the St. Albans Raid

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Branagan of Georgia, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Jerman of Essex, Keenan of St. Albans City, Marek of Newfane, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Beyor of

Highgate, Connor of Fairfield, Consejo of Sheldon, Mitchell of Fairfax, Pearce of Richford, Savage of Swanton, and Weed of Enosburgh

Offered by: Senators Collins and McAllister

Whereas, in mid-October 1864, Confederate soldiers in civilian clothes quietly arrived in St. Albans, taking rooms in hotels, and

Whereas, their leader, Bennett Young, had planned a raid on the Vermont town with the permission of the highest authorities in the Confederate Government at Richmond, and

Whereas, on October 19, the raiders emerged armed on Main Street and proceeded to rob the town's three banks, and

Whereas, the Confederates absconded with \$208,000.00 and headed north on stolen horses for the international border, and

Whereas, the raiders rode out of town in a hail of gunfire, with one of their number severely wounded and a spectator killed, and

Whereas, a posse was unable to prevent the raiders from reaching the international border, and

Whereas, the St. Albans Raid was the northernmost land action of the Civil War, and

Whereas, the 150th anniversary of the raid will be commemorated in St. Albans in September 2014, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 150th anniversary of the St. Albans Raid, ever mindful that while this Confederate victory was taking place on Vermont soil, also on October 19, 1864, Union forces scored a far more important victory at Cedar Creek in Virginia, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly notes proudly that Vermonters were key to the Cedar Creek triumph which was a major victory in the great war to abolish slavery and preserve the Union, despite the spirited and now legendary St. Albans Raid, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 329.

House concurrent resolution designating April 30, 2014 as National Walk@Lunch Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Frank of Underhill, McCullough of Williston, and Mrowicki of Putney

Whereas, National Walk@Lunch Day is a workplace walking event that encourages employees to walk during their lunch break, making exercise a convenient and easy choice during the day, and

Whereas, a brisk walk, even for only 30 minutes, five times a week, can result in significant health benefits, including lowering the risk of developing or dying from cardiovascular disease, hypertension, or type 2 diabetes, and it can improve one's muscles, bones, and joints, and

Whereas, walking is a fun activity that provides healthy exercise and an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, and

Whereas, physical activity is vital to the well-being of all Americans, and National Walk@Lunch Day is an opportunity for Americans to carve time out of their busy work schedules to exercise and become healthier, and

Whereas, in 2014, National Walk@Lunch Day will be observed on April 30, and it provides a great chance for healthy midday exercise, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 30, 2014 as National Walk@Lunch Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Beth Esmond at BlueCross and BlueShield of Vermont.

S.C.R. 55.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the NorthWoods Stewardship Center on its 25th anniversary

Whereas, NorthWoods Stewardship Center, located in East Charleston, was founded in 1989 as the Vermont Leadership Center to provide community and youth education services in northeastern Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1995, the organization attained 501(c)(3) nonprofit status and established the Northeast Kingdom Conservation Service Corps to engage young people in environmental stewardship and learning, and

Whereas, in 1996, the organization created land management and conservation science programs to promote long-term forest stewardship, and

Whereas, in 2004, Vermont Leadership Center became the NorthWoods Stewardship Center to reflect the organization's growing regional impact and renewed focus on environmental stewardship, and

Whereas, in 2008, the Northeast Kingdom Conservation Service Corps was renamed the NorthWoods Conservation Corps in recognition of the program's

service to the communities of northern Vermont, New Hampshire, western Maine, and the Connecticut River Valley, and

Whereas, in 2009, NorthWoods received a generous land donation that enabled the organization to expand greatly its campus and sustainably manage, for public enjoyment, 1,480 acres of timberland in eastern Orleans County, and

Whereas, in 2012, NorthWoods established the Forest Stewardship Institute dedicated to advancing the practice of sustainable land management through science, demonstration forestry, education, and consultation services, and

Whereas, NorthWoods provides hands-on workshops, outdoor recreation activities, and school and camp programs that connect youth and adults to the outdoors through environmental education, and

Whereas, the NorthWoods Conservation Corps provides job training and employment for local youth and completes projects that protect, maintain, and enhance the forest, river, and wildlife resources of northern New England, and

Whereas, NorthWoods provides services that enhance the quality and sustainability of local recreational resources and expand opportunities to visit, explore, and learn about the region's cultural, historical, and natural areas, and

Whereas, in 2014, NorthWoods Stewardship Center celebrates its 25th anniversary and the 20th anniversary of the NorthWoods Conservation Corps and looks forward to contributing more to the people, communities, and natural resources of northeastern Vermont, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the NorthWoods Stewardship Center on its 25th anniversary, *and be it further*

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