

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

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Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

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

Resolutions

H.C.R. 341.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Marc Chabot on winning State and national teaching awards

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford and Hoyt of Norwich

Whereas, educators recognize that STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) classes in high school curriculums are of increasing importance for 21st century students, and

Whereas, Marc Chabot is a Dartmouth College graduate whose academic career has combined both secondary education and technology, and

Whereas, his decision to teach arose from a one-on-one working experience with a child on a Canadian aboriginal reservation in Labrador, and

Whereas, Marc Chabot also earned a master's degree in computer science and shifted his career back and forth between teaching and the technology industry until arriving at Thetford Academy, at the suggestion of head of school Martha Rich, to accept a joint chemistry-physics position, and

Whereas, Thetford Academy proved his ideal employer, and Marc Chabot developed a true passion for teaching, and

Whereas, technology remains a focus of Marc Chabot's professional duties, and he serves as his school's STEM coordinator and robotics advisor, and

Whereas, Marc Chabot has become a teacher held in the highest regard at both Thetford Academy and among his colleagues near and far, and

Whereas, here in Vermont, Marc Chabot was presented the 2014 Angelo J. Dorta Award for Teaching Excellence, the premier recognition that the Vermont-NEA bestows on a teacher, and

Whereas, Marc Chabot will represent Vermont at the national competition for the NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence, and

Whereas, winning the Vermont-NEA Award was not Marc Chabot's only special honor this school year, and

Whereas, he was also selected as a Siemens Teachers As Researchers (STARs) Fellow, a program of the Siemens Foundation conducted in association with Discovery Education and Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and

Whereas, Marc Chabot will travel to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee to attend the two-week STARs program, featuring workshops and research opportunities with Oak Ridge scientists and other educators, and

Whereas, truly Marc Chabot is a teacher of extraordinary dedication and talent who is a model for his peers to emulate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Marc Chabot on winning State and national teaching awards, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 342.

House concurrent resolution honoring Ron Hance for his leadership of the Heritage Family Credit Union

Offered by: Representatives Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Russell of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Gallivan of Chittenden, 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, the mission of the Rutland-based Heritage Family Credit Union (HFCU) is to provide high-quality financial services for the entire family delivered in a friendly and personable way, and

Whereas, Ron Hance was first associated with HFCU as a member of its board of directors, serving for 12 years, and

Whereas, his fellow HFCU board members decided Ron Hance was the ideal person to assume the critical role of chief executive officer, and

Whereas, at the time, the HFCU was a single-branch credit union with assets slightly in excess of \$2 million and only three employees, and

Whereas, his business savvy, foresight, and ingenuity enabled HFCU to evolve into a far larger and more impressive financial institution, and

Whereas, in 2014, HFCU has expanded to nine branches, with three locations in its hometown of Rutland, as well as Bennington, Brandon, Fair Haven, Londonderry, Ludlow, and across the Connecticut River in Hooksett, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, the financial assets at HFCU have grown to more than \$361 million and there are 145 employees on its staff, and

Whereas, HFCU manages two student credit unions and is proud of its Ron Hance Operations Center, and

Whereas, Ron Hance is a State, national, and international leader in the credit union movement, and

Whereas, in 2011, his professional colleagues demonstrated their respect for his accomplishments when they inducted Ron Hance into the Credit Union Executive Society Hall of Fame, and

Whereas, locally, Ron Hance was honored as the 2012 Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year, and

Whereas, he is active in the Rutland community through his association with the College of St. Joseph and the Rutland Regional Medical Center, and

Whereas, after 36 years as the HFCU's dynamic and respected CEO, Ron Hance has announced his retirement, and the HFCU employees will miss his presence in their professional lives, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ron Hance for his leadership of the Heritage Family Credit Union, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 343.

House concurrent resolution honoring Betty Kinsman for her pioneering leadership of the Springfield Area Parent Child Center

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

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, after extensive planning, in 1992 the Springfield Area Parent Child Center (SAPCC) opened, and after a brief residency in the former Park Street School, purchased a building on Myrtle Street, and

Whereas, Betty Kinsman was hired as the first SAPCC director, and

Whereas, in 1997, in need of more space, the SAPCC relocated much of its activity to the former Springfield Decorating Center in North Springfield, and

Whereas, in the ensuing years, the SAPCC added additional programs and services, including, in 2002, Myrtle's Closet - A Thrift Store, used as a job training site, and the Learning Partners Child Center located at the Howard Dean Education Center, and

Whereas, in 2004, the SAPCC purchased its North Springfield building and the adjacent property, and

Whereas, after planning and experimental online fundraising, in 2009, a formal capital campaign for a new headquarters was launched, and

Whereas, privately raised funds and \$2.7 million in federal grants and loans led to the opening in June 2011 of a beautiful new \$3.5 million, 12,469-square-foot headquarters, and the old building was rehabilitated for rental apartments and the SAPCC's child advocacy center, and

Whereas, the SAPCC now serves 15 communities in Windsor and Windham counties and offers approximately 50 different services to children, young families, new mothers, and families in crisis, and

Whereas, these accomplishments would not have occurred without the dedicated leadership of Betty Kinsman who oversaw the SAPCC as it evolved, and

Whereas, after over two decades of exemplary work for the children and families of the greater Springfield area, Betty Kinsman retired in February 2014, leaving outstanding programs and an impressive headquarters as her professional legacy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Betty Kinsman for her pioneering leadership of the Springfield Area Parent Child Center, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Betty Kinsman and to the Springfield Area Parent Child Center.

H.C.R. 344.

House concurrent resolution honoring Francis Whitcomb of Albany as an extraordinary citizen, educator, and as Vermont's active community member of the year

Offered by: Representatives Young of Glover and Strong of Albany

Whereas, Francis Whitcomb is a descendant of Major Benjamin Whitcomb, the famous leader of the Revolutionary War's Whitcomb Rangers, and

Whereas, as a creative teacher and respected school principal, he has inspired generations of students, including Governor Peter Shumlin, who was a student at the Putney School when Francis Whitcomb was headmaster, and

Whereas, Francis Whitcomb is a skilled farmer and superb sugarmaker, and

Whereas, as a respected leader of the East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church, he has served as an active Ruling Elder for 34 years, and

Whereas, blessed with a beautiful voice, Francis Whitcomb's melodious tones have graced the musical scene of many Northeast Kingdom performances, and

Whereas, Francis Whitcomb's revered leadership of the Orleans County Democratic Party has made him a trusted advisor to governors and legislators, regardless of their political persuasion, and a friend to everyone who has had the pleasure of meeting him, and

Whereas, the Town of Albany has been most fortunate to avail itself of Francis Whitcomb's faithful and wise civic leadership as a lister, justice of the peace, and planning commissioner for 36 years, a grand juror for 29 years, and as a patient and effective town moderator for 15 years, and

Whereas, as a highly popular justice of the peace, Francis Whitcomb has united successfully numerous couples in civil unions and marriages and supported them with his advice for many years thereafter, and

Whereas, Francis Whitcomb and his wonderful wife, Pat, have been married for 60 years, and he has supported her photographic pursuits while she has encouraged his civic service, and

Whereas, on Town Meeting Day 2014, Francis Whitcomb's 91st birthday, he retired as a town official stating, "It has been a privilege to be a citizen of this town. It has brought wonderful dimensions to my life. Please don't be just citizens. Be an active member of the community," now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Francis Whitcomb as an extraordinary citizen, educator and as Vermont's active community member of the year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Francis Whitcomb in Albany.

H.C.R. 345.

House concurrent resolution congratulating 10th grade composer Susalina Francy on the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's premier of *Beowulf's Last Battle*

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: Senator White

Whereas, music has been a special focus for Wardsboro resident, Susalina Francy, as long as she can recollect, and

Whereas, the Leland and Gray 10th grader started her instrumental education in fourth grade when she learned to play the clarinet, and

Whereas, in the following years, Susie Francy has broadened her performance repertoire to include tenor sax, piano, ukulele, and a partial familiarity with other percussion instruments, and

Whereas, she performs in her school's chorus and band, and

Whereas, Susie Francy has a special fondness for composition and she has either arranged or composed music in the classical, pop, and jazz genres, and

Whereas, her compositional aspirations are nurtured through her participation in the Music Composition Online Mentoring Program, a nonprofit organization supporting Vermont student composers and musical organizations, and

Whereas, Susie Francy enjoys composing music "because it lets me express ideas that cannot be expressed as thoroughly through words," and that "speaking through music (arrangement especially) allows my unique perspective of the world to be heard," and

Whereas, at the January 22, 2014 Farmers Night State House concert, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra performed her composition, *Beowulf's Last Battle*, and the audience took pleasure in its premier performance, and

Whereas, *Beowulf* refers to a legendary Geatish (early Swedish) hero and king, and the composition is intended as a synopsis of this hero's final battle, but the composer explained that her musical work could be "applied to any battle, whether it be physical, social, or emotional," and

Whereas, when not musically engaged, Susie Francy has acted in school plays and volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club Summer Program and the Summer Explorer's Camp in Newfane and Townshend, and

Whereas, she is enrolled in Leland and Gray's Journey East program, an Asian immersion study program that is traveling to China to collaborate with Chinese students in cultural and theatrical activities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates 10th grade composer Susalina Francy on the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's premier of *Beowulf's Last Battle*, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 346.

House concurrent resolution designating April 29, 2014 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day in Vermont

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, dementia is a "deterioration of intellectual facilities such as memory, concentration and judgment," and

Whereas, Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia in the United States, and

Whereas, the symptoms of Alzheimer's develop slowly and worsen over time, and

Whereas, although the greatest known risk factor for Alzheimer's is increasing age, it is not a normal part of aging, and

Whereas, according to the Alzheimer's Association, an estimated 5.2 million Americans have the disease, and the comparable Vermont figure is 11,000, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, and annually approximately 500,000 deaths are attributable to Alzheimer's disease, and

Whereas, according to 2013 data, there are 15.5 million Americans serving as Alzheimer's caregivers who devote an estimated 17.7 billion unpaid hours valued at \$220 billion, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's has no current cure, but treatment for symptoms is available and research continues, and

Whereas, the General Assembly has recognized the societal impact of Alzheimer's and established the Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (Commission), and

Whereas, the Commission is directed in statute to "advise State agencies on matters of State policy relating to Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-related disorders," and

Whereas, in this capacity, a Commission subcommittee provided guidance and oversight to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living in the development of the State Plan on Dementia, and

Whereas, today, April 29, 2014, Vermonters concerned about Alzheimer's are visiting the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 29, 2014 as Alzheimer's 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 Vermont Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

H.C.R. 347.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Lisa Bianconi on being selected as a Grammy Music Educator Award finalist

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Ancel of Calais, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, 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, Condon of Colchester, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Cross of Winooski, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Goodwin of Weston, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Hoyt of Norwich, Hubert of Milton, Huntley of Cavendish, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero,

Johnson of Canaan, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kilmartin of Newport City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Michelsen of Hardwick, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Fairfax, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Ryerson of Randolph, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Smith of New Haven, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Vowinkel of Hartford, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Woodward of Johnson, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Collins, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McAllister, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, and Zuckerman

Whereas, for 120 years, the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children, located in Westminster, has educated young students from troubled families, and

Whereas, music plays a special role at Kurn Hattin, and

Whereas, for nearly three decades, Lisa Bianconi has been responsible for all aspects of the Kurn Hattin music curriculum, and

Whereas, annually, her duties include overseeing nearly 40 musical performances, and

Whereas, in 2014, the Grammy Awards introduced a new Music Educator Award to recognize the importance of music education in our nation's schools, and

Whereas, the Grammy Music Educator Award had over 30,000 school-nominated candidates, including Lisa Bianconi, demonstrating extensive interest in this newly established teacher recognition, and

Whereas, after a careful review, the judges selected 217 teachers, including Lisa Bianconi, to proceed to the quarter-final round, and

Whereas, these quarterfinalists were required to write a 500-word essay explaining their philosophy of education, and

Whereas, from this extraordinary group of music teachers, 25 individuals, once again including Lisa Bianconi, were chosen to participate in a formal interview, and

Whereas, 10 of these outstanding music educators were awarded finalist status, and Lisa Bianconi was honored to be a member of this special group, and

Whereas, as a finalist for the Grammy Music Educator Award, Lisa Bianconi was awarded a \$1,000.00 honorarium, and Kurn Hattin a matching grant, and

Whereas, although she was not the ultimate winner, Lisa Bianconi feels privileged "just being a teacher to these talented kids," and

Whereas, Lisa Bianconi credits the entire Kurn Hattin community for its support in helping to make the school's musical endeavors a success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lisa Bianconi on being selected as a Grammy Music Educator Award finalist, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 348.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 St. Johnsbury All-Star Babe Ruth 14 and Under Vermont championship baseball team

Offered by: Representatives Quimby of Concord, Fay of St. Johnsbury, and South of St. Johnsbury

Whereas, the famous sports journalism phrase “boys of summer” is as applicable to summer leagues consisting of young players as to the major leaguers for whom it was coined, and

Whereas, in the summer of 2013, some of the best young baseball players in Vermont were members of the St. Johnsbury All-Star Babe Ruth 14 and Under baseball team, and

Whereas, in the three-team State championship tournament, which St. Johnsbury hosted, the hometown squad defeated Bennington in its opening game, and

Whereas, St. Johnsbury then won a late-game, come-from-behind victory in a contest against Franklin County with a 7th-inning grand-slam home run, and

Whereas, this thrilling victory entitled St. Johnsbury to a repeat opportunity to face Bennington, and St. Johnsbury won with a comfortable 12–7 victory margin, and

Whereas, in securing the State championship, St. Johnsbury earned a place in the New England Babe Ruth 14 and Under regional tournament played in Westfield, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, although St. Johnsbury was eliminated before the New England championship game, the team’s dedicated squad, including Derek Holbrook, Ian Fountain, Jasper Rankin, Joe Smith, Matt Hauserman, Travis Grosse, Aaron Morrison, Austin Wendell, Cody Koch, Coleton Loura-Bumps, Garrett Brown, Jacob Johnson, Logan Quimby, Miles Gochie, was impressive on the baseball diamond, and bat boy Jordan Quimby, manager Mike Quimby, and coaches Nate Gochie and Rodger Sheldon were the boys’ best supporters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 St. Johnsbury All-Star Babe Ruth 14 and Under Vermont championship baseball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 349.

House concurrent resolution honoring Prevention Works! VT

Offered by: Representatives Lenes of Shelburne, Ancel of Calais, Browning of Arlington, Buxton of Tunbridge, Hooper of Montpelier, Keenan of St. Albans City, Lanpher of Vergennes, Myers of Essex, Rachelson of

Burlington, Shaw of Pittsford, Strong of Albany, Toll of Danville, and Webb of Shelburne

Whereas, according to the Department of Health, prevention of substance abuse is achieved through interventions that occur before a person starts to abuse a harmful substance, and

Whereas, prevention is targeted both universally and at specific audiences with a higher risk of substance abuse, and

Whereas, Prevention Works! VT (PWVT) is a statewide coalition of community prevention coalitions, and

Whereas, the vision of PWVT is that Vermont become a state in which all communities are healthy, safe, and thriving, and

Whereas, the mission of PWVT “is to create and lead advocates to work collaboratively on policy practice and attitudes that promote prevention, health and wellness with one voice,” and

Whereas, PWVT’s statewide coordinated efforts include promoting prevention and wellness to policymakers and in local communities, building the local and statewide infrastructure for prevention advocacy, including a mobilization capacity, and establishing sustainable funding for these activities, and

Whereas, the strategies community coalitions use include working to change local and State substance policies, facilitating drug and alcohol curriculums for youths, partnering with local law enforcement and liquor control authorities to reduce underage drinking, working to reduce substance abuse among college students, and reducing underage drinking with sticker shock campaigns, and

Whereas, 20 community coalitions, with financial support from and in coordination with the Department of Health, are focusing on youths’ use of tobacco, and

Whereas, PWVT has shown that sustained efforts can save young lives, and

Whereas, members of community coalitions are in the State House today, April 30, 2014, to promote the importance of substance abuse prevention efforts, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Prevention Works! VT, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to Prevention Works! Vermont.

H.C.R. 350.

House concurrent resolution celebrating the 25th anniversary of Outright Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Lippert of Hinesburg, Botzow of Pownal, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Christie of Hartford, Cole of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Cross of Winooski, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gallivan of Chittenden, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCullough of Williston, Mook of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Ryerson of Randolph, Sharpe of Bristol, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Wizowaty of Burlington, Woodward of Johnson, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, in 1988, a national survey reported that gay and lesbian youths were subject to higher rates of depression and suicide, and

Whereas, in response to this report, in 1989, a group of Vermont community activists formed Outright Vermont as a once-a-week support group that has evolved into a “lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQQ) ‘queer’ youth center and statewide advocacy organization,” and

Whereas, the word queer, originally a derisive term, is now one of empowerment and unification for the larger LGBTQQ (queer) community, and

Whereas, Outright Vermont’s mission is to “build safe, healthy, and supportive environments for queer youth,” and

Whereas, the organizing strategy for Outright Vermont is based on the concept of youth empowerment that will effectuate social change, and

Whereas, educational and outreach programs presented at schools, colleges, and community organizations are aimed at preventing harassment and supporting queer youth, and

Whereas, annually, Outright Vermont sponsors programs for queer and allied youth, including a statewide summit; Camp Outright, a summer residential camp; and the annual Queer Youth Awards, and

Whereas, Outright Vermont envisions a world where “all young people’s lives are celebrated” and “bullying, taunting, harassment, and other forms of oppression are not tolerated,” and

Whereas, 2014 marks 25 years that Outright Vermont has been nurturing and supporting the queer youth community in Vermont, and on April 11, 2014, a festive Silver Celebration was held in Essex Junction, and

Whereas, today, April 30, 2014, Outright Vermont is sponsoring Queer Youth Leadership Day at the State House that is intended to sharpen advocacy skills and offer an opportunity for queer youth to express their views and concerns to legislators, the Governor, and the Vermont Human Rights Commission, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the 25th anniversary of Outright Vermont, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 351.

House concurrent resolution honoring Bruce Corwin for his musical leadership of the Brattleboro American Legion Band

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

Whereas, in the summer of 1990, the Chester Brass, under the expert musical direction of Bruce Corwin, performed at an annual reunion of the 104th Regimental Band held at Post #5 of the American Legion in Brattleboro, and

Whereas, members of Post #5 enjoyed the concert and discussed the possibility of starting a local American Legion Band as existed in the 1930s, and

Whereas, Bruce Corwin offered to assist in organizing the band and to serve as its initial director, and

Whereas, his offer was accepted and this grand musical partnership has continued for 24 years, and

Whereas, under Bruce Corwin's leadership, the Brattleboro American Legion Band has grown to over 50 musicians, including individuals who started in 1990, and

Whereas, the axiom "practice makes perfect" is applicable to the band as it has won numerous awards, including second place at its most recent American Legion Band national competition in Salt Lake City, Utah, and

Whereas, the band has performed statewide, including on the State House lawn, as well as in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and North Carolina, and

Whereas, the Brattleboro and the Keene, New Hampshire, American Legion Bands perform together as the Twin State American Legion Band, and

Whereas, this combined marching band plays proudly with brilliance and clarity, and it won first prize at the 1999 Troy, New York, Flag Day Parade, and

Whereas, after 24 years keeping the beat, pitch, and rhythm of the Brattleboro American Legion Band, Bruce Corwin has assumed the new title of director emeritus, and

Whereas, the Brattleboro American Legion Band has been extraordinarily fortunate that a conductor of Bruce Corwin's musical stature has devoted nearly one-quarter of a century to leading the ensemble successfully and bringing great musical entertainment to appreciative audiences, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Bruce Corwin for his musical leadership of the Brattleboro American Legion Band, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bruce Corwin and to the Brattleboro American Legion Band.

H.C.R. 352.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Champlain Valley Union High School on its golden anniversary

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

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

Whereas, in 1960, the towns of Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George, and Williston formed a committee to explore establishing a new supervisory union and regional high school, and future Lt. Governor Barbara Snelling served as its able and strong leader, and

Whereas, by 1962, a school board, with Barbara Snelling chairing, was established, and in August ground was broken for Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU), and

Whereas, in 1964, CVU welcomed its first 460 students, and

Whereas, during its first fall, CVU won a State soccer championship, and the legend of CVU soccer was born, and

Whereas, the school quickly outgrew its space, and mobile classrooms were soon a reality, remaining until an \$18 million bond issue in 2005 enabled CVU to complete a long-needed campus renovation and expansion, and

Whereas, in 1970, the much-praised Do Unto Others community service and internship program began, and eventually 300 students participated, and

Whereas, a year later, the off-campus LIFE alternative learning program was created, and subsequently the associated Girl's Life and the Learning Place programs were started, and

Whereas, the House system, bringing continuity to students' educational experience, was started in 1984, and

Whereas, in 1987, CVU became the first eastern seaboard region school to install a satellite telecommunications system, and

Whereas, in the late 1980s and into the 1990s, the Graduation Challenge, the Direction Center, the Freshman Core, and block scheduling were introduced, and

Whereas, CVU is a pioneer in offering continuing education through CVU Access, and

Whereas, CVU is known for its innovative spirit, sense of community, and overall excellence, and 2014 marks 50 years of outstanding education at this highly respected regional high school, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Champlain Valley Union High School on its golden anniversary, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 353.

House concurrent resolution honoring Grace Worcester Greene of Berlin for inspiring children to read and discover their local public library

Offered by: Representatives Gallivan of Chittenden, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Lewis of Berlin, and Mook of Bennington

Whereas, Grace Greene has two special passions in her life, a love of Vermont and a strong desire to encourage children to read, and

Whereas, her Vermont roots are centered in Peacham, and from an early age she was taught that living in Vermont was ideal, and

Whereas, Grace Greene's mother was a librarian, and Grace first worked in a public library at 13 years of age, and

Whereas, after graduating from the University of Vermont, Grace Greene earned a master's degree in library science from Simmons College and was employed as a children's librarian in the Boston area, and

Whereas, Grace Greene and her husband, Daniel, the librarian at U-32 high school, moved to Vermont, and she became the Director of Youth Services at the Department of Libraries, and

Whereas, although this job enabled her to promote children's literature and youth involvement at local libraries, Grace Greene did miss working with children on a daily basis, and

Whereas, she runs workshops and consults with librarians and educators across the State on topics ranging from story hours to summer reading programs, and

Whereas, each year, she reviews approximately 150 children's books to keep current on new publications, retaining the best for the Department of Libraries children's collection and distributing others to local public libraries, and

Whereas, a special role Grace Greene performs is to promote three children's book awards, including the Red Clover Award, the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Prize (DCF), and the Green Mountain Book Award, and young readers vote for the final winners, and

Whereas, Grace Greene recently hosted the four Vermont finalists for this year's DCF at Vermont Technical College, and 600 delighted children were in attendance, a dream occurrence for any children's librarian, and

Whereas, after 28 years of introducing children to the joys of reading and the wonders awaiting them at their local public library, Grace Greene will retire in June 2014, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Grace Worcester Greene of Berlin for inspiring children to read and discover their local public library, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 354.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Arts Council on its 50th anniversary and designating 2015 as the Year of the Arts in Vermont

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, pursuant to Act 170 of 1965, the General Assembly designated the Vermont Council on the Arts, now known as the Vermont Arts Council (Council), as the official recipient of State and federal funds to disburse to arts education, performances, and various creative endeavors, and

Whereas, for 50 years, the Council has fulfilled its promise to Vermont citizens and visitors, nurturing hundreds of arts organizations, thousands of artists, and fostering public art installations in State facilities in all 14 counties, and

Whereas, the Council has awarded more than \$20 million in support of arts activities, and

Whereas, collaborating with the Agencies of Agriculture, of Commerce and Community Development, of Education, and of Transportation; nonprofits, including the Governor's Institute on the Arts, the Preservation Trust of Vermont, the Vermont Folklife Center, the Vermont Humanities Council, and

the Vermont Council on Rural Development; and institutions of higher education, the Council has maximized its resources, and

Whereas, the Council's grants and services to the arts sector have fostered a robust creative economy that mirrors Vermont's quality of life, nurtures student interest in the arts, and contributes significantly to State and local revenues, and

Whereas, according to 2012 U.S. Census data, Vermont ranks third overall for artists as a percentage of the workforce, second for fine artists and writers, and eighth for musicians and photographers, and

Whereas, helping Vermont's citizenry to understand the importance of creativity at home, work, school, and in the community is vital to the success of Vermont's economy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Arts Council on its 50th anniversary and designates 2015 as the Year of the Arts in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Board of Trustees of the Vermont Arts Council.

H.C.R. 355.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Jacob Cady and David Gratton on their age group championships in the Elks Vermont and New England Hoop Shoots

Offered by: Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Kilmartin of Newport City, Lawrence of Lyndon, and South of St. Johnsbury

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

Whereas, the Elks National Foundation sponsors the Elks National Hoop Shoot basketball contest for boys and girls between eight and 13 years of age, and

Whereas, this event provides a character-building, competitive exercise for the participants and an opportunity to learn the importance of good sportsmanship, and

Whereas, competition begins at the local Lodge level, and age group winners continue on to district, state, and regional shoots, and ultimately compete at the national finals in Springfield, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, in 2013, two of the Vermont champions, Jacob Cady of Lyndon Center (St. Johnsbury Elks Lodge #1343) in the boys' 12–13 age group, and David Gratton of Newport (Newport Elks Lodge # 2155) in the boys' 10–11 age group, were crowned New England champions, and

Whereas, Jacob Cady shot 21 of 25 shots locally, an amazing 24 of 25 in the district shoot, 22 of 25 at the Vermont event, 23 of 25 regionally in South Portland, Maine, and 22 of 25 in the extremely competitive national finals, totaling 112 successful shots on 125 throws, and,

Whereas, David Gratton also shot the ball with precision, earning scores of 18 of 25 at the local and district shoots, a superb 23 of 25 at the Vermont shoot, 19 of 25 at the regional event, and 18 of 25 nationally for a total of 96 successful shots on 125 throws, and

Whereas, each of these outstanding young athletes was able to participate throughout the competition at no cost, as do all the youngsters, due to the generosity of the Elks National Foundation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jacob Cady and David Gratton on their age group championships in the Elks Vermont and New England Hoop Shoots, and be it further

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

S.C.R. 56.

Senate concurrent resolution designating May 11-17 as Women's Lung Health Week in Vermont

Whereas, reliable evidence suggests that on the average, every five minutes, a diagnosis of lung cancer is given to a female patient, and

Whereas, lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of women in this country, having surpassed breast cancer in 1987, and

Whereas, the lung cancer death rate for women has more than doubled over the past 35 years, and

Whereas, women are disproportionately burdened with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), including death rates, and

Whereas, asthma is more common in women than men, and

Whereas, advocacy and increased awareness will result in more and better treatment for women with lung cancer, COPD, asthma, and other lung diseases and will ultimately save lives, and

Whereas, LUNG FORCE is the American Lung Association's new national movement with the mission of uniting women to eradicate lung cancer and lung disease, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 11–17 as Women's Lung Health Week in Vermont, and encourages all Vermonters to learn more about the detection and treatment of lung cancer and all types of lung disease, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the American Lung Association of the Northeast in Williston.