

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House and Senate  
Concurrent Resolutions**

**of**

**May 8, 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. 356.

House concurrent resolution honoring Rutland Free Library Director Paula Baker

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Fagan of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Shaw of Pittsford, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Whereas, a well-qualified and dedicated librarian is a key reason for the success and vitality of a public library, and

Whereas, for 27 years, Paula Baker has met these criteria as the outstanding director of the Rutland Free Library, guiding the patrons on their individual quests for information, knowledge, and reading pleasure, and

Whereas, her one-on-one role working directly with individual patrons is one she cherishes, and

Whereas, from the day she interviewed for the job, Paula Baker felt the position was a perfect fit, and

Whereas, members of the hiring committee concurred, fearing only that a larger public library system would lure her away from Rutland, and

Whereas, the Rutland Free Library's governing board need not have feared, as Paula Baker soon decided this position was ideal, and

Whereas, her leadership was inspiring on more than one front, and

Whereas, as director of the Rutland Free Library, she oversaw two renovations, the building of an addition, and the introduction of technology that brought the library into the 21st century, and

Whereas, in the middle 1990s, the presence in the collection of the children's book *Daddy's Roommate*, portraying a gay couple performing the daily tasks of any couple, became highly controversial, and

Whereas, she defended the book's remaining on the shelf even as the library's board conducted a public hearing on the decision, and she was upheld, and

Whereas, the American Library Association, the American Civil Liberties Union, and a local gay rights organization each recognized her with special awards, and

Whereas, Paula Baker has emphasized that her stance was premised on the right of readers to read the book and not necessarily on her personal choices, noting that public libraries are for the community, and

Whereas, after 27 years of exemplary librarianship and dynamic leadership, Paula Baker has announced her retirement, effective December 31, 2014, and her record of accomplishments is impressive, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Rutland Free Library Director Paula Baker, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 357.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Housing Finance Agency on its 40th anniversary and recognizing the leadership of its executive director, Sarah Carpenter

Offered by: Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs

Whereas, in 1974, the General Assembly established the Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) with the dual but closely related missions of promoting and financing affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income Vermonters, and

Whereas, in a nonfinancial context, the VHFA is charged statutorily to conduct research and promote development in housing, building technology, and related fields; and stimulate environmental planning for affordable housing to facilitate the tenants' and owners' self-development and employment, and

Whereas, the financing aspect of the VHFA's mission focuses on issuing bonds and notes or other evidences of indebtedness and mortgage credit certificates, and

Whereas, these financial directives are implemented through single-family and home-ownership mortgage financing programs; multifamily loan programs, asset management and monitoring, and administration of federal and State housing tax credit programs, and

Whereas, VHFA does not receive a general appropriation and "its loan programs are funded primarily through the issuance of tax-exempt bonds" that are not obligations of the State, and

Whereas, since its inception, VHFA has assisted in approximately 28,000 primary residence purchases, and facilitated the construction of nearly 8,600 units of multifamily rental housing, and

Whereas, in January 2014, the Champlain Housing Trust presented its Tim McKenzie Award to VHFA Executive Director Sarah Carpenter in recognition of her “outstanding contributions to permanently affordable housing during the past 30 years,” and

Whereas, Sarah Carpenter, an original Champlain Trust board member and former executive director of Burlington’s Cathedral Square Corporation, has served as the VFHA’s executive director since 1998 and has stated she is honored to help extend affordable housing options to low- and moderate-income Vermonters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Housing Finance Agency on its 40th anniversary and recognizes the leadership of its executive director, Sarah Carpenter, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 358.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Italian American Club in Rutland on its centennial

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Shaw of Pittsford, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Whereas, on March 1, 1914, a group of approximately 40 recently arrived immigrants from southern Italy met to form a mutual aid society, and

Whereas, the group elected Domenico Paolucci as its president and Gerado Ricci as vice president, and

Whereas, other original officers included Antonio Bizzarro, Angelo Iannetti, Alfredo Francioni, Giuseppe Ragosta, Giovanni Di Lorenzo, and Nicola Romano, and

Whereas, the organization’s mission also included teaching local Italian immigrants English and assisting them in becoming American citizens, and

Whereas, on July 11, 1915, it received a charter to become the Christopher Columbus Lodge # 414 of the Sons of Italy, and

Whereas, only seven years after its establishment, on February 7, 1921 this local Sons of Italy Lodge hosted its Fifth Grand Masquerade Ball in

Dunn Hall that over 600 persons attended, including Rutland City Mayor James C. Dunn, and

Whereas, in 1934, this local organization, which eventually assumed independent status as the Italian American Club, moved into its current home at 73 Grove Street, and

Whereas, coinciding with the Italian American Club's centennial, the Rutland Historical Society presented an episode of its *Historically Speaking* television series on Italian immigration in greater Rutland, and

Whereas, the enthusiastic viewer response to the telecast resulted in the Society's formation of an ad hoc committee to document the Italian community in the Rutland area, including the relationship between Rutland area families and their Italian towns of origin, and

Whereas, the early research associated with this project led to the discovery of the directory associated with the Fifth Grand Masquerade Ball, listing over 500 Italian families residing in Center Rutland, Proctor, Rutland, and West Rutland, and

Whereas, the Italian American Club in Rutland looks forward to its second century of service, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Italian American Club in Rutland on its centennial, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Italian American Club in Rutland.

**H.C.R. 359.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating William Anton on being named the 2014 Vermont winner of the National Association of Elementary School Principals' National Distinguished Principal Award

Offered by: Representative Moran of Wardsboro

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, in 1984, the National Association of Elementary School Principals established the National Distinguished Principals Program "to honor outstanding elementary and middle school administrators," and

Whereas, the Vermont Principals' Association (VPA) executive committee determines the award's recipient for the Green Mountain State, and

Whereas, one of the committee's current members is Dover Elementary Principal Bill Anton, and

Whereas, during the committee's deliberations on this important decision, he was unexpectedly requested to leave the room and was shocked and gratified when informed he was the 2014 award's winner, and

Whereas, for the past five years, Bill Anton has served as the outstanding principal of Dover Elementary, and

Whereas, he described the award as a reflection of the Dover Elementary community at large, and

Whereas, in expressing his thanks, Bill Anton acknowledged his school's success as the result of a partnership of parents, students, and the school board working together, and

Whereas, Bill Anton paid special tribute to the talented team of teachers and specialists who are the core of the school's operations and make his job so enjoyable, and

Whereas, his receipt of this award should not be surprising, as, for the past three years, Bill Anton has served as a mentoring principal, an assignment reserved for the most competent and successful members of this educational administrators' fraternity, and

Whereas, Bill Anton is invited to participate with other 2014 National Distinguished Principal Award winners at a two-day professional event this fall in our nation's capital, and he will receive State recognition at the VPA's annual banquet to be held at Killington's Grand Hotel this August, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates William Anton on being named the 2014 Vermont winner of the National Association of Elementary School Principals' National Distinguished Principal Award, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 360.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Rosemary FitzSimons on being named the 2014 winner of the Henry Giaguque Vermont Elementary Principal of the Year

Offered by: Representative Moran of Wardsboro

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, the elementary school experience can determine the success or failure of a youngster, and

Whereas, one of the most dedicated and innovative elementary school principals in Vermont is Rosemary FitzSimons, whose seven years of leadership at Wardsboro Elementary is worthy of praise, and

Whereas, during her tenure, the academic performance of students has risen dramatically, and

Whereas, the significant increase of New England Common Assessment Program scores at Wardsboro Elementary is indicative of Rosemary FitzSimons's creation of a conducive learning environment, and

Whereas, the reading scores of Wardsboro students rose from a mere 53 percent proficient to 98 percent for the most recent assessment, and

Whereas, mastery of numeric calculation skills also rose, from Wardsboro students' failure in 2007 to record adequate yearly progress in mathematics to a this year's result recording 90 percent of the students either proficient or above, and

Whereas, these stunning surges of academic achievement at Wardsboro Elementary can be traced to the 2007 education action plan Rosemary FitzSimons and her faculty devised to improve learning, and

Whereas, another tool that Rosemary FitzSimons adopted to improve scholastic success was the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support, a program based on prevention strategy and not focused exclusively on punishment, and

Whereas, all of this extra effort has not gone unnoticed, as the Vermont Principals' Association (VPA) has selected her as one of its 2014 Principals of the Year, and

Whereas, although appreciative of this special honor, Rosemary FitzSimons considers the award as reflecting the work of her entire team of education professionals, and

Whereas, she will be honored at the VPA's annual banquet to be held in August at Killington's Grand Hotel, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Rosemary FitzSimons on being named the 2014 winner of the Henry Giaguque Vermont Elementary Principal of the Year, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 361.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Woodstock Union High School Wasps Division II girls' Nordic skiing championship team

Offered by: Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock, Bartholomew of Hartland, Gallivan of Chittenden, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Nordic skiing is an especially popular sport at Woodstock Union High School as skiers can compete on both their individual merits and as a team, and

Whereas, a number of these Wasp athletes skied this winter at the New England Nordic Ski Association's Eastern States Championships in Chittenden, and one skied at the Junior National Nordic Ski Championships in Stowe, and

Whereas, the Wasps' girls' Nordic ski team had an exceptionally fine 2013–2014 season on the snowy trails, and

Whereas, in the State championship's freestyle competition, the Wasps earned first and three additional top ten places, winning impressively both the Division I and Division II individual races, the Division II relay, and completed the first day of competition as the Division II leaders, and

Whereas, on the second day of competition, devoted to classic skiing, Woodstock again skied superbly, and the combined freestyle and classic scores enabled the Wasps to depart the season's ultimate competition as the 2014 Division II girls' Nordic skiing champions, and

Whereas, the girl Wasps who clinched the 2014 Division II Nordic skiing crown included Anna Ramsey, Carmen Bango, Lauren Kaija, Finn McFarland, Kristin Ramsey, Abby Kaija, Kathryn Bassette, and Alyssa Rivera, and Head Coach Nick Mahood provided great guidance throughout the 2013–2014 Nordic skiing season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Woodstock Union High School Wasps Division II girls' Nordic skiing championship team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 362.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Woodstock Union High School Wasps Division II boys' Nordic skiing championship team

Offered by: Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock, Bartholomew of Hartland, Gallivan of Chittenden, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka



Whereas, Woodstock Union High School has been home to many great Nordic skiers, and

Whereas, a number of these Wasp athletes skied this winter at the New England Nordic Ski Association's Eastern States Championships in Chittenden, and one skied at the Junior National Nordic Ski Championships in Stowe, and

Whereas, within Vermont, the Wasps boys' Nordic team continued its tradition of mastering this fast-paced winter sport, and

Whereas, the Nordic State Championship is a two-day competition featuring both freestyle and classic races, and

Whereas, in the individual freestyle and classic races, a Wasp skier finished first, the Woodstock team won both races in Division II, and earned an impressive fifth consecutive boys' Nordic Division II title, and

Whereas, the roster of the boys' Wasp skiers consisted of Zane Fields, Graham Melville, Campbell Boswell, Sam Linowski, Peter Wilson, Kent Dalton, and Robert Alden Krawczyk, and Head Coach Nick Mahood was always present to cheer the skiers on to victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Woodstock Union High School Wasps Division II boys' Nordic skiing championship team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 363.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont Economic Development Authority on its 40th anniversary

Offered by: Committee on Commerce and Economic Development

Offered by: Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs

Whereas, in 1974, the General Assembly found "that it is necessary to alleviate and prevent unemployment and underemployment, and to raise the per capita income within the state," and

Whereas, to implement these findings, the General Assembly enacted 1974 Acts and Resolves No. 197, establishing the Vermont Industrial Development Authority (renamed the Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) in 1993 Acts and Resolves No. 89) "to contribute to the creation and retention of quality jobs in Vermont by providing loans and financial support to eligible

and qualified Vermont industrial, commercial, and agricultural enterprises,” and

Whereas, ten gubernatorial appointees serve on the VEDA governing board, including the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development; the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets; the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation; and the Commissioner of Public Service, who serve as ex officio members, and

Whereas, in 1988, VEDA’s enabling legislation identified family farming and dairy processing as agricultural enterprises meriting financial support, and

Whereas, VEDA works closely and collaboratively with Vermont’s banking community, and

Whereas, VEDA’s financial portfolio of either lending or program administration authority now includes mortgage insurance, industrial parks, economic development revenue bonds, direct mortgage loans, family farm assistance, and other forms of financial support, and

Whereas, during fiscal years 2008 through 2013, VEDA provided financing for 1,976 projects totaling over \$646 million for commercial, small business, and agricultural borrowers, and

Whereas, overall, VEDA has granted over \$2 billion in financial support for over 7,000 entrepreneurs, manufacturers, small businesses, and agricultural projects, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Economic Development Authority on its 40th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Economic Development Authority Chief Executive Officer Rosela “Jo” Bradley.

#### **H.C.R. 364.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of John P. Griffin Jr. of Bennington

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, throughout his life, Jack Griffin was closely associated with many aspects of life in the town of Bennington, and

Whereas, he was educated at Bennington Catholic High School and earned a bachelor’s degree in business from Boston College, and

Whereas, as a college student, Jack Griffin was a member of the ROTC, and he later received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps, and

Whereas, for over two decades, he owned and operated Griffin's Furniture Stores in Arlington and Brattleboro, and

Whereas, in 1981, Jack Griffin opted for a career change, closing his furniture stores and establishing John P. Griffin Real Estate, a business that engaged in property development and management as well as commercial and residential sales, and

Whereas, Jack Griffin's civic service in Bennington focused on economic development issues as he served on both the town's planning commission and the housing authority board, and

Whereas, his local leadership impressed officials in Montpelier, and Governor Dean appointed Jack Griffin to the State Economic Advisory Board, where his business background proved informative, and

Whereas, Jack Griffin had an abiding tie to Sacred Heart St. Francis De Sales Roman Catholic Church in Bennington where he served as an altar boy, was married to Carol Farrington, and served on the parish council, and

Whereas, he was a proud member of the Bennington Elks Club and was an avid sports fan of the Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics, and Bruins, and

Whereas, family was of great importance to Jack Griffin and he was devoted to his wife of nearly 47 years, Carol, and their sons, Michael, John, and Eric, and granddaughters, Gabrielle and Hannah, and

Whereas, on April 10, 2014, Jack Griffin died in Albany, New York, the city of his birth, and other survivors include his sister, Margaret, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of John P. Griffin Jr. of Bennington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Carol Griffin in Bennington.

**H.C.R. 365.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Washington Electric Cooperative on its 75th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Ancel of Calais and Klein of East Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, the Washington Electric Cooperative (WEC) is a nonprofit member-owned electric system, and

Whereas, a nine-person board of directors oversees the management of the WEC, and

Whereas, WEC began serving consumers on December 2, 1939 with its first transmission of diesel-generated power to 150 farms and homes over a 55-mile transmission network, and

Whereas, from this modest beginning, WEC has developed into a regional electricity provider with over 10,500 members, 97 percent of whom are residential customers, and

Whereas, the WEC service area now encompasses 2,728 square miles in parts of 41 towns in Washington, Orange, Caledonia, and Orleans counties, and

Whereas, the distribution network transmitting WEC's electric power extends for 1,200 miles and uses eight substations, and

Whereas, WEC derives two-thirds of its electricity from methane-generated power produced at the Coventry landfill, and

Whereas, construction at the Coventry generating facility began in December 2004, three engines were generating electricity full-time in July 2005, and by 2009 a fifth engine had been added, and

Whereas, WEC owns the hydroelectric generating station at Wrightsville Dam located on the North Branch of the Winooski River, and the station normally produces 800 kW of electricity and has a drainage area of 69 square miles, and

Whereas, a third source of WEC's electricity is First Wind's project in Sheffield, and

Whereas, in 2006, WEC was the recipient of the Renewable Energy Industry Champion Award, and

Whereas, 2014 marks three-quarters of a century of WEC's serving north central Vermont with dependable electric service, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Washington Electric Cooperative on its 75th anniversary, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 366.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 70th anniversary of D-Day

Offered by: Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Bouchard of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, and Spengler of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, by the spring of 1944, the carefully planned Allied military strategy to defeat Nazi Germany was on course, and

Whereas, the culmination of this effort was the enormous D-Day Allied invasion of Normandy, France, under the bold military leadership of Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower, and

Whereas, as a preliminary step, on June 5, 1944, 13,000 allied paratroopers and gliders departed from British airfields for an aerial invasion of France, and

Whereas, early the next morning, June 6, 1944, the largest amphibious military assault force ever assembled, consisting of military personnel from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, as well as free French and Norwegians, left Great Britain in an armada of 156,000 troops, 11,000 aircraft, and 5,000 ships, and

Whereas, the destination was a 60-mile front of French beaches named Gold, Juno, Sword, Utah, and, perhaps most famously, Omaha, and

Whereas, the price for victory was not inexpensive, as 9,000 allied troops were killed or wounded, including 1,465 Americans who perished in the D-Day assault against General Erwin Rommel's Nazi forces, and

Whereas, in commemoration of this pivotal event in history, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on June 7, 2014, the Vermont National Guard Library and Museum is hosting D-Day 70th anniversary commemorative events, and

Whereas, this significant day of tribute and honor will include an open house, a special recognition of World War II veterans, and a variety of other activities, including a musical performance of the 40th Army Band, and

Whereas, the brave D-Day veterans deserve Vermonters' continuing thanks for their heroism and sacrifice on that auspicious day, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 70th anniversary of D-Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont National Guard Library and Museum in Colchester.

### **H.C.R. 367.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Richford High School's Division IV girls' track and field team

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

Offered by: Senators Collins, McAllister, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, the speed and excitement of high school track and field competition reaches its pinnacle each spring with the State championship meet, and

Whereas, the 2013 Division IV championship meet, held on Friday, May 31, was an auspicious day for the Richford girls' track and field team, and

Whereas, the girls' team clinched the 4×800 and 4×400 meter relays and set a total of five Division IV records, as the Richford girls won the 2013 Division IV championship 147–121 over second-place Northfield, and

Whereas, in the 87 years that Vermont State track and field championships have existed, a Franklin County team had never left the event with first-place honors until the Richford girls' 2013 victory, and

Whereas, the 2013 Richford High School squad of talented runners, hurdlers, and jumpers included Elle Purrier, Marley Pratt, Melissa Hango, Isaiah Lamos, Breana Kane, Devyn Laroche, Johanna Sherrer, Marijella Collins, Emma Marchessault, and Stephanie Griffin, and

Whereas, Head Coach Richard Flint and Assistant Coach Tim Lyons were extremely proud of each team member's strong performance both at the championship and throughout the 2013 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Richford High School Division IV championship girls' track and field team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 368.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Milton High School Drama Club on winning the Vermont Drama Festival's one-act play competition

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton and Hubert of Milton

Whereas, the Vermont Principals' Association, in association with the Vermont Drama Council, sponsors the annual Vermont Drama Festival (VDF) for secondary school students, and

Whereas, the VDF seeks to instill a spirit in the students that celebrates theater, and

Whereas, the VDF includes workshops, dinners, and an exciting one-act play competition that involves young thespians from schools across the State, and

Whereas, the students prepare a one-act play or a scene or cutting of a longer play that is presented at regional competitions, and

Whereas, the Milton High School Drama Club selected Sophocles' *Oedipus Rex*, adapted from the translation by Robert Bagg, as its one-act play for the 2014 VDF, and

Whereas, over 30 students appeared as cast members, nearly 20 were on the production crew, and several adult supervisors assisted with technical aspects of the play's presentation, and

Whereas, faculty member Paul Curtiss oversaw the entire production, and

Whereas, at the regional competition, the judges decided that the Milton production merited entry in the State Festival, held at Otter Valley High School, and

Whereas, the judges at the State Festival were equally impressed with the quality of the *Oedipus Rex* presentation and awarded the first-place prize to the Milton Drama Club, and

Whereas, upon arrival home from the State Festival victory, the Milton Drama Club was greeted with a jubilant welcome, including a fire department escort, and

Whereas, not only did the Milton Drama Club win this accolade, for which the student actors and production crew rehearsed attentively and diligently, it was also invited to perform *Oedipus Rex* at the New England Drama Festival at St. Johnsbury Academy, allowing a wider audience to watch the students' dramatic talents, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Milton High School Drama Club on winning the Vermont Drama Festival's one-act play competition, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 369.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Middlebury Union High School Tigers Division II championship girls' ice hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Ralston of Middlebury, Nuovo of Middlebury, Jewett of Ripton, Smith of New Haven, and Stevens of Shoreham

Whereas, the Middlebury Union High School Tigers girls' ice hockey team skated proficiently and aimed the puck accurately into the net during the 2013–2014 season, and

Whereas, only three losses interrupted the Tigers' string of victories, and

Whereas, their cumulative season-long performance earned the Tigers first-seed standing in the playoffs, leading to the exciting championship game, and

Whereas, the Tigers proved as adept in this series of elimination contests and earned the right to faceoff on the ice against the second-seeded Burr & Burton Academy Bulldogs for the Division II championship, and

Whereas, in this final contest, played at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse, the Tigers scored first, Burr & Burton soon rebounded to tie, but a second period Middlebury goal sealed the outcome for a 2–1 Tiger victory and the 2014 Division II girls' ice hockey championship, and

Whereas, the delighted Tigers of 2014 included Rowan Hendy, Carey Anne Howlett, Taja Marsden, Paige Viens, Rachel Howlett, Heather Selleck, Julia Carone, Monroe Cromis, Lauren Bartlett, Allison White, Sara Boe, Mikayla Humiston, Sara Kelley, Molly Wetmore, Erika Carroll, Timothea Carone, Emma Best, Angela Carone, Harper Smith, and Baily Ryan, and coaches Derek Bartlett, Matt Brush, and Tim Howlett were enormously helpful in the Tigers finishing the season with a record of 19–3–1, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Middlebury Union High School Tigers Division II girls' ice hockey championship team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 370.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Farm & Wilderness Camps on their 75th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock, Devereux of Mount Holly, and Head of South Burlington



Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, in 1939, educators Kenneth and Susan Webb, adherents of the progressive philosophy of Vermonter John Dewey, established Timberlake for boys on Woodward Reservoir in Plymouth, the original Farm & Wilderness Camp, and

Whereas, the Farm & Wilderness Camps follow values of “service, peacemaking, integrity, community, equity and simplicity” and their mission seeks “to grow the seeds of courage and integrity; to encourage hard work and joyful play and to create [a] community that values long term stewardship of our environment,” and

Whereas, the memorable summer adventures the boys experienced at Timberlake prompted the Webbs to open Indian Brook for girls in 1941, and

Whereas, in 1953, a working farm camp for teenagers, Tamarack Farms, was created, and

Whereas, in 1961, the Wilderness Corporation, now the Ninevah Foundation, was established to purchase a large tract of land on nearby Lake Ninevah in Mount Holly, and

Whereas, in 1962, part of this property became home to Saltash Mountain Camp, a small camp focusing on wilderness, adventure, and more recently the arts and community service, and

Whereas, in 1965, the Flying Cloud was established to provide boys with a rustic summer of living in the woods in a rugged, unplugged community, and

Whereas, in 1973, the Webbs’ camps were brought under the umbrella of the nonprofit Farm & Wilderness Foundation, and

Whereas, in 1984, Barn Day Camp was created as an extension of an existing day camp program for the young children of the camps’ staff, and

Whereas, 2014 marks three-quarters of a century “that four generations of campers (numbering over 25,000) have discovered a lifelong love of nature and the joy of a simple, participatory life, here in the Vermont woods,” now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Farm & Wilderness Camps on their 75th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Farm & Wilderness Foundation in Plymouth.

**H.C.R. 371.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Windham Southeast Supervisory Union Business Administrator James E. Kane

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Stuart of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senator White

Whereas, for 35 years, Jim Kane gave unsparingly of his time, energy, knowledge, and leadership in order to build a vision of sound fiscal management and oversight in the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union (WSESU), and

Whereas, Jim Kane guided and supported the WSESU through numerous legislative school funding initiatives, and

Whereas, he assisted school districts through difficult and complex building projects, including the \$55 million Brattleboro Union High School renovation, and in this process saved WSESU over one million dollars in interest, and

Whereas, Jim Kane administered numerous State, federal, and local grants, ensuring that timelines were met and all monies were used in accordance with the grants' mission, and

Whereas, his input in contract negotiations was instrumental in assuring fair settlements, and

Whereas, Jim Kane was the liaison for helping school districts understand the complexities of school budgets and State financing, and

Whereas, on the State level, Jim Kane had a well-deserved reputation for his mastery of special education funding intricacies, and an ability to balance the needs of students and demands of educational initiatives, and

Whereas, Jim Kane's moral and ethical compass set a high standard for ensuring resources entrusted to the WSESU were used efficiently and appropriately, and

Whereas, after 34 years of exemplary public service, Jim Kane is concluding his career as the WSESU, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Windham Southeast Supervisory Union Business Administrator James E. Kane, and be it further

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

## H.C.R. 372.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Penny Ly on being named the Vermont winner of the 2014 Doodle 4 Google competition

Offered by: Representatives Bissonnette of Winooski, Cross of Winooski, and Townsend of South Burlington

Whereas, Google's Doodle 4 Google competition enables K–12 students nationwide to create a Google Doodle, and the national winner's doodle will be animated and appear on June 9 on the google.com homepage, and

Whereas, the contestants were instructed to draw a doodle based on the theme "If I could invent one thing to make the world a better place," and the judging criteria were artistic merit, creativity, and theme communication, and

Whereas, on April 29, the state winners were announced, and the Vermont winner is Penny Ly, a fifth grader at the John F. Kennedy School in Winooski, and

Whereas, the award was presented at a school assembly where representatives from Google revealed an enlarged version of Penny Ly's design entitled *Double A: Artificial Air*, and

Whereas, Penny Ly used color pencils to depict a multi-stemmed green plant capable of producing oxygen from greenhouse gas and carbon dioxide, and

Whereas, as the State winner, she won an Android tablet, a T-shirt printed with her doodle, and a trip to Google headquarters in California for a May 21 celebratory event where the five national finalists and winner will be announced, and

Whereas, Penny Ly is not only artistically talented but is also an academic achiever who is an excellent all-around student, and

Whereas, until May 9, the public has the opportunity to select the five national finalists through an online polling process featuring an illustration of each state's winning doodle, and a team of celebrity judges will choose the national winner, and

Whereas, the national winner will be awarded a Google Chromebook computer, a \$30,000.00 college scholarship and a \$50,000.00 Google for Education grant for the lucky winner's school to develop a computer education facility, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Penny Ly on being named the Vermont winner of the 2014 Doodle 4 Google competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Peggy Ly and the John F. Kennedy School in Winooski.

**H.C.R. 373.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Frances Ann Sullivan of Vergennes

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Baruth

Whereas, Ann Sullivan's bond with Vergennes Union High School (VUHS) began auspiciously in 1959 as a member of its first senior class, and

Whereas, in 1964, she graduated from Trinity College in Burlington and became a secondary school English teacher in Long Lake, New York, and

Whereas, Ann Sullivan then served as the program director at the Kansas City, Missouri, YWCA and subsequently taught at the Weeks School, and

Whereas, in 1971, she returned to VUHS as a junior high teacher and in 1978 started teaching high school English and serving as the basic competency coordinator, and

Whereas, during the 1980s and 1990s, Ann Sullivan held many important positions at VUHS, among them athletic director, student activities coordinator, acting principal, and English Department chair, and

Whereas, at graduation, she often recited a distinctive and memorable poem regarding each member of the senior class, and

Whereas, Ann Sullivan, extraordinary educator, unofficial school historian, storyteller, and winner of prestigious awards, retired from VUHS in 2008, and

Whereas, she also taught part-time at the Champlain Valley Christian School, and

Whereas, civic service beckoned, and Ann Sullivan drew on her experience and public speaking skills to great effect as Panton Town Moderator, and

Whereas, as a veteran justice of the peace, in both Panton and Vergennes, she presided at nearly 300 weddings and several funerals, and

Whereas, Ann Sullivan is a rare, nonmember recipient of the Lions Club's Melvin Jones Award, and

Whereas, she was on the board of Vergennes' Bixby Memorial Library, and for many years coordinated the Vergennes Memorial Day parade, and

Whereas, the City of Vergennes designated August 28, 2010 as Ann Sullivan Day, and

Whereas, she is the mother of five children, and the Pope sent her a personal commendation for volunteering at St. Peter's Church in Vergennes, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Frances Ann Sullivan of Vergennes, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 374.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Ira Pike of Mendon

Offered by: Representatives Gallivan of Chittenden, Donahue of Northfield, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of Canaan, Kilmartin of Newport City, Koch of Barre Town, Larocque of Barnet, Marcotte of Coventry, Morrissey of Bennington, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, Smith of New Haven, and Winters of Williamstown

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, Ira Pike dedicated his life to serving the skiing community at Killington, and more broadly, the Town of Mendon, the Rutland region, and the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, originally from New Jersey, he relocated to Mendon in 1972 to be near the ski slopes and golf courses that were already his second home, and

Whereas, he was a certified ski patroller and ski patrol examiner and, for one-quarter of a century, applied these skills as a National Ski Patrol member and ski instructor at Killington, and

Whereas, off the slopes, his first aid knowledge led to service on the Rutland Regional Ambulance Board and with the American Red Cross, and

Whereas, Ira Pike viewed civic service as an equally important personal obligation and served as a Mendon selectboard member from 1992 to 1998, including two years chairing the board, and

Whereas, in 1994, he sought to represent the interests of his town and neighboring municipalities in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, his reputation for personal integrity and conscientious work on the Mendon selectboard persuaded the broader legislative district electorate to send Ira Pike to Montpelier, and

Whereas, he was assigned to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, a logical choice in light of his love of outdoor activities, and

Whereas, after representing his legislative constituents for four terms, Ira Pike concluded his tenure in the House of Representatives, but not his community involvement, and

Whereas, in 2011, Ira Pike was elected a justice of the peace in the Town of Mendon and resumed his role as a selectboard member in 2012, and

Whereas, he was especially pleased to have participated in land swap negotiations between the State of Vermont and SKI Vermont, the then owner of the Killington ski area, resulting in free or discounted ski passes for Mendon school children, and

Whereas, Ira Pike, a respected community leader, a master electrician and owner of Pike Electric, the father of Hunter and Cameron, and brother of Herbert, died on December 30, 2013, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of former Representative Ira Pike of Mendon, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Cameron and Hunter Pike and to the Mendon Town Clerk.

#### **H.C.R. 375.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Coy Lyford on winning his third consecutive State youth wrestling championship

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph and Ryerson of Randolph

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, organized youth wrestling competition teaches the rules of good sportsmanship and offers an introduction to a season of interclub competition, and

Whereas, youths learn life and wrestling skills which they may apply should they continue subsequently as high school varsity wrestlers, and

Whereas, the Randolph Youth Wrestling Club is one of the best in Vermont and features a roster of skilled and highly motivated young wrestlers, and

Whereas, at the State youth wrestling championships, held recently in Essex Junction, the club was well represented, and

Whereas, in the first round of wrestling, Randolph's contingent scored multiple wins, and before the day concluded, one-half the squad earned a trip to the awards' podium, and

Whereas, the most impressive Randolph wrestler was Coy Lyford, already a two-time State champion, and

Whereas, Coy Lyford arrived at Essex Junction ranked number one in his bracket, and

Whereas, he once again wrestled his way onward into the championship round, and

Whereas, during the third period of his final match, Coy Lyford pinned his opponent to capture a third consecutive youth wrestling championship, and

Whereas, this admirable accomplishment was sweetened as Coy scored his 100th career victory and completed the 2013 youth wrestling season with an impressive 32–1 winning record, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Coy Lyford on winning his third consecutive State youth wrestling championship, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 376.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Rebecca Carleton on winning the National Art Education Association's 2014 Eastern Region Educator of the Year Award

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, and Ryerson of Randolph

Offered by: Senators MacDonald and McCormack

Whereas, Rebecca Carleton, best known as Rebbie, brings an international background to her role as Randolph Elementary's esteemed art teacher, and

Whereas, she attended elementary school in Saudi Arabia, studied at boarding schools in England and Switzerland, and graduated from Connecticut College with a focus on studio art and special education, and

Whereas, on graduating, she taught in Bethel and worked briefly at the Pentangle Arts Council in Woodstock, and

Whereas, her students' art work on display throughout Randolph Elementary transforms it into a virtual museum, and

Whereas, these fun and interesting creations represent the motivational effect of Rebbie Carleton's weekly instructional sessions, and

Whereas, Rebbie Carleton not only works with the students in Randolph but organizes conferences for other art teachers, and

Whereas, samples of Randolph students' art have been seen across the country, annually at the Tunbridge World's Fair's Floral Hall, and, currently,

colorful large jungle animals can be viewed at the Chandler Center for the Arts, and

Whereas, her students contributed illustrations for Randolph's PoemTown celebration and are participating in a Vermont Public Radio project, and

Whereas, Rebbie Carleton's teaching methods are a model for her colleagues, and

Whereas, previously, Rebbie Carleton was named Vermont's Art Educator of the Year and the University of Vermont's Outstanding Teacher of the Year, and

Whereas, nationally, Rebbie Carleton was recently selected as the National Art Education Association's 2014 Eastern Region Elementary Art Educator of the Year, one of four regional winners of this honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Rebecca Carleton on winning the National Art Education Association's 2014 Eastern Region Elementary Educator of the Year Award, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 377.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Bennington Fire Department on its 50th Bennington Battle Day Parade

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, on August 16, 1777, the Revolutionary War's Battle of Bennington was fought along the shore of the Walloomsac branch of the Hoosac River, and it preserved Continental Army control of a provisions depot 10 miles away in Bennington (site of the Bennington Battle Monument), and

Whereas, although the Battle of Bennington was fought in New York State, it has long been celebrated as a Vermont holiday, and

Whereas, in 1952, John Proud and Francis (Mike) Walker organized the modern Bennington Battle Day Parade, one having been held in 1877, with financial assistance from the Bennington Eagles, and

Whereas, in 1956, the Bennington Jaycees assumed responsibility, and

Whereas, in 1964, when the Bennington Jaycees decided to conclude its parade role, Joe Wassick, Erwin Mattison, and Charles Sawyer of the Bennington Fire Department volunteered to assume this duty, and



Whereas, the firefighters wisely asked the original organizers, with the support of Ormal Pierce as treasurer, to oversee parade operations, and

Whereas, the parade began modestly and through the decades has evolved into a summertime extravaganza, including as many as 70 fire departments, 20 bands, multiple floats, rescue squads, youth sports teams, horses, and numerous other marching units, and

Whereas, John Proud remained parade chair until 1985, and Ed Maroney, Jim Santarcangelo, and, since 1997, Richard Knapp have ably directed the parade's operation, and

Whereas, the 2014 Bennington Battle Day Parade will be the 50th under the Bennington Fire Department's auspices, and Steve Crawford is serving as the parade committee's general chair, and

Whereas, this year's parade will take place on Sunday, August 17, 2014 and Richard Knapp will serve as grand marshal, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Bennington Fire Department on its 50th Bennington Battle Day Parade, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 378.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Elks Association's Silver Towers Camp

Offered by: Representatives Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Cupoli of Rutland City, Higley of Lowell, Jewett of Ripton, Koch of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Marcotte of Coventry, McFaun of Barre Town, Morrissey of Bennington, Poirier of Barre City, and Winters of Williamstown

Whereas, to the greatest extent possible, persons with disabilities should be afforded the recreational opportunities other Vermonters take for granted, and

Whereas, due to the generosity and commitment of the Vermont Elks, for over 55 years this ideal has been a reality for many campers, and

Whereas, since 1958, Silver Towers Camp, located on 26 beautiful acres in Ripton, has served as the chief charitable project of the Vermont Elks, and, at its 50th anniversary in 2008, held a giant celebration, and

Whereas, Silver Towers Camp is an extraordinary residential camp established for persons with disabilities ages six to 75, and

Whereas, when established, Silver Towers Camp was one of the first residential camps of this type in the nation and even today is one of the few intended solely for campers with disabilities, and

Whereas, the mission of Silver Towers Camp emphasizes respect for each camper and strives to develop talents in campers in an environment that is caring, sharing, and challenging, and

Whereas, to achieve this laudable goal, the camp has a high ratio of counselors to campers, and

Whereas, campers are offered many indoor and outdoor activities tailored to their capabilities and interests, including arts and crafts, bocce, hiking, field games, music, nature programs, dancing, storytelling, and swimming, and

Whereas, among the Elks leadership who have helped ensure the success of the camp are State Trustee of Silver Towers Joseph Montcalm, Camp Director Carolyn Ravenna, and Camp Committee Chair Carl Colburn, and

Whereas, Silver Towers Camp is a wonderful example of how persons with physical and mental disabilities can live fuller and more meaningful lives, and

Whereas, the Vermont Elks can take great pride in this endeavor that brings great joy to the campers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont Elks Association's Silver Towers Camp, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Elks Silver Towers Camp.

**H.C.R. 379.**

House concurrent resolution honoring University of Vermont Associate Professor of Philosophy Arthur Kuflik

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Botzow of Pownal, Buxton of Tunbridge, Champion of Bennington, Donovan of Burlington, Lenos of Shelburne, Miller of Shaftsbury, O'Brien of Richmond, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senator Baruth

Whereas, the scope of philosophical inquiry and research can span far more broadly than in most academic disciplines, and

Whereas, philosophers examine issues of both narrow esoteric interest and profound societal importance, and

Whereas, University of Vermont Associate Professor of Philosophy Arthur Kuflik has been described as a “philosopher among philosophers . . . whose counsel has been sought by the most prominent philosophers of our time” but “who is always willing to help a colleague or a student,” and

Whereas, in 1967, he graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University and continued his studies at Princeton University, which awarded him a doctoral degree in 1973, and

Whereas, after holding teaching positions at the University of North Carolina and the University of Michigan, in 1979, Arthur Kuflik began his 35-year faculty tenure at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, as a visiting professor, Arthur Kuflik has served as a DeCamp Fellow in Ethics and Life Sciences at Princeton University, a research associate at the Centre for Applied Philosophy & Public Ethics at the University of Melbourne, and has taught at the California Institute of Technology, Columbia University, and New York University, and

Whereas, his research and publications have ranged from the 18th century Scottish philosopher David Hume to the 20th century American philosopher and political theorist John Rawls, and

Whereas, most logically, Arthur Kuflik’s interest in the work of these distinguished philosophers has led to his own writing on social justice in democratic societies, and

Whereas, matters pertaining to bioethics have attracted his attention, including ethical issues in scientific research and the implications of traditionally long shifts for medical residents, and

Whereas, research exploring the tensions between human and computer control in a technologically evolving society as well as intellectual property issues have also interested him, and

Whereas, following a distinguished academic career, Associate Professor Arthur Kuflik will be retiring this spring, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors University of Vermont Associate Professor of Philosophy Arthur Kuflik, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Associate Professor Arthur Kuflik.

**H.C.R. 380.**

House concurrent resolution designating May 7, 2014 as Poverty Awareness Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Brennan of Colchester, Burke of Brattleboro, Champion of Bennington, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Cross of Winooski, Cupoli of Rutland City, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Fisher of Lincoln, Grad of Moretown, Head of South Burlington, Keenan of St. Albans City, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Moran of Wardsboro, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Derby, South of St. Johnsbury, Stevens of Waterbury, Toll of Danville, Trieber of Rockingham, Vowinkel of Hartford, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Wizowaty of Burlington, Woodward of Johnson, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Baruth, Doyle, French, Hartwell, Lyons, McAllister, McCormack, Pollina, Rodgers, Sirotkin, White, and Zuckerman

Whereas, the U.S. Census Bureau uses family size and income thresholds to determine who is in poverty, and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, up to 70,000 Vermonters (11.6 percent) are living in poverty, and

Whereas, according to the website Spotlight on Society and Opportunity, 12.7 percent of Vermonters experience food insecurity, and

Whereas, this same website also reported 5.3 percent of the State's population as living in extreme poverty and 1.16 percent as homeless, and

Whereas, issues of poverty have been placed prominently on the public agenda since the start of this year, and

Whereas, in January, the Snelling Center for Government hosted an all-day event in Montpelier focused on poverty, and

Whereas, at the start of the 2014 legislative session, the Governor proposed \$2.5 million in new State funds to assist in the alleviation of poverty, and

Whereas, two legislative measures, H.699, relating to limiting the funds eligible participants must pay to obtain temporary housing, and H.790, revising Reach Up eligibility requirements, are proceeding toward possible enactment, and

Whereas, on February 12, 2014, the *Brattleboro Reformer* published an editorial on the growing problem of homelessness in Vermont, and

Whereas, as cited in the editorial, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development reported that from 2008 to 2013 the homeless population in Vermont rose 30 percent, one of the top five increases nationwide, and

Whereas, on April 14, 2014, the *Burlington Free Press* published a lengthy article highlighting that the extent of poverty in the State is greater than many might imagine, and

Whereas, it is important to maintain a constant focus on poverty in Vermont and the need to address this societal problem, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 7, 2014 as Poverty Awareness Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Peter Shumlin, the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont Business Roundtable, and Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility.

#### **H.C.R. 381.**

House concurrent resolution honoring former Brattleboro Selectboard Chair Jesse M. Corum IV for his legal and civic leadership in Windham County

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

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, Jesse Corum is a graduate of Burr & Burton Academy, Guilford College, and Vermont Law School, and

Whereas, he clerked for Vermont District Court judges Charles Bristow and John Howard, and on completing his clerkship, accepted the position of Deputy State's Attorney in Windham County, and

Whereas, in 1981, he entered private practice and developed a reputation as a skilled and dedicated advocate for his clients, and

Whereas, Jesse Corum's litigation skills and mastery of judicial procedure resulted in his service as an Acting Judge in District, Superior, and Windham Family Courts, and

Whereas, he is a member of the Windham County and Vermont Bar Associations and a past president of the Vermont Association for Justice, and

Whereas, Jesse Corum was a respected member of the Brattleboro Rotary Club and, in 1996, was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow, and

Whereas, for 26 years, beginning in 1982, Jesse Corum served as a board member and officer of Windham County Youth Services, and in the 1980s served as the organization's president, and

Whereas, in the 1990s, Jesse Corum was a board member and host parent for Vermont and Irish Kids, an organization that offered a summer reprieve in the Brattleboro area to youth from strife-torn Northern Ireland, and

Whereas, from 1980 to 1985, Jesse Corum was a member of the Brattleboro Planning Commission, and was a town meeting representative for over 20 years, and

Whereas, he performed further civic service when he was elected to the Brattleboro Selectboard in 2008 and served as its president from 2009 to 2010, and

Whereas, after 37 years of honorable membership in the Vermont Bar, Jesse Corum has retired as the senior partner of the Brattleboro law firm of Corum Mable Cook Prodain Angell & Secrest, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Brattleboro Selectboard Chair Jesse M. Corum IV for his legal and civic leadership in Windham County, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jesse Corum in Brattleboro.

#### **H.C.R. 382.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Kelly Stettner of Springfield on being named the 2014 winner of the Green Mountain Power-Zetterstrom Environmental Award

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

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, in 2000, Kelly Stettner of Springfield established the Black River Action Team (BRAT) upon her discovery of "a river full of tires, shopping carts, and trash," and

Whereas, when she exclaimed that “somebody ought to do something,” her husband responded “well, you’re somebody,” and she resolved to take action, and

Whereas, from a humble start of three volunteers cleaning the Black River’s banks, BRAT now involves hundreds of volunteers who work around the Black River watershed, and

Whereas, the foundation for BRAT is “active creative partnerships and common-sense stewardship,” and it operates under the auspices of the Ottauquechee Natural Resources Conservation District, and

Whereas, among the highlights of BRAT’s activities are planting native trees to stabilize stream banks, collaborating with the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission on an informational brochure about the Black River watershed, hauling trash out of the river and its tributaries, establishing monthly, volunteer, water quality monitoring, creating an Adopt-the-River Campaign to encourage protection of sections of the Black River, and forming the Plant Partners program to manage invasive species in the watershed, and

Whereas, none of this innovative work would have come to fruition without the foresight and dedicated leadership of Kelly Stettner, who directs the organization as a volunteer in addition to working full-time, and

Whereas, the Green Mountain Power–Zetterstrom Environmental Award honors individual Vermonters and organizations with a demonstrated dedication to improving Vermont’s natural resources that emulates Meeri Zetterstrom’s multi-year effort to restore ospreys in Vermont, and

Whereas, Kelley Stettner, the 2014 winner was cited for “her force of will and incredible optimism,” that built a coalition that will “help protect the river for generations to come,” now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Kelly Stettner of Springfield on being named the 2014 winner of the Green Mountain Power–Zetterstrom Environmental Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kelly Stettner in Springfield.

**S.C.R. 57.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center on providing 20 years of award-winning service to the Montpelier community.

*Whereas*, since 1826, when John Davis built the Montpelier House, a lodging establishment has stood in the center of Montpelier at 100 Main Street, and

*Whereas*, into the 20th century, it continued to welcome guests visiting Vermont's capital city, including legislators, and

*Whereas*, after surviving severe flooding in 1924, the hotel was reconstructed in the early 1930s, and

*Whereas*, in the early 1960s, the ballroom, the east wing, and the arcade shops were added, and

*Whereas*, on March 11, 1992, the devastating Montpelier flood shuttered the hotel, then known as the Tavern, for two years, leaving its future uncertain, and

*Whereas*, the Bashara family purchased and restored the building, reopening the hotel in 1994 as the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, and

*Whereas*, since reopening under the Bashara family's ownership, the Capitol Plaza has expanded its accommodations from 29 to 65 rooms, featuring attractive decors and Internet access, and

*Whereas*, the number of employees has expanded from five to 75, and

*Whereas*, in 2006, the Vermont Hospitality Council recognized the excellent facilities and service offered at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and presented it with the organization's Innkeepers of the Year Award, and

*Whereas*, the Capitol Plaza's J. Morgans Steakhouse has been renovated on two occasions and won rave reviews from the readers of the *Times Argus* who have voted the restaurant as the Best Steakhouse, Best Seafood, and Best Sunday Brunch restaurant, and

*Whereas*, over 400 weddings and many other special events have taken place in the Capitol Plaza's spacious ballroom and other conference facilities, and

*Whereas*, the Bashara family and the hotel's employees are marking 20 years of successfully operating the Capitol Plaza and look forward to the future, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center on providing 20 years of award-winning service to the Montpelier community, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center.



**S.C.R. 58.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Greenwood School and documentary filmmaker Ken Burns on the premiere of *The Address*.

*Whereas*, established by Thomas and Andrea Scheidler, the Greenwood School, in Putney, has a combined day and boarding student population consisting of boys in grades 6–12 who, though bright and academically talented, must cope with learning differences and disabilities, and

*Whereas*, patient and deeply caring teachers work with these extraordinary students, empowering them to achieve their true potential, and

*Whereas*, the joy and success these boys experience, under the guidance of Headmaster Stewart Miller, might be all but impossible in a more traditional educational setting, and

*Whereas*, a special challenge presented to Greenwood School students is to memorize and recite the Gettysburg Address, and the students are offered encouragement and attentive faculty support to achieve this ambitious goal, and

*Whereas*, although countless American school children memorize the entire Gettysburg Address, for a student with a learning difference or disability this assignment is perceived as insurmountable, and

*Whereas*, the Greenwood School’s remarkable confidence-building and scholastic exercise came to the attention of the famous documentary filmmaker Ken Burns who decided the entire nation should witness this inspiring and touching current-day recitation of American history, and

*Whereas*, Ken Burns and the Greenwood School collaborated on the production of a superb documentary film, appropriately titled *The Address*, that portrays the boys’ struggling and overcoming their apprehensions as they recite with pride this famous American speech, and

*Whereas*, *The Address* was premiered at the Latchis Theatre on April 2, 2014, before “a seriously sold out” and enthusiastic audience, and

*Whereas*, its broadcast premier occurred two weeks later, when the film was televised nationwide on PBS, and

*Whereas*, *The Address* documents this special Greenwood School event and highlights its important educational mission, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the Greenwood School and documentary filmmaker Ken Burns on the premiere of *The Address*, and be it further

**Resolved:** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Greenwood School and to Ken Burns.

**S.C.R. 59.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating OUR House of Central Vermont on its 25th anniversary

*Whereas*, OUR House of Central Vermont was established in 1989 as a nonprofit organization to help children believed to be victims of sexual abuse, and

*Whereas*, the OUR acronym stands for One Unified Response and OUR House was the first advocacy center in the State established to assist children presumed to have sustained sexual abuse, and

*Whereas*, in 2014, an organization with the same mission as OUR House exists in nearly every Vermont county, and

*Whereas*, the realization that advocating on behalf of sexually abused children is important is documented in the national expansion of similar support services, and

*Whereas*, OUR House works collaboratively with law enforcement, the Department for Children and Families (DCF), and assists in the provision of therapeutic services, and

*Whereas*, on average, OUR House handles 120 cases per year, and a Vermont State Police officer assigned to Washington County cases works with the organization once a week, and

*Whereas*, in cases where an investigation is warranted, OUR House works with law enforcement and DCF to make the process less intimidating for the child victim, and

*Whereas*, children may be questioned at OUR House instead of at a police station or school, and

*Whereas*, the OUR House staff consists of Executive Director Will Roberts, Case Manager Kerrie Greig, and part-time therapist Ulrike Wasmus, and

*Whereas*, OUR House's experience is that child sexual abuse does not know any demographic boundaries and can affect every strata of society, and

*Whereas*, during April, which was Sexual Violence Abuse Month, OUR House board chair Karen Lauzon promoted ways that child sexual abuse can

be prevented, including speaking to children about healthy sexuality and personal safety, and

*Whereas*, OUR House is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a fundraising dinner and auction on May 10, 2014 at the Barre Elks Club, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates OUR House of Central Vermont on its 25th anniversary, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to OUR House in Barre.

**S.C.R. 60.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler on being named as U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2014 Environmental Merit Award winners.

*Whereas*, annually since 1970, the New England office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has presented Merit Awards to organizations and to individuals, and

*Whereas*, in 2014, two Vermonters passionately dedicated to the well-being of Lake Champlain, siblings Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler, are among the individual winners of this award in recognition of their environmental advocacy and leadership, and

*Whereas*, Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler are co-owners of the Tyler Place Family Resort, a unique family vacation destination on the shores of Lake Champlain that has been associated with the Tyler and Hill families for five of the resort's six generations, and

*Whereas*, according to the EPA announcement, Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler are "well known as fierce and tenacious advocates for protecting Lake Champlain from nonpoint sources of pollution," and

*Whereas*, Pixley Tyler Hill founded the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain, previously known as the Friends of Missisquoi Bay, a nonprofit organization "that acts to clean the waters of northern Lake Champlain and its watershed by working collaboratively with citizens, businesses, farmers and government in order to reduce land-use pollution," and

*Whereas*, both Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler are involved in efforts to protect the entire lake and not only its northern section, and

*Whereas*, each of them is a veteran member of the Lake Champlain Committee, "the only bi-state organization solely dedicated to protecting Lake

Champlain's health and accessibility" and that bases its positions on sound science and a whole-lake perspective, and

*Whereas*, for nearly a decade, Ted Tyler served on the gubernatorially appointed Vermont Citizens Advisory Committee on the Future of Lake Champlain that develops annual policy recommendations on the Lake, and his sister succeeded him on the Committee, and

*Whereas*, each of the honorees is truly a protector of Lake Champlain for future generations, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates Pixley Tyler Hill and Ted Tyler on being named as U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2014 Environmental Merit Award winners, and *be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Pixley Tyler Hill and to Ted Tyler.

**S.C.R. 61.**

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Franklin County Deputy Sheriff Corporal Brendan McKenney and Enosburgh Ambulance Officer Dean Scott for their heroic rescue efforts in Montgomery.

*Whereas*, on April 15, 2014, flood waters were raging on Longley Bridge Road in Montgomery, and this sudden surge trapped a woman in her truck, threatening her life, and

*Whereas*, due to the weather, local fire and rescue crews were blocked from quickly getting to the scene, and

*Whereas*, Corporal Brendan McKenney, an eight-year Franklin County Deputy Sheriff, was the first emergency responder on the scene, and

*Whereas*, after several valiant attempts, and with the flood waters posing a rapidly increasing threat, Corporal McKenney jumped from the tractor a local resident brought to the scene onto the truck's roof, and

*Whereas*, from this perilous location, Corporal McKenney was able to break the window on the driver's side of the truck, and

*Whereas*, he pulled the woman, who was dazed from being in the cold water for over an hour, onto the bed of the truck and tied the rope around her, connecting the two of them, and

*Whereas*, they headed for the tractor, but were swept off their feet by the strong current, and

*Whereas*, Dean Scott, of the Enosburgh Ambulance Service, had arrived on the scene, and, without a second thought, jumped into the water to assist Corporal McKenney, and

*Whereas*, as a result of Corporal McKenney's and Officer Scott's willingness to place their own lives in great danger, the woman was saved, and

*Whereas*, both of these brave first responders were honored at a press event held the next day at the Franklin County Sheriff's headquarters, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors Franklin County Deputy Sheriff Corporal Brendan McKenney and Enosburgh Ambulance Officer Dean Scott for their heroic rescue efforts in Montgomery, *and be it further*

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

**S.C.R. 62.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont State Nurses' Association on its centennial.

*Whereas*, the Civil War coincided with the transformation of nursing into a modern health care profession, and

*Whereas*, in 1872, Dr. Marie Zakrewska established the nation's first nursing school in Boston, and

*Whereas*, the General Assembly enacted 1910 Acts and Resolves No. 219 "An Act to provide for the registration of nurses," beginning Vermont's oversight and regulation of the nursing profession, and

*Whereas*, in 1914, registered nurses in Vermont recognized the need for an organization to assist, promote, and represent the nursing profession, and they established the Vermont State Nurses' Association (VSNA), and

*Whereas*, the purposes of the VSNA include working for the improvement of health standards, fostering high standards of care for nursing, stimulating and promoting the professional development of nurses, and serving as the Vermont affiliate of the American Nurses Association, and

*Whereas*, the VSNA's associated Vermont State Nurses' Foundation develops public awareness about nursing, provides scholarships for nursing education, and supports professional research activities, and

*Whereas*, in the past century, the nursing profession has evolved to include nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, licensed practical nurses, licensed

nursing assistants, and advanced practice nurses, and today all are part of the VSNA, and

*Whereas*, on May 12, 2014, the VSNA is celebrating its centennial with a gala dinner in South Burlington at which a number of nurses will be recognized for their professional achievements and service to the nursing profession, and

*Whereas*, the VSNA is proud of the nursing profession's role in the provision of health care in Vermont and looks forward to its second century, now therefore be it

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont State Nurses' Association on its centennial, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Nurses' Association.

**S.C.R. 63.**

Senate concurrent resolution commemorates the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division, our nation's alpine soldiers.

*Whereas*, in 1939, skiing Finnish troops defeated two tank divisions of invading Soviet forces, and

*Whereas*, this unique military victory persuaded National Ski Patrol President Charles Dole that U.S. troops needed specialized alpine training for mountain warfare, and

*Whereas*, Army Chief of Staff George C. Marshall agreed, and in December 1941, the 87th Mountain Infantry Battalion, subsequently redesignated the 10th Mountain Division, was established, and

*Whereas*, in 1945, during the closing months of World War II, the 10th Mountain Division fought bravely in the Apennine Mountains of Italy, and although the Division lost 999 men in combat, it helped capture German-held territory that other Allied units had not been able to claim, and

*Whereas*, the 10th Mountain Division was deactivated in 1958, reactivated in 1985, and is now headquartered at Fort Drum, New York, and

*Whereas*, the reactivated 10th Mountain Division has been deployed in Iraq, Bosnia, and Somalia, and was the first, and will probably be the last, American military unit in Afghanistan, and

*Whereas*, on the weekend of January 25–26, 2014, the 10th Mountain Division Descendants Inc. held its first Eastern Gathering at Sugarbush Resort’s Mt. Ellen Lodge, in Fayston, and

*Whereas*, the event was dedicated to Jared C. Monti, a 10th Mountain Division member, who was killed in 2006 on an 8,000-foot mountain as he remained with an injured fellow soldier despite enemy fire, and

*Whereas*, in 2009, posthumously, he was awarded the Medal of Honor, and

*Whereas*, the weekend also included the showing of Warren Miller’s film *Climb to Glory*, relating the 10th Mountain Division’s impact on the early days of the skiing industry, and

*Whereas*, this film is especially pertinent as Jack Murphy, a cofounder of the Sugarbush Resort, was a 10th Mountain Division veteran, *now therefore be it*,

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

That the General Assembly commemorates the U.S. Army’s 10th Mountain Division, our nation’s alpine soldiers, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York, to the 10th Mountain Division Descendants Inc., and to the Sugarbush Resort.