

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

February 19, 2015

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

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

House Concurrent Resolutions

H.C.R. 37.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 class of Green Mountain Council Eagle Boy Scouts

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Ancel of Calais, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Berry of Manchester, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Dakin of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Feltus of Lyndon, Fiske of Enosburgh, Forguites of Springfield, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krebs of South Hero, LaClair of Barre Town, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Parent of St. Albans City, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Derby, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro,

Sweaney of Windsor, Tate of Mendon, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Zagar of Barnard

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

Whereas, Eagle is the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn, and

Whereas, achieving the rank of Eagle requires commitment and perseverance, starting from the moment a young man is inducted into the Boy Scouts of America, and

Whereas, the myriad merit badges a Boy Scout must earn to reach this honor introduce him to many useful skills, and

Whereas, in 2014, these Boy Scouts, who are members of troops in the Green Mountain Council, achieved the rank of Eagle: Jacob Adams, Robert Aiello, Nicholas Altland, Garth Babb, Eric Barrett, Aaron Barrup, Jacob Bauer, Travis Beebe, Preston Bell, Samuel Boudreau, Liam Boyd, David Burgess, Marshall Bushey, Ethan Caterer, Zachary Charboneau, Patrick Clancy, Ian Clarke, Will Clifford, Nicholas Coton, Keaton Cross, Sean Culligan, Eric DeBlasio, Joseph Dempsey, Charles Densmore, Alexander DeWitt, Richard Dolliver, Michael Dunkle, Alexander Fenton, John Fish Jr., Alexander Fortier, Luke Fortune, Skyler Gasper, Alexander Grech IV, Earl Grennan, Thomas Hark, William Heath III, Daniel Hicks, David Hojnowski, Joseph Hutchinson, Justin Isabelle, H. William Karstens V, David Kerr, Benjamin Kleptz, Michael Kollman II, Thomas Lang , Casey Langlois, Scott Lariviere, Kaleb LaRock, Nathan Leach, Benjamin Leavitt, Christopher LeFevre, Elijah Leroux, Benjamin Lynds, Steven Maloney, Colby McKay, Graham Melville, Triston Moore, Roy Mosher, William Nally, Paul Nasca, Peter Nasca, Kiernan Nicholls, Kyle Polson, Joseph Porter, Devin Potter, Jacob Ranttila, Michael Reiner, Sheldon Rieley, Thomas Robinson, Maxwell Ryan, Patrick Sheedy, William Slocum, Daniel Smith, Robert Smith, Chase Spinks, Erik Stevens, Riley Strawbridge, Glade Taylor, Richard Tegatz, Dominick Turcotte, Alexander Twombly, Christopher Tyl, Nathan Watts, Adam Wechsler, Austin Weed, Jack Werner, Kevin West, Joel Williams, Michael Winslow, Zakaryas Worthington, Adam Yandow, and Samuel Zimmerman, and

Whereas, each new Eagle Scout and his family can be proud of this personal achievement and of the young man's ability to reach a challenging goal, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates and extends best wishes to the 2014 class of Green Mountain Council Eagle Boy Scouts, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 38.

House concurrent resolution congratulating former Berlin Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Town Treasurer Grace Rose on her 90th birthday

Offered by: Representatives Purvis of Colchester, Donahue of Northfield, Lewis of Berlin, Morrissey of Bennington, and Turner of Milton

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, Grace Rose was born on February 15, 1925, and

Whereas, her family has always been of great importance to her, and she is the mother of two sons, John and Chet, and has two grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and

Whereas, Grace Rose served with pride as the Berlin Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Town Treasurer from 1987–2002 and continued as assistant town clerk until 2007, and

Whereas, as assistant town clerk, Grace Rose worked on election administration, provided the public access to town records, and issued permits required for the conduct of various activities in the town of Berlin, and

Whereas, as assistant town treasurer, Grace Rose helped maintain the town of Berlin's financial ledgers, including working on accounts payable and receivable, and

Whereas, in both these roles, she was a dedicated town employee and served the town of Berlin with great distinction, and

Whereas, her colleagues always enjoyed Grace Rose's presence in the town clerk's office, and

Whereas, even though she retired in 2007, Grace Rose continues to work at the polls on election days, and

Whereas, aside from her positions in Berlin town government, Grace Rose has enjoyed visiting different places with her friends, and

Whereas, the many persons who are acquainted with Grace Rose will always know her as a fan of the singer Frank Sinatra, and

Whereas, her family and many friends are celebrating her life and their love and friendship for Grace Rose at a 90th birthday party, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates former Berlin Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Town Treasurer Grace Rose on her 90th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Grace Rose and to the Berlin Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 39.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the lifesaving work of the Vermont Suicide Prevention Center and the Vermont Suicide Prevention Coalition

Offered by: Representatives Cole of Burlington, Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Connor of Fairfield, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Dame of Essex, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Feltus of Lyndon, Fiske of Enosburgh, Frank of Underhill, Gage of Rutland City, Graham of Williamstown, Greshin of Warren, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Huntley of Cavendish, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lenes of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans City, Patt of Worcester, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Purvis of Colchester, Quimby of Concord, Rachelson of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Sabilia

of Dover, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Viens of Newport City, Walz of Barre City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Woodward of Johnson, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, suicide is a public health issue that affects individuals and families of all ages, socio-economic strata, ethnicities, and cultures, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the Agency of Transportation recorded 44 highway fatalities in 2014, while the Vermont Suicide Prevention Center (VSPC) reported that in recent years there were 80 suicides annually, and

Whereas, according to data derived from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for 2013, suicide was the 10th-ranking cause of death in the United States, but second for persons 15–24 years of age, and

Whereas, in Vermont, data derived from federal statistical sources indicate that in the years 2009–2013, for persons 24 years of age and younger, suicide was the second leading cause of death, and

Whereas, the Vermont Suicide Prevention Center starts with the premise that suicide is preventable, and the Vermont Suicide Prevention Coalition (the coalition) is the center’s advisory group, and

Whereas, this important coalition consists of representatives from public health, education, state agencies, advocacy groups, youth leadership, mental health services, and survivors of suicide attempts, and

Whereas, the coalition’s mission is to create communities of hope throughout Vermont, in which schools, mental health agencies, and individuals are given the knowledge and resources to respond effectively to suicidal behavior, and

Whereas, “Umatter” is the coalition’s underlying theme, and its work is premised on multiple levels of suicide prevention, ranging from family to friends to community and, finally, to society at large, and

Whereas, Umatter suicide prevention training also entails short-term crisis scenarios that include urging individuals under stress to call local or national hotlines, to contact a local mental health agency, or to proceed immediately to an emergency room, and

Whereas, today, February 13, 2015, representatives of the Vermont Suicide Prevention Center and the Vermont Suicide Prevention Coalition are visiting

the State House to inform legislators about suicide prevention programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the vital and lifesaving work of the Vermont Suicide Prevention Center and the Vermont Suicide Prevention Coalition, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 40.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Star Barber Shop of Rutland on its 80th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, McCoy of Poultney, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Flory and Mullin

Whereas, in 1935, when Tom Mazzariello Sr. purchased the old Central Barber Shop on Merchants Row from Tony Cappabianca, he could not have imagined that family ownership of the shop would endure for 80 years, and

Whereas, he renamed the establishment the Star Barber Shop, and it developed an enviable reputation for grooming men's hair that attracted a loyal customer base, and

Whereas, after Tom Mazzariello Sr. died, his son, Tom Jr., assumed ownership of the Star Barber Shop, and

Whereas, for many years, the Mazzariello family operated a branch of the Star Barber Shop each summer at the Vermont State Fair, and

Whereas, Tom Mazzariello Jr. has now turned over the family business to a third generation, and his son, Bill, and Jeff Wetmore, and apprentice Gene Hitchcock IV share the barbering duties, and

Whereas, the Star Barber Shop continues to please its many satisfied customers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Star Barber Shop of Rutland on its 80th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bill Mazzariello Star Barber Shop in Rutland.

H.C.R. 41.

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont State Employees for their exemplary public service

Offered by: Representatives Davis of Washington, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cole of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Connor of Fairfield, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Dakin of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Eastman of Orwell, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fields of Bennington, Forguites of Springfield, French of Randolph, Gonzalez of Winooski, Grad of Moretown, Graham of Williamstown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Komline of Dorset, Krowinski of Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Pearson of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Ryerson of Randolph, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Tate of Mendon, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Viens of Newport City, Woodward of Johnson, Wright of Burlington, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, according to the Vermont Department of Human Services Workforce Report for fiscal year 2014, in the executive branch's classified service there are 7,403 full-time and 161 part-time employees, and the comparable numbers for the much smaller exempt category are 580 and 45, respectively, and

Whereas, these 8,189 State employees work in numerous occupations and professions across the State, and

Whereas, Vermont State Employees are employed in fields as diverse as agriculture, computer science, corrections, health care, historic preservation, law enforcement, and transportation, and

Whereas, these outstanding individuals are called upon to report to work in emergency and difficult conditions, including blizzards and tropical storms, and

Whereas, Vermont State Employees serve as the ambassadors of Vermont State government to the world-at-large, and

Whereas, despite instances when they must interact with angry and frustrated individuals, Vermont State Employees always strive to perform their duties in the most professional manner possible, and

Whereas, it is not unusual to hear or read criticism of Vermont State Employees, but praise is often in short supply, and

Whereas, today, February 17, 2015, is State Employees Legislative Day at the State House and offers a wonderful opportunity for the General Assembly to express its appreciation and gratitude for Vermont State Employees' continuing dedication to serving the public, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont State Employees for their exemplary public service, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 42.

House concurrent resolution honoring Kenneth Alexander for his exemplary public service as Hyde Park Road Commissioner

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Wolcott and Woodward of Johnson

Whereas, serving as road commissioner in a rural Vermont town is a challenging assignment, and

Whereas, road commissioners must be prepared to work through the night, direct the plowing of a town's roads during the harshest of winter storms, and respond to unforeseen highway emergencies, and

Whereas, these immediate response duties are in addition to the daily managerial responsibilities comprising a road commissioner's portfolio, and

Whereas, Hyde Park Road Commissioner Kenny Alexander has set a high performance standard among his peers across the state, and

Whereas, Kenny Alexander grew up in Morrisville and learned the importance of hard work as a youth cutting and stacking logs, and

Whereas, he is a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and

Whereas, on October 8, 1984, Kenny Alexander joined the Hyde Park highway crew and is now in his 31st year serving town taxpayers, and

Whereas, Kenny Alexander's careful and reliable work as a crew member led to his current position as the Hyde Park Road Commissioner, and

Whereas, the many tasks for which the Hyde Park Road Commissioner is responsible include plowing roads and municipal facilities, maintaining the town garage, working in a collaborative manner with the Village of Hyde Park and with neighboring towns, and managing projects for town and village roads and other public spaces, and

Whereas, while keeping detailed records of all the projects under his jurisdiction may not be Kenny Alexander's favorite task, he has an astounding memory of the details associated with each project, even the weather on construction days, and

Whereas, he always maintains a smile when visiting the Hyde Park Town Clerk's office, regardless of the difficulties Mother Nature has thrown his way, and

Whereas, in appreciation of his continuing dedication to an important, demanding, and on occasion round-the-clock job, the town of Hyde Park is dedicating its 2014 annual report in his honor, a much deserved tribute, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Kenneth Alexander for his exemplary public service as Hyde Park Road Commissioner, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 43.

House concurrent resolution honoring Milton town clerk and treasurer John Cushing on 46 years of exemplary public service and as an advocate for effective municipal governance

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of South Hero, and Krebs of South Hero

Offered by: Senator Lyons

Whereas, in March of 1969, the voters of Milton elected a young and eager 21-year-old John Cushing as the town's new clerk and treasurer and launched a municipal government career that, perhaps to John Cushing's amazement, has continued for 46 years, and

Whereas, many Milton residents consider John Cushing and town government nearly synonymous, and he performs his duties with enthusiasm, integrity, and an unlimited passion, and

Whereas, despite John Cushing's impressive longevity in office, which according to the Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association (VMCTA) is the longest of any currently serving clerk-treasurer in Vermont, he has never assumed his reelection as guaranteed, and

Whereas, John Cushing served on the VMCTA's legislative committee, advocating in the State House on issues of importance to his colleagues, and

Whereas, for terms covering the years 1995–1996 and 2007–2009, the VMCTA elected John Cushing as its president, and

Whereas, the VMCTA named John Cushing as the first recipient of its Clerk and Treasurer of the Year Award, and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns presented him its 2002 Municipal Person of the Year Award, and

Whereas, John Cushing was extremely instrumental in the establishment of county-level meetings of clerks and treasurers statewide, and

Whereas, he was an original Milton rescue squad member, and he served as a volunteer firefighter for three decades and for a similar length of time as a deputy Vermont game warden, and

Whereas, John and Linda Cushing are the parents of two sons and a daughter, the grandparents of nine grandchildren, own two draft horses, and maintain an active maple sugar bush, and

Whereas, John Cushing has decided not to seek reelection to his position in March of 2015, ending an amazing career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Milton town clerk-treasurer John Cushing on 46 years of exemplary service to the town of Milton and as an advocate for effective municipal governance, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 44.

House concurrent resolution designating February 19, 2015, as Afterschool and Summer Learning Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Ancel of Calais, Bartholomew of Hartland, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Berry of Manchester, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Fields of Bennington, Fiske of Enosburgh, Frank of Underhill, Gamache of Swanton, Gonzalez of Winooski, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Hooper of Montpelier, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O’Sullivan of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans City, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Derby, Sabilia of Dover, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Waterbury, 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, Troiano of Stannard, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campion, Balint, Bray, Cummings, Degree, Doyle, MacDonald, McCormack, Nitka, and Sears

Whereas, afterschool and summer learning programs keep children and youth safe, inspire learning, and help working families, and

Whereas, Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELOs) are “structured programs designed to serve children and youth outside the school day,” and they seek to create educational exploration and growth beyond the traditional classroom, and

Whereas, high-quality Expanded Learning Opportunities are typically based on collaborations of schools and partners including community groups, libraries, organizations serving youths, and local recreation departments, and

Whereas, ELOs result in multiple benefits for youth, including improvements in personal, social, and academic skills, and

Whereas, afterschool and summer learning programs support major education initiatives, including the proficiency-based graduation requirement and the multi-state Partnership for 21st Century Skills, and

Whereas, according to Vermont Afterschool, Inc., more than 24 percent (21,690) of Vermont students in kindergarten through 12th grade participate in afterschool learning programs, and 33 percent of those who are not enrolled would participate if a program were available, and

Whereas, the 2014 *America After 3PM* report ranked Vermont fourth in the nation for afterschool programming, with a 95 percent parent satisfaction rate, and

Whereas, Vermont's PreK–16 Council's Working Group on Expanded Learning Time documented that every dollar spent on high-quality afterschool and summer learning programs returns \$2.18 in long-term savings and benefits, and

Whereas, the State's schools and communities are able to leverage important federal funding for afterschool and summer learning programs, and

Whereas, educators, teachers, advocates, parents, and students involved in these programs are in Montpelier today to celebrate their work and to continue learning about best practices for their respective programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 19, 2015, as Afterschool and Summer Learning Day at the State House, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 45.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the National Railway Historical Society on its 80th anniversary and welcoming its 2015 convention to Rutland

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

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, in 1935, 40 rail fans from two rail clubs in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Trenton, New Jersey, founded the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) as a way to encourage railroading and railroad preservation, and

Whereas, today, the over 13,000 members of NRHS are focused on the preservation of historic train equipment, railways, and stations that are vanishing from the American landscape, and

Whereas, this primary mission is supported through the awarding of NRHS Heritage Grants to specific preservation projects, and

Whereas, more broadly, the NRHS promotes all aspects of rail preservation through educational activities, films, photography, social media, and special events, and

Whereas, the premier NRHS event is the organization's annual convention that in 2015 is convening in Rutland from June 14–21, and

Whereas, there are plans for many exciting scenic railway trips along tracks of the Vermont Railway System (VRS) that are not usually accessible for passenger rail travel, and

Whereas, these special trains will consist of open window coaches and parlor, dome, and lounge cars of historic vintage, and

Whereas, the convention's train travel offerings will include a photo train, Omya train, and Father's Day trip open to the general public, and

Whereas, a much anticipated excursion will be the ride from Rutland traversing the Saratoga and North Creek Railroad that will employ 1940s-era BL2 diesel engines, of which only a handful survive, and

Whereas, the NRHS is appreciative of the cooperation and support of the Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce and of Vermont Rail System, and

Whereas, the 2015 NRHS convention is a wonderful opportunity for the showcasing of Vermont's railway history, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the National Railway Historical Society on its 80th anniversary and welcomes its 2015 convention to Rutland, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the National Railway Historical Society, the Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Vermont Railway System.

H.C.R. 46.

House concurrent resolution congratulating John C. Stewart & Son, Inc.'s Ford dealership on its 100th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Devereux of Mount Holly

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, operating a business over multiple generations is a source of family pride, and

Whereas, since June 17, 1915, members of the Stewart Family of Cuttingsville, in the town of Shrewsbury, have been the proud proprietors of the John C. Stewart & Son Ford dealership, the state's second oldest, and

Whereas, John C. Stewart's son, Clayton J. Stewart Sr., then only 17 years of age, worked at the business from the day the first Ford left the premises, and

Whereas, before starting to sell Ford automobiles, John C. Stewart's business, begun in 1895, was a traditional Vermont country store that would later sell coal and grain, and

Whereas, John C. Stewart served as the local postmaster and established a reputation for fair dealing that the family continues to this day, and

Whereas, the transition from a general merchandise establishment to an exclusively Ford dealership occurred over a period of years, and the merchandise included Fordson tractors and the appliances of several manufacturing companies, and

Whereas, the third generation of these family Ford dealers included Clayton Stewart Jr. and his brothers Bernard Stewart (popularly known as B.J.) and John Stewart, and

Whereas, the fourth, and currently managing, generation of the dealership includes Clayton Jr.'s children, Mike and Lauren, who have brought modern managerial ideas to their successful family enterprise, and

Whereas, the Stewart family is looking forward optimistically to the business' future, as Ashley Stewart Seiple, representing the family's fifth generation, is working in the dealership's service department, and

Whereas, this unusual family commitment to the continuity of the John C. Stewart & Son Ford dealership means the management is always striving to offer top-quality sales and maintenance services, and

Whereas, in 2015, John C. Stewart & Son is marking a century of automotive retailing excellence, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates John C. Stewart & Son, Inc.'s Ford dealership on its 100th anniversary and extends best wishes for continued success in its second century, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John C. Stewart & Son in Cuttingsville.

Senate Concurrent Resolution

S.C.R. 3.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Allen Adler on his 100th birthday.

Whereas, senior civil servant, skier, ski historian, and avid New York Yankees fan all describe Allen Adler's long life, and

Whereas, Allen Adler witnessed many Yankee greats and was present at Yankee Stadium for the historic farewell speeches of both Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth, and

Whereas, Allen Adler earned a master's degree in public administration from New York University, and his 36-year New York City civil service career culminated in his role as the city's Assistant Personnel Commissioner, and

Whereas, Allen Adler served in World War II with the Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner of the Central Intelligence Agency, and

Whereas, from ages 18–90, Allen Adler skied the slopes of New England, Colorado, Utah, Canada, and across the Atlantic in Austria, France, Italy, and Switzerland, and

Whereas, in the 1970s, he served as President of the Ramapo Mountain Club and on retiring from his civil service career moved to Barton, and

Whereas, Allen Adler's interest in skiing was not limited to buckling on a pair of skis as he became a respected skiing historian and writer, and

Whereas, as a collector of skiing books, Allen Adler met other collectors and published the *National Ski Register*, a compilation index of seven private book collections and five public ski libraries, and

Whereas, he is also the publisher of *New England & Thereabouts: A Ski Tracking*, and

Whereas, Allen Adler was the third cofounder of the International Skiing History Association and a member of its first board; served as the U.S. Ski and Snowboarding Association's national historian and chaired its Historical and

Hall of Fame Selections Committee; and was the historian and a newsletter columnist for the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum, and

Whereas, in 2009, in recognition of his exemplary role as a skiing historian, the Vermont Ski and Snowboarding Museum inducted Allen Adler into its prestigious Hall of Fame, and

Whereas, on March 8, 2015, Allen Adler will celebrate his 100th birthday, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates and extends best wishes to Allen Adler on his 100th birthday, *and be it further*

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