

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House and Senate  
Concurrent Resolutions**

**of**

**February 26, 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.

### **Resolutions**

#### **H.C.R. 47.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland High School cheerleading team on its success in the National Cheerleaders Association's Junior-Senior High School National Competition

Offered by: Representatives Burditt of West Rutland, Fagan of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Russell of Rutland City, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Devereux of Mount Holly, Eastman of Orwell, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, Komline of Dorset, McCoy of Poultney, Myers of Essex, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, the Rutland High School cheerleading team was invited to compete at the National Cheerleaders Association's Junior-Senior High School National Competition held January 24–25, 2015, in Dallas, Texas, and

Whereas, participating teams numbered over 200 and they were divided into 20 different divisions, and

Whereas, the Rutland cheerleaders performed magnificently, and the judges were impressed with the Vermont team's enthusiasm and technical competency, and

Whereas, when all the cheering ceased, the tally showed Rutland with 92.99 out of 100 possible points and, in their division, the Vermonters trailed only a Hawaiian team that scored 95.06 points, and the Rutland team departed for home the proud winners of second-place honors, and

Whereas, the Rutland students who practiced countless hours to achieve national recognition were Kennedy Pagano, Ainsley Pagano, Shelby Senecal, McKenzie Swane, Leah Davis, Jordan Brothers, Julia Miglorie, Margarette Reilly, Christian Rhodes, Heather Bell, Schylar Corsones-Brown, Rachelle Towle, Sara Clark, Mya Cyr, Abigail Clark, Catherine DiPalma, Madison Fishwick, Summer Amerio, Ashley Moore, and Rhiannon Cooper, and their coaches Cara Gauvin and Amanda Pagano deserve much credit for the team's great success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rutland High School cheerleading team on its success in the National Cheerleaders Association's Junior-Senior High School National Competition, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 48.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, in 1965 the General Assembly enacted Act 198, establishing the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) as an agency of the State "to provide opportunities for persons who are residents of Vermont to attend colleges or other institutions by awarding grants and guaranteeing loans," and

Whereas, VSAC guaranteed its first student loan in 1966 and the following year began administering Vermont Honor Scholarships, and

Whereas, a significant new facet of VSAC's work started in 1969 when it joined the federal Talent Search program for high school students belonging to families with low incomes or a minimal history of prior college attendance, and

Whereas, in 1981 VSAC began offering outreach services to adult learners and in 1982 expanded its grant-making to include funding for part-time study, and

Whereas, in 1984 Vermont became the first State to provide grants for nondegree study, increasing the opportunities for students to obtain the training and education needed for future careers, and

Whereas, in 1991 VSAC began participating in the federal Educational Opportunity Center program for adult learners, and

Whereas, in 1999 Vermont was one of the first states to participate in the GEAR UP Program that Senator Jeffords created based on the National Early Intervention Scholarship and Partnership that VSAC implemented, and

Whereas, also in 1999, VSAC established the Vermont Higher Education Investment Plan, enabling families to develop savings accounts for their children's college education, and

Whereas, in 2000 VSAC began offering career and education software to every middle and high school student, and

Whereas, by 2012 VSAC's total scholarships since its creation exceeded \$80 million and represented 47,000 awards to students, and

Whereas, VSAC has awarded 461,000 grants worth more than \$500 million for full-time, part-time, and nondegree students, and

Whereas, after half a century, VSAC remains a vital resource for assisting students in the financing of their higher education, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 49.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Marcy Tanger on winning a 2014 NeighborWorks Dorothy Richardson Resident Leadership Award

Offered by: Representative Devereux of Mount Holly

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, NeighborWorks America provides many persons access to homeownership and safe and affordable rental housing, and

Whereas, the scope of its informational and support services extends beyond the initial purchase and rental of a home and includes home repair and energy efficiency assistance, and

Whereas, NeighborWorks strengthens local communities through a nationwide network of member nonprofit organizations, including NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, and

Whereas, Marcy Tanger of Mount Holly is one of the most active members of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, and

Whereas, her special focus has been working with the organization's H.E.A.T. Squad that aims to improve energy efficiency for individual homeowners, and

Whereas, of the 56 Mount Holly homeowners who implemented energy efficiency improvements as a result of the H.E.A.T. Squad's work, 38 proceeded as a direct result of Marcy Tanger's personal effort, and

Whereas, the direct benefit of Marcy Tanger's involvement in the H.E.A.T. Squad was an estimated annual heating fuel savings of 19,729 gallons worth approximately \$75,000.00, and

Whereas, in recognition of Marcy Tanger's dedication to improving the energy efficiency of homes in Mount Holly, she was selected as one of eight recipients nationally of a 2014 NeighborWorks Dorothy Richardson Resident Leadership Award, and

Whereas, the award was announced at NeighborWorks America's Community Leadership Institute held in Cincinnati, and

Whereas, Marcy Tanger can be extremely proud of her energy efficiency improvement work in Mount Holly and its impact on the quality of life in her community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Marcy Tanger of Mount Holly on winning a 2014 NeighborWorks Dorothy Richardson Resident Leadership Award, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 50.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Deryl J. Stowell

Offered by: Representatives Huntley of Cavendish, Clarkson of Woodstock, Dakin of Chester, Devereux of Mount Holly, Eastman of Orwell, Evans of Essex, Long of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, Murphy of Fairfax, Patt of Worcester, Sibia of Dover, Sweaney of Windsor, Tate of Mendon, Toll of Danville, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, Deryl Stowell maintained a strong affinity for the town of Cavendish, especially its wooded beauty, and

Whereas, he was born nearby in Chester and graduated from Black River High School, and

Whereas, except for his United States Army service, Deryl Stowell's life was based in central Vermont, and for over 50 years lived with his wife, Jennifer Stowell, in the Proctorsville section of Cavendish, and

Whereas, although he was employed as the garage manager for his parents automotive business, Stowell Buick, Deryl Stowell worked as a self-employed logger for over 40 years, and

Whereas, Deryl Stowell loved to be outdoors, whether working, playing golf, hunting, or snowmobiling, and

Whereas, as a lover of local history and expert on local landmarks, Deryl Stowell enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others who shared a similar interest, and

Whereas, in the 1980s, Deryl Stowell served on the Cavendish Planning Commission, and

Whereas, for 19 years, beginning in 1995, Deryl Stowell assumed the role of Cavendish Tree Warden, a position for which he brought extensive expertise, and

Whereas, his acquaintance with the town's wooded acreage also made him ideally suited to serve on the town's ancient road's committee in 2008–2009, and

Whereas, a special passion for Deryl Stowell was his involvement with the Cavendish Green Mountain Snow Fleas, a snowmobiling club, and

Whereas, as one of the club's founding members, he was instrumental in securing permission from landowners to allow snowmobiling trails on their property, and he served as the Snow Fleas' unofficial historian, and

Whereas, at his death at 83 years of age, on September 26, 2014, Deryl Stowell was serving as the club's vice president, and

Whereas, survivors include his wife, Jennifer, his daughter, Sara, grandchildren, Magali and Elias, his sister, Joy, and many extended family members, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Deryl Stowell, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jennifer Stowell and the Green Mountain Snow Fleas Club.

**H.C.R. 51.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the individuals memorialized in Weybridge's 2014 town report

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, many Vermont municipalities dedicate their annual town reports to a living local citizen or retiring town official, and

Whereas, the town of Weybridge lost four of its prominent civic leaders during the years 2013–2014 and decided to dedicate its 2014 annual report in memory of these departed individuals, and

Whereas, Arthur Bradley Jr. (1926–2014) served for many years as assistant town clerk, and also as a lister, and he was a founding member of the Weybridge Fire Department, and

Whereas, Stanley (Kelly) James (1929–2013) held important leadership roles in the town of Weybridge, including school moderator and town moderator, served on the town’s school board and the Union District #3 School Board, and as a lister, and he was a founding member of the Weybridge Fire Department, and

Whereas, Millicent Rooney’s (1928–2014) public service in the town of Weybridge included membership on the board of civil authority, in her role as a justice of the peace, and on the town’s school board, including service as the school board’s clerk, and

Whereas, Gregory Lyons (1954–2014) had a long tenure as a lister and also cochaired the Weybridge recycling program, and

Whereas, each of these outstanding individuals made a positive and lasting contribution to civic life in the town of Weybridge, and their combined public service exceeded 100 years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the individuals memorialized in Weybridge’s 2014 town report, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of each of the individuals whose memory is recognized in this resolution.

**H.C.R. 52.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing Edgar Crosby of Bridport on the dedication of the 2014 Bridport Town Report in his honor, in tribute to his exemplary community service

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, Edgar Crosby, better known as Bub, is a personable individual with a pleasant manner, and

Whereas, for the past two decades, he has resided in Bridport and is a life-long area resident, and

Whereas, as soon as he arrived in Bridport, Bub Crosby demonstrated a willingness to volunteer and assist the community, and

Whereas, Bub Crosby’s admired and appreciated volunteer spirit has been most visible through his long and productive tenure on the Bridport Planning Commission, and

Whereas, he has been equally generous with his time and energy as a member of the Bridport Fire Department, a public service role that has no set schedule of regular hours, and

Whereas, during most of his tenure on the fire department's roster, Bub Crosby, who has extensive business experience, has also served as the department's treasurer, making sure that departmental finances are in good order, and

Whereas, he is continuing to serve this important role as the Bridport Fire Department Treasurer, and

Whereas, in recognition of Bub Crosby's over two decades of exemplary service as a Bridport firefighter, the department recently awarded him life membership, a special honor that is well deserved, and

Whereas, Bub Crosby's unselfish volunteerism has also manifested itself in many other capacities, and he assists the town without seeking personal recognition, and

Whereas, the town of Bridport, however, recognizes the extraordinary volunteer efforts of Bub Crosby and is dedicating its 2014 town report in his honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes Edgar Crosby of Bridport on the dedication of the 2014 Bridport Town Report in his honor, in tribute to his exemplary community service, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 53.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Kenneth W. Sawyer and honoring his community service in the town of New Haven

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, Ken Sawyer was born in 1934 and died in 2014 in the same house, at the Cloverset Farm on Sawyer Road (formerly East Road) in New Haven, and he demonstrated an abiding love of his hometown, and

Whereas, he graduated from Beeman Academy, having operated his family's farm as a high school student, and

Whereas, the Cloverset Farm continued to be the focus of Ken Sawyer's attention, and he and his wife, Suzanne, raised their four children on this homestead, and



Whereas, in 1971, Ken Sawyer was a proud cofounder of the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department and, for 19 years, he served as the department's second engineer, and

Whereas, in 1981, the Addison County Firefighters Association honored Ken Sawyer as its Company Officer of the Year Award recipient, and

Whereas, the importance that Ken Sawyer placed on his volunteer firefighting duties proved genetic as three of his four children and a granddaughter followed him in performing this special community service, and

Whereas, Ken Sawyer also gave his time to supporting public education as a school board member, and he gained great familiarity with the town's properties as a member of the zoning board of adjustment, and

Whereas, especially memorable in New Haven's town lore are the 19 years Ken Sawyer served as a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, aside from working at most elections and hearing tax appeals, Ken Sawyer presided at a most unusual wedding performed from a tractor seat, and this agriculturally set matrimonial union remains strong, and

Whereas, beyond the town of New Haven, Ken Sawyer served for 34 years on the Addison County committee of the federal Agricultural Stabilization Service (now the Farm Services Agency), and

Whereas, Ken Sawyer's death in 2014 marked the passing of a great husband, father, and grandfather, and the loss for New Haven of an irreplaceable citizen volunteer to whom the town has dedicated its 2014 annual report as a fitting memorial, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the Sawyer family and to Ken Sawyer's many friends in the town of New Haven, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to members of his family and the town of New Haven.

#### **H.C.R. 54.**

House concurrent resolution designating February 25, 2015, as Teachers' Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Donovan of Burlington, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Branagan of Georgia, Buxton of Tunbridge, Canfield of Fair Haven, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Cupoli of Rutland City, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Long of Newfane, Manwaring of Wilmington, Masland of Thetford, Miller of Shaftsbury, Sharpe of Bristol, Till of Jericho, Wright of Burlington, and Young of Glover

Whereas, the earliest laws in Vermont recognized the centrality of public education with the establishment of grand lists for financing this crucial societal endeavor, and

Whereas, public education has been a major force in the economic mobility of generations of Vermonters, and

Whereas, essential for ensuring the high quality of public education is the presence of outstanding teachers in the classroom, who inspire their students to study diligently and pursue all learning opportunities, and

Whereas, teachers in Vermont work in settings ranging from small rural schools to far larger urban educational institutions, and

Whereas, these instructors of our children have helped to elevate the stature of Vermont's public education system, and

Whereas, a perfect example of Vermont students' educational achievements is the State's fourth- and eighth-graders scoring among the best in the nation on the 2013 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) tests in reading and mathematics, and

Whereas, these same NAEP test results showed that if Vermont were an independent nation, our State's student achievement scores would rank among the best in the world, including seventh internationally in eighth-grade mathematics, and

Whereas, unfortunately, when governmental funding is strained, expenditures for public education are often reduced, to the detriment of students and our state's economic future, and

Whereas, today, February 25, 2015, members of the Vermont-NEA are visiting the State House to explain to legislators why public education is vital to our state's future and to talk of the need for a sufficient number of highly-qualified and fairly-compensated teachers and other educators in our State's classrooms, and

Whereas, preserving the future and vibrancy of the teaching profession should be of concern to all Vermonters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 25, 2015, as Teachers' 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 the Vermont-NEA.

### **H.C.R. 55.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating youth composer Ethan Duncan on the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's premier of his *A Year in Vermont*

Offered by: Representatives Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, and Forguites of Springfield

Offered by: Senator Lyons

Whereas, Antonin Dvorak, Frederick Delius, Claude Debussy, and Henri Dutilleux were each classical music composers of great renown, whose surnames began with the letter D, and

Whereas, another classical music composer, whose surname begins with the letter D, is 12-year old Ethan Duncan, an eighth grader at the Williston Central School, and

Whereas, since starting his musical studies five years ago as a piano and euphonium student, Ethan Duncan has shown great promise as a performer, including with the Vermont Youth Orchestra's Youth Winds Brass Ensemble, and

Whereas, he has participated in the District III Music Festival, and

Whereas, Ethan Duncan's compositional odyssey has coincided with his performance studies, and

Whereas, for the last two years, Ethan has composed in association with Music-COMP (the Music Composition Online Mentoring Program), a nonprofit organization supporting student composers, and

Whereas, Ethan Duncan's performed compositions include *Serenata*, *Scottish Sailor Song*, and *Arab March*, and

Whereas, in September 2014, he was honored as VPR Classical's Student Composer of the Month, and

Whereas, on January 21, 2015, at a Farmers' Night State House concert, an ensemble of Vermont Symphony Orchestra musicians performed the world premiere of Ethan Duncan's *A Year in Vermont*, a one-movement composition offering thematic musical interpretations of Vermont's contrasting seasons, and

Whereas, Ethan Duncan spoke to the capacity audience in the House chamber immediately prior to the work's premier, and then he followed the score in front of him as the musicians performed his piece, and

Whereas, upon the playing of *A Year in Vermont's* final note, the audience gave Ethan Duncan a rousing ovation capping a memorable night that will inspire him to continue onward with his musical pursuits, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates youth composer Ethan Duncan on the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's premier of his *A Year in Vermont*, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 56.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Richard Werner for his outstanding leadership of the Dover School Board

Offered by: Representatives Sibilio of Dover, Burke of Brattleboro, Hebert of Vernon, Long of Newfane, Manwaring of Wilmington, Olsen of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Toleno of Brattleboro, Trieber of Rockingham, and

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, the town of Dover has one small school, with fewer than 100 students in kindergarten through sixth grade, and

Whereas, Dover Elementary students are offered an academically challenging curriculum and earn consistently high scores on the New England Comprehensive Assessment Program exams, and

Whereas, an important reason for the school's success is the insightful leadership of Dover School Board Chair Richard Werner, whose board service totals 20 years, and

Whereas, as board chair, Richard Werner set clear goals and high expectations for the Dover Elementary School, while respecting the educational expertise of the school's administrators, and

Whereas, Richard Werner was able to navigate changing State funding, taxing mandates, and the political environment, and he retained the trust of local voters, and

Whereas, under his leadership, the Dover School Board presented the voters taxpayer-friendly and educationally sound budgets they always approved, and

Whereas, Richard Werner was instrumental in the Dover Elementary School's completion of building renovations and an expansion of the school's campus, and

Whereas, his development of capital budget accounts financed the school's physical improvements, while the school district maintained stable tax rates, and

Whereas, Richard Werner led the town and school district in helping Dover become a solar powered community, and

Whereas, he also brought innovative and thoughtful leadership to his roles as vice chair and chair of the Windham Central Supervisory Union board, and

Whereas, the continuing academic success of the Dover Elementary School, despite being one of Vermont's smaller schools, is a tribute to Richard Werner's wise leadership of the Dover School Board, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Richard Werner for his outstanding leadership of the Dover School Board, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 57.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Kathleen Bartlett as an outstanding educator

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney and Deen of Westminster

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, in 1971, Kathleen Bartlett earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education at William Paterson College in Wayne, New Jersey, and she taught kindergarten for two years at St. Mary's School in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, before relocating to Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1974, she began a six-year association with St. Michael's School in Brattleboro as a second-grade teacher, and

Whereas, in 1980, Kathleen Bartlett switched to the Putney Central School, her professional home for the next 35 years, and

Whereas, for her first nine years on the Putney Central School's faculty, Kathleen Bartlett taught third grade, and

Whereas, seeking to work with students on a more individualized basis, in 1989, she completed a master's degree in counseling and consulting at Keene State College in nearby Keene, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, on earning her graduate degree, Kathleen Bartlett embarked on a new assignment at the Putney Central School as a guidance counselor, and

Whereas, aside from her classroom and guidance responsibilities, Kathleen Bartlett's other education roles in Putney have included serving as a student council advisor, a new teacher mentor, an advisor to the Putney school system's middle school leadership team, and an interim school principal, and

Whereas, the laudatory evaluations of Kathleen Bartlett's professional performance have cited her calm manner, sound judgment, continuing ability to inspire students, and her diagnostic skills and, in sum, have described her as an educator who displays "a level of competence most teachers only strive for," and

Whereas, among Kathleen Bartlett's many community activities are her participation in Putney's Secret Santa program and the local food drive, as well as her work with the Putney Health Action Committee, and

Whereas, in the spring of 2015, Kathleen Bartlett will be concluding 35 years on the Putney School's faculty and over four decades as an exemplary teacher, guidance counselor, and educational mentor to two generations of young students, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Kathleen Bartlett as an outstanding educator, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 58.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging on its 40th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Berry of Manchester, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Fields of Bennington, Forguites of Springfield, Gage of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, Komline of Dorset, McCoy of Poultney, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, Stuart of Brattleboro, Tate of Mendon, Terenzini of Rutland Town, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senators Campion, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, subsequent to Congress adopting the Older Americans Act of 1965, there emerged new initiatives to address the needs of this age group, and

Whereas, in Vermont, one of the best examples of this new attention occurred in 1974 with the establishment of the Rutland County Council on Aging under the auspices of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, and

Whereas, the Bennington County Council on Aging was formed to provide similar services for senior citizens in neighboring Bennington County, and

Whereas, on May 2, 1979, the two county councils merged into a new nonprofit organization known as the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA), and

Whereas, in 2015, SVCOA operates four offices in Bennington, Brattleboro, Rutland, and Springfield and has the support of 36 staff members and hundreds of volunteers, and

Whereas, SVCOA provides a set of important programs to eligible persons in southern Vermont including a senior helpline, case management, programs on healthy aging, caregiver support, a mental health program, volunteer opportunities, legal services, health benefits counseling, and assistance with nutrition and transportation, and

Whereas, with respect to nutrition, SVCOA operates 37 meal sites and serves over 213,000 meals per year, and

Whereas, in an era of fewer public resources to finance its operations, SVCOA has created a fee-for-service division as a new revenue source, and

Whereas, in commemoration of the founding of the former Rutland County Council on Aging in 1974, the event that SVCOA considers to have marked its own establishment, the 2014 SVCOA annual meeting featured a special presentation entitled, “40 Years in Review,” and

Whereas, SVCOA improves and brightens the lives of the many persons 60 years of age and older who avail themselves of the organization’s diverse support services, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging on its 40th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging.

### **H.C.R. 59.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Lions Club International’s District 45 on its 60th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Walz of Barre City, Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Condon of Colchester, Connor of Fairfield, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Colchester, Dame of Essex, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Eastman of Orwell, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Fields of Bennington, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Gonzalez of Winooski, Grad of Moretown, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Huntley of Cavendish, Jerman of Essex, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Komline of Dorset, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lenex of Shelburne, Lewis of

Berlin, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans City, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Purvis of Colchester, Quimby of Concord, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Sibia of Dover, 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, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, and Wright of Burlington

Whereas, in 1917, a small group of Chicago businessmen created a service organization for the purpose of giving back to their community and adopted the name Lions Club, and the organization soon became known as Lions Club International (LCI), with the motto "We Serve," and

Whereas, the first Vermont Lions Club was established in Burlington in 1924 and was assigned to Lions District 33, also encompassing New Hampshire and western Massachusetts, and

Whereas, after Helen Keller addressed the 1925 LCI convention, the organization adopted assisting the blind and persons with a visual impairment, as well as the deaf and persons who are hard of hearing, as its primary service mission, and

Whereas, in 1945, LCI realigned its jurisdictional map and transferred the Vermont Lions Clubs to a new District 44 with New Hampshire, and

Whereas, a momentous occasion occurred on June 5, 1955, when at a LCI District Convention, the Vermont Lions were reorganized into their own LCI District 45, and

Whereas, the District 45 Lions Clubs support the LCI Foundation's activities, including working to eradicate measles worldwide, providing glasses to Special Olympic athletes, facilitating international disaster relief, and supporting other activities that include the Sight First program and youth programs through the formation of Leo Clubs, and

Whereas, the Vermont Lions also sponsor many statewide programs that currently include the Lions Twin State Soccer Match, the Vermont Eye Bank at Porter Medical Center, and the Green Mountain Lions Camp for deaf and hard of hearing children, and

Whereas, individual Vermont Lions Clubs also conduct locally originated service projects including providing audiology equipment for schools,



financing corrective surgeries, offering student scholarships, and purchasing eyeglasses and hearing aids for needy Vermonters, and

Whereas, in 2015, LCI consists of 46,000 clubs and 1.3 million members worldwide, including the proud Lions of District 45, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lions Club International's District 45 on its 60th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lions Club International's District 45.

#### **S.C.R. 4.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the First Presbyterian Church of Barre on its 125th anniversary.

*Whereas*, in approximately 1880, a significant number of Scottish immigrants arrived in Barre, and they aspired to establish their own church of the Presbyterian denomination, and

*Whereas*, at the direction of Elder John Gilchrist of the Presbyterian Church of South Boston, Massachusetts, the Reverend Charles K. Canfield of South Ryegate visited the Scottish community in Barre, and

*Whereas*, on Sunday, November 4, 1888, the Reverend Canfield conducted Barre's first Presbyterian service at the Barre Opera House, and

*Whereas*, on April 1, 1889, the First Presbyterian Church of Barre was established with 73 members, and Robert Kynoch and James Duncan were selected as the congregation's first Elders, and

*Whereas*, the first communion service was held on April 14, 1889, at the Park House, with the Reverend Wilmot Cummings presiding, and

*Whereas*, in 1891, the church society was incorporated as the First Presbyterian Church of Barre, and services continued to be held at interim sites, and

*Whereas*, on December 5, 1897, the First Presbyterian Church of Barre's own beautiful house of worship, located at the corner of Summer and South Seminary streets, was dedicated and, as expanded and modernized over the decades, remains its home in 2015, and

*Whereas*, during the past 125 years, the First Presbyterian Church of Barre has conducted an active ministry for congregants of all ages and has engaged in the denomination's mission programs both in the United States and internationally, and

*Whereas*, 2014 marked the First Presbyterian Church of Barre's 125th anniversary, and the celebratory events held to observe this historic occasion included the printing of special T-shirts, holding a commemorative service and big Scottish dinner on November 2, and the church's pastor, the Reverend Carl Hilton VanOsdall, delivering several sermons related to its history, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the First Presbyterian Church of Barre on its 125th anniversary, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Reverend Carl Hilton VanOsdall at the First Presbyterian Church of Barre.