

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House and Senate  
Concurrent Resolutions**

**of**

**March 12, 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. 60.**

House concurrent resolution honoring John P. Dumville for his 36 years of exemplary service as Vermont's State Owned Historic Sites Section Chief

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Vermont is home to significant historic sites that preserve the story of its founding and major military battles, recognize the importance of Lake Champlain in war and peace, and honor leading individuals in our State's and nation's history, and

Whereas, from 1978–2014, John P. Dumville was the innovative and dynamic State Owned Historic Sites Section Chief, serving as the first full-time person in this role, and

Whereas, John P. Dumville earned a master's degree in history from the University of Vermont and was an original enrollee in the university's graduate program in historic preservation, and

Whereas, he oversaw Vermont's historic sites during the terms of five governors and kept the sites vital reminders of Vermont's past, and

Whereas, under John P. Dumville's competent leadership, the Division for Historic Preservation implemented the Heritage '91 plan that resulted in major improvements at the Hubbardton Battlefield, the Bennington Battle Monument, and the Old Constitution House; led to the opening of the Chimney Point site; and prompted the installation of new exhibitions at the Justin Smith Morrill Homestead, and

Whereas, the opening of Mount Independence's visitor center and museum and the expansion of the museum and education center at the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site occurred due to John P. Dumville's central role in these projects, and

Whereas, his professional expertise was welcomed on the boards of the Vermont Historical Society, the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance, and the Vermont Attractions Association, and

Whereas, John P. Dumville is a hands-on historic preservationist, personally having restored four historic houses and helping others in this exciting process, and

Whereas, the town of Royalton greatly benefited from John P. Dumville's civic contributions as a selectboard member, planning commissioner, and justice of the peace and in many other community roles, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors John P. Dumville for his 36 years of exemplary service as State Owned Historic Sites Section Chief, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John P. Dumville and to the Division for Historic Preservation.

#### **H.C.R. 61.**

House concurrent resolution honoring former representative and outgoing Sergeant at Arms Francis K. Brooks of Montpelier for his dedicated public service

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Francis Brooks is a man who has educated, represented, and protected Vermonters in Montpelier for nearly half a century, and

Whereas, as an African American, he attended the segregated school system of Alexandria, Virginia, and rose above this unjustified academic restriction, graduating from Norwich University and earning a master's degree from Clarkson College (now University) , and

Whereas, for many years, Francis Brooks taught chemistry and physics at Montpelier High School, and

Whereas, in 1982, the voters of Montpelier elected Francis Brooks to represent them in the House of Representatives, where he served with distinction during 25 biennial or adjourned sessions (1983–2007), and

Whereas, as a state legislator, Francis Brooks held the challenging role of House Majority Leader (1987–1992) and served on the Committees on Appropriations (1993–2002), Transportation (2003–2004), and General,

Housing, and Military Affairs (2005–2007), which he also chaired (2005–2006), and

Whereas, legislative leadership often asked Representative Francis Brooks, one of the members from Montpelier, to preside at token sessions intended to move the legislative calendar forward at critical moments during the biennium, and

Whereas, in 2007, Representative Francis Brooks' colleagues in the General Assembly elected him as the State House Sergeant at Arms, and

Whereas, when not serving in one of his public sector roles, Francis Brooks has devoted many hours to serving his beloved Baptist Church as a powerful lay preacher and vocal soloist, and

Whereas, on Friday, February 20, 2015, Sergeant at Arms Francis Brooks gave an inspirational and moving devotional in the House chamber, addressing the topic of adversity in life, and

Whereas, after more than two decades as a legislator and eight years as the Sergeant at Arms, Francis Brooks is now concluding 32 years (1983–2015) of outstanding public service at the Vermont State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Representative and outgoing Sergeant at Arms Francis K. Brooks of Montpelier for his dedicated public service to the citizens of Vermont, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 62.**

House concurrent resolution designating March 12, 2015, as Vermont Writes Day

Offered by: Representative Lippert of Hinesburg

Whereas, in 2006, the Vermont Business Roundtable financed the establishment of the Burlington-based Young Writers Project (YWP) to encourage and motivate Vermont students to write, and

Whereas, the vision of YWP is “to build a generation of better writers by engaging as many youths as possible through a respectful online teen learning community,” and

Whereas, the organization’s mission is “to build a generation of confident writers who think, develop ideas and express themselves with clarity, civility and power,” and

Whereas, YWP works directly with teachers in approximately 50 schools through digital projects and in-school residencies, and

Whereas, live presentations, workshops, and perhaps most importantly, a website that solicits student writers' submissions, are all aspects of YWP, and

Whereas, teachers use YWP's website as an incentive for students to write and students have commented that it helps them in their writing, and

Whereas, approximately 2,500 students are using the YWP website, which receives roughly 1,500 visits every day, and, since 2006, approximately 100,000 pieces of writing have been submitted, and

Whereas, the best work is published in cooperating newspapers and digital media, including the *Burlington Free Press*, the *Rutland Herald*, the *St. Albans Messenger*, vpr.net, vtdigger.org, cowbird.com, and the new YWP online magazine *The Voice*, and

Whereas, as a celebration of the art of writing, YWP is observing Thursday, March 12, 2015, as the sixth Vermont Writes Day, and

Whereas, YWP is operating a special one-day website on which students have seven minutes to write to one of seven prompts, and

Whereas, in 2014, nearly 100 schools and an estimated 20,000 youngsters participated in this creative writing event, and

Whereas, representatives of YWP and several enthusiastic student writers are visiting the State House today to commemorate Vermont Writes Day, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 12, 2015, as Vermont Writes Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Young Writers Project.

### **H.C.R. 63.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Ronald K. Knapp

Offered by: Representatives Helm of Fair Haven, Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Morris of Bennington, and Canfield of Fair Haven

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Ronald Knapp was born on January 12, 1925, and graduated from Bennington High School, and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Syracuse University and, while serving as the lead drummer in the university's marching band, met his first wife, Frances (Marshall) Knapp, and

Whereas, Ronald Knapp served his country as a member of both the U.S. Coast Guard and the Merchant Marines, and

Whereas, he returned to Bennington, and his employment included partnerships at Mardale Builders and Walbridge-Knapp Insurance and ownership of Knapp's Pets and Hobbies, and

Whereas, for 10 years, Ronald Knapp was a Bennington School District trustee, and he represented the towns of Bennington, Woodford, and Readsboro in the House of Representatives for five terms beginning in 1983, serving with honor and distinction in both legislative bodies, and

Whereas, Ronald Knapp chaired the Vermont Ethics Network and served as president of the Greater Bennington Chamber of Commerce, and

Whereas, his fraternal memberships included the Masons and the Rotary, which honored him as a Paul Harris Fellow, and

Whereas, Ronald Knapp was an avid hunter and fisherman, a leader in the Bennington Rod and Gun Club, and a board member of the Vermont Outing Club, and

Whereas, spirituality was important in Ronald Knapp's life, and he served as an active member of Bennington's First United Methodist Church, Second Congregational United Church of Christ, the Old First Church, and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and

Whereas, following the death of Frances Knapp in 1970, Ronald Knapp married Ellen Gird, and they operated the Irish Vacation House, and

Whereas, Ronald Knapp's long life of business, community, and religious leadership, in which family was always of the foremost importance, ended with his death at 89 years of age on November 3, 2014, and survivors include his wife, Ellen; a son, the Reverend Marshall Hudson-Knapp of Fair Haven and his wife, Cindy; and two grandchildren, Naomi and Moses, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative Ronald K. Knapp, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of his family.

**H.C.R. 64.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Marlboro College President Ellen McCulloch-Lovell for her outstanding academic leadership and contributions to Vermont and the nation

Offered by: Representatives Long of Newfane, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Hebert of Vernon, Manwaring of Wilmington, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Sibilia of Dover, Stuart of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, when President Ellen McCulloch-Lovell began her tenure at Marlboro College, she faced enormous financial and organizational challenges, and, despite these difficulties, she increased the endowment over 50 percent and strengthened graduate and professional studies programs, and

Whereas, she shepherded Marlboro College through two natural disasters, including Tropical Storm Irene, which created havoc throughout the town of Marlboro and cut the college off from civilization for two days, and

Whereas, President Ellen McCulloch-Lovell worked to engage the surrounding community by ensuring cultural and academic events at the college were made open to the public, and she forged stronger community ties with the Marlboro Music School and Festival, an organization vital to the health of the local economy, and

Whereas, during her tenure at Marlboro College, she chaired the Presidents' Assembly of the Association of Vermont Independent Colleges, and

Whereas, President Ellen McCulloch-Lovell helped to form the Windham Higher Education Cooperative among Windham County's six colleges, as well as an exchange program among the Association of Vermont Independent Colleges, and

Whereas, she has been a fierce advocate for higher education, especially liberal arts education, asserting that colleges ought to prepare students for active citizenship as well as employment, and

Whereas, Ellen McCulloch-Lovell has made significant contributions to Vermont and the nation beyond her college presidency, including serving as Vermont Arts Council Executive Director; cofounding the Governor's Institutes, a summer academic enrichment program for high school students; serving as chief of staff to U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy; and holding several

senior positions in the Clinton Administration related to the arts, the Millennium Project, and the First Lady's office, and

Whereas, Ellen McCulloch-Lovell is concluding her highly successful decade-long tenure as President of Marlboro College, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Marlboro College President Ellen McCulloch-Lovell for her outstanding academic leadership and contributions to Vermont and the nation, and be it further,

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ellen McCulloch-Lovell and Marlboro College.

### **H.C.R. 65.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 South Burlington High School Rebels Division I boys' soccer championship team

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

Whereas, soccer is becoming an increasingly popular sport among American youth, and this is no doubt true at South Burlington High School, and

Whereas, the 2014 Rebel boys' soccer team was a skilled group of players who lost only one game throughout the regular season, and

Whereas, South Burlington entered four-round playoff competition as the first-ranked Division I team and earned the right to play in the championship game after a thrilling 2-1 overtime win in the semi-final round, and

Whereas, in the exciting championship contest against the third-ranked Essex High School Hornets, the Rebels tied the game at 1-all with 8.4 seconds remaining in regulation play, and after 30 minutes of scoreless overtime, they clinched the Division I title in a thrilling 4-2 shootout victory, and

Whereas, the players who led South Burlington to a 16-1-0 boys' soccer season in 2014 were Aiman Ginawi, Kyle McDonald, Mike Flaherty, Patrick O'Hara, Abukar Hassan, Eli Rachlin, Ismail Temirov, Alex Pasanen, Tyler Ayers, Jacob Smith, Max Capano, Mark Simendinger, Ben Lambert, Ben Sievers, Hamza Issa, Keegan O'Hara, Liam Nerber, Dinesh Khadka, Will Graham, and head coach Dave Martin and assistant coach Adolphe Lumumba were superb mentors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:



That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 South Burlington High School Rebels Division I boys' soccer championship team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 66.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the South Burlington High School Rebels 2014 Division I boys' track and field championship team

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

Whereas, boys' track and field encompasses both team and individual athletic competition, and

Whereas, in the track category, there are dashes of 200 and 400 meters in length, runs extending for 800, 1500, and 3000 meters, and four-person team relays with 400- and 800-meter segments, and

Whereas, the field events test the athletes' jumping ability in the high jump, the pole vault, and the long jump, and their throwing skills in the shot put and the discus, and

Whereas, at the 2014 Division I boys' track and field state championship meet, the South Burlington High School Rebels outscored all of their competitors, earning 125 points to clinch the championship title, and

Whereas, the victorious Rebels included Sidi Abdoulaye, Jacob Beaulieu, Tanner Contois, Damion Curtis, Patrick Hickey, Malik Hines, Jonathon Shungu, Connor Young, Jack Graham, James Gregoire, Caleb Kasupski, Phil Lyon, Sean MacDonald, Brandon Moran, Declan Quinlan, Matt Royer, Joey Staples, Andy Tuttle, Trent Austin, Gregory Desautels, Brennan Hanson, Gabe Nelson, Ryan Croxford, Isaac Girourd, Trevor Houchens, Nathan Kakalec, Kevin Le, and Connor MacDonald, and

Whereas, head coach Geoff Bennett and assistant coaches Dennis Akey, Nate Bradbury, Kyle Chu, Nicole Colantoni, Jessie Ingalls, Alex Judge, Adolphe Lumumba, Brian McDonnell, and Lindsay Mott were essential for the victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the South Burlington High School Rebels 2014 Division I boys' track and field championship team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 67.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 South Burlington High School Rebels State championship girls' lacrosse team

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

Whereas, the 2014 South Burlington High School girls' lacrosse team was a cohesive and skilled group of young athletes, and

Whereas, at the regular season's conclusion, the Rebels were in great condition to play well in the post-season rounds, and

Whereas, they defeated their playdown, quarter-final, and semifinal opponents to reach the championship game against Mount Mansfield Union High School, and

Whereas, the Rebels proved themselves to be highly capable and adept at this truly American sport as they handily defeated Burr & Burton Academy 16-4 to win the State championship and finish with an overall 14-4 record for 2014, and

Whereas, the winning Rebel lacrosse players included Courtney Peyko, Sarah Fisher, Courtney Barrett, Sage Barton, Haley Worgan, Shannon Flaherty, Ashley Norris, Alex Warshaw, Natalie Trono, Conner Shea, Casey Johnson, Meghan Mostyn, Emma Sheffield, Madi Grabowski, Katerina Kacer, Ava Hultgren, Mia Wood, Kimmy Norris, XiXi Halvorson-Phelan, Carly Dingman, and Alex Rosenberger, and

Whereas, head coach Anjie Soucy and assistant coach Julie Stevenson were always ready to teach the girls the intricacies of lacrosse, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 South Burlington High School Rebels State championship girls' lacrosse team, and be it further

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

## **S.C.R. 5.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Onion River Sports on its 40th anniversary.

*Whereas*, in the 1970s, Jack Nash and Warren Kitzmiller were among the founders of the Stowe Bike Club, helping to promote the sport of nonmotorized cycling in central Vermont, and

*Whereas*, when not pedaling their bicycles on Vermont's roadways, these two outdoor enthusiasts worked in the cycling and backpacking department of a store in Stowe, and

*Whereas*, in 1974, they decide to establish their own retail sporting goods store in Montpelier and opened Onion River Sports at the rear of Bear Pond Books, and

*Whereas*, they developed a reputation as savvy businessmen and their small space soon became inadequate, and

*Whereas*, in 1976, Onion River Sports relocated to its own facility at 20 Langdon Street where it introduced Nordic skis and accessories as this sport was becoming popular in Vermont, and

*Whereas*, the scope of Onion River Sports' operations soon expanded beyond sales to include the sponsorship of bicycling and Nordic skiing races as challenging, outdoor participatory opportunities for its customers, and

*Whereas*, in the early 1990s, Warren Kitzmiller assumed sole ownership of the store, and in 1992, he hired Andrew Brewer as manager, and

*Whereas*, in 2000, Andrew Brewer purchased Onion River Sports and broadened his enterprise's Langdon Street presence with the opening of the Shoe Horn (since expanded and remodeled as the Shoe Horn Boutique) and Onion River Kids, and

*Whereas*, Onion River Sports' motto "Muscles Not Motors" is exercised through its continuing sponsorship of cross-country skiing, cycling, and running races, noncompetitive group rides and runs, and equipment workshops, and

*Whereas*, 2014 marked Onion River Sports 40th anniversary and a highlight of its yearlong celebration was a special commemorative anniversary day on June 28 with in-store promotions, a group bicycle ride, and a street dance party on Langdon Street, and

*Whereas*, Onion River Sports continues its mission of encouraging a healthy, adventurous, year-round outdoor lifestyle, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates Onion River Sports on its 40th anniversary, *and be it further*

**Resolved:** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Onion River Sports.

#### **S.C.R. 6.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Montpelier High School Solons Ultimate State Open championship and Spirit Award team.

*Whereas*, Ultimate is a fast-paced game using a flying disc that is self-refereed, and

*Whereas*, in recent years, Ultimate has evolved as a club sport at Vermont high schools, and, in 2014, 20 schools fielded a team, and

*Whereas*, the Montpelier varsity boys' squad proved adept at mastering the strategies of the sport, and

*Whereas*, in the State Open championship competition, Montpelier advanced to the final contest in Essex after defeating Colchester and St. Johnsbury respectively in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds, and

*Whereas*, the Solon boys displayed their skills as Ultimate players, defeating perennial champions BFA-Fairfax 15–11 to capture Montpelier's first title, and

*Whereas*, the Montpelier boys were also co-winners of the tournament's coveted Spirit Award, an honor bestowed on them by their peers, and

*Whereas*, the roster of dedicated Solon Ultimate players included Zach Acosta, George Aldrich, Colby Anderson Andresen, Isaac Avery-Padberg, Ivan Bansah, Ian Browning, Reed Browning, Aidan Casner, Elijah Coolidge, Benjamin Crane, Kirby Gordon, Anders Heyerdahl, Julian Kelly, George Valentine, and Fox Winters, and

*Whereas*, Head Coach and Coach of the Year Anne Watson deserves much of the credit for the increasing popularity of Ultimate at Montpelier High School and the Solons' 2014 successful season, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Montpelier High School Solons Ultimate State Open championship and Spirit Award winning team, *and be it further*

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

### **S.C.R. 7.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the East Montpelier Fire Department on its 50th anniversary.

*Whereas*, local volunteer firefighters and emergency rescue personnel are essential to the protection of property and life in Vermont's communities, and

*Whereas*, for many years, the town of East Montpelier lacked a firefighting force and paid Montpelier for this service, and

*Whereas*, in May 1964, a group of citizens gathered at the Center School to organize the East Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department and elected Bob Simon as chief as well as several assistant chiefs, and

*Whereas*, the Department's first truck was a 1954 converted Ford PTO oil tanker that was used as a water pumper, and

*Whereas*, the early milestones in the Department's history included the creation of a women's auxiliary and providing fire coverage for neighboring Calais, and

*Whereas*, the East Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department was one of the seven charter members of the Capital Fire Mutual Aid System, and

*Whereas*, in 1969, CB radios were introduced, and

*Whereas*, in 1975, the Department was renamed the East Montpelier Fire Department, and

*Whereas*, the scope of services was broadened when an emergency medical response capacity was introduced, and

*Whereas*, over the last half century, the Department has expanded its fleet of firefighting vehicles, modernized its communications system, and stayed current with the latest firefighting and emergency medical response technologies, and

*Whereas*, in 2015, the East Montpelier Fire Department is headquartered in a spacious four-bay facility, and

*Whereas*, Chief Ty Rolland and the Department's capable members are always prepared to respond to fire and medical emergencies in East Montpelier and Calais and assist other municipalities through the mutual aid system, and

*Whereas*, on August 16, 2014, the East Montpelier Fire Department commemorated its 50th anniversary with a memorial service for past members, including those who died in the line of duty, and a festive celebration that concluded with fireworks, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the East Montpelier Fire Department 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 East Montpelier Fire Department.

**S.C.R. 8.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating True Colors Home Decorating in Montpelier on its 25th anniversary.

*Whereas*, on July 17, 1989, True Colors Home Decorating was incorporated, and

*Whereas*, during the last quarter century, True Colors Home Decorating, located at 141 River Street in Montpelier, has served as one of central Vermont's premier home decorating retailers, and

*Whereas*, as its name implies, painting is a primary aspect of its business, and

*Whereas*, the store maintains a broad inventory of paints and customizes them, helping the purchaser to achieve the specific color desired for any interior or exterior surface, and

*Whereas*, True Colors Home Decorating maintains paint files enabling customers to repaint a surface using the same color as previously selected, and

*Whereas*, the retailer's services extend beyond painting to include carpeting and flooring of all sorts, and

*Whereas*, another specialty of True Colors Home Decorating is the creation of individualized energy-saving window blinds, and

*Whereas*, in each of its customization and retailing endeavors, the store maintains the highest possible professional standards, and

*Whereas*, the customers of True Colors Home Decorating can always rely on the store for excellent products and dependable service, and

*Whereas*, True Colors Home Decorating is proud of its first quarter century of retail success and looks forward to continuing serving its many satisfied customers in central Vermont, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates True Colors Home Decorating in Montpelier on its 25th anniversary, *and be it further*

**Resolved:** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to True Colors Home Decorating in Montpelier.

**S.C.R. 9.**

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Montpelier Recreation Field.

*Whereas*, in 1940 the federal Works Progress Administration financed the construction of a municipal baseball stadium in Montpelier that has always been known as the Montpelier Recreation Field, and

*Whereas*, the stadium was built to accommodate 1,200 spectators in a grandstand and bleachers along the first and third base lines, and

*Whereas*, the Montpelier Recreation Field's dimensions are 307 feet, 419 feet, and 311 feet respectively down the left, center, and right field lines, and

*Whereas*, when opened in 1941, the Montpelier Recreation Field became the home of the Montpelier Senators of the Second Northern League, which included both collegiate and former professional players, and

*Whereas*, later in the 1940s, and until the league's folding in 1952, the stadium hosted the Twin City Trojans, with a roster that included future major league pitcher and Hall of Famer Robin Roberts during the 1946 and 1947 seasons, and

*Whereas*, summertime competition returned to the Montpelier Recreation Field in 2003 with the establishment of the Vermont Mountaineers of the New England Collegiate Baseball League, and

*Whereas*, combined with donated materials and labor, the Mountaineers have made in excess of \$500,000.00 in capital improvements to the Montpelier Recreation Field, including a new concession stand, new fencing, handicap access, lighting, press box renovations, parking lot paving, a scoreboard, and field and grandstand improvements, and

*Whereas*, the Montpelier Recreation Field has been the site for many other community sporting events, including championship interscholastic baseball games, Babe Ruth leagues, area adult baseball leagues, high school championship baseball games, America Legion baseball, Montpelier High School baseball, Montpelier Middle School baseball and soccer, and Montpelier Recreation Department youth soccer, and

*Whereas*, 2015 marks 75 years since the stadium was constructed, and area residents are anticipating another great season of exciting baseball competition in Vermont's capital city, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Montpelier Recreation Field, *and be it further*

**Resolved:** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Montpelier City Council, the Montpelier School Board, the Montpelier Recreation Department, and the Vermont Mountaineers.

**S.C.R. 10.**

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Vermont State Geologist and Geological Survey Director Laurence R. Becker.

*Whereas*, geology is a science focused on the earth's "physical structure and substance, its history, and the processes that act on it," and

*Whereas*, for nearly two decades, Laurence Becker was the geological authority for the State of Vermont in his dual role as the Vermont State Geologist and Director of the Vermont Geological Survey, and

*Whereas*, his duties also entailed directing the State's radioactive waste management program, and

*Whereas*, central to Laurence Becker's geological role was advocating for reliance on science, and especially geology, in addressing the state's environmental issues and in the protection of public health and safety, and

*Whereas*, collaboration was central to Laurence Becker's geological endeavors, and he worked closely with academic institutions and other State government offices and with local communities, where his focus was on specific environmental issues such as ground water protection and hazardous waste mitigation, and

*Whereas*, Laurence Becker was an advocate and strong supporter in the development and issuance of the 2011 Bedrock Geologic Map of Vermont, and

*Whereas*, he was involved in the drafting of the protocols for Vermont's aquifer protection program, and

*Whereas*, Laurence Becker's congressional testimony on defining and protecting recharge areas related to municipal wells was incorporated into the federal Clean Water Act, and

*Whereas*, the Vermont Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy appreciated his expert testimony on groundwater resource identification and protection, and

*Whereas*, among Laurence Becker's responsibilities were: chairing the Education Committee of the Association of American State Geologists and the Northeastern States Emergency Consortium's state geologists' panel; serving



on the Vermont State Hazard Mitigation Committee and the Vermont State Nuclear Advisory Panel; and maintaining a close working relationship with the Vermont Center for Geographic Information, and

*Whereas*, Laurence Becker concluded his exemplary public sector career in December of 2014, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors former Vermont State Geologist and Vermont Geological Survey Director Laurence Becker, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Laurence Becker.

**S.C.R. 11.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Julia Hatch of Northfield on her winning the National Rifle Association's 2014 Daniel Morgan Trophy.

*Whereas*, as a winner of 35 gold medals, Julia Hatch had proven herself one of the nation's finest young sharpshooters, and

*Whereas*, as a member of the Northfield Jr. Rifles shooting team, she traveled to the Jr. Olympic Training Center in Colorado, and

*Whereas*, her extraordinary shooting competence and skill were challenged when she entered the National Rifle Association's National 4-Position Jr. Smallbore Championship, and

*Whereas*, the competitors are required to complete four 10-shot rounds, one each from a prone, standing, sitting, and kneeling position, and

*Whereas*, since the competition was established in 1942, only five competitors have earned perfect scores of 400, and

*Whereas*, in 2014, Julia Hatch became the first female to achieve a perfect score, and

*Whereas*, of her 40 shots, 33 were center shots hitting dead center on the target and not on any of the white area surrounding the target ring, and

*Whereas*, Julia Hatch's spectacular success earned her the Daniel Morgan Trophy that is presented to the competition's winner, and

*Whereas*, Northfield Jr. Rifles' Coach Jack Baroffio and Assistant Coach Gary Sanders each deserve recognition for their guiding Julia Hatch in her riflery instruction, and

*Whereas*, Julia Hatch is a 2014 graduate of Northfield High School and is now attending the University of Akron which is proud of its outstanding riflery team, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates Julia Hatch on her winning the National Rifle Association's 2014 Daniel Morgan Trophy, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Julia Hatch and to the Northfield Jr. Rifles.

**S.C.R. 12.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013-2014 Norwich University multiple national championship women's rugby team.

*Whereas*, Norwich University's 2013–2014 women's rugby team earned a perfect 40–0 record and three national championships, and

*Whereas*, post-regular season tournament college rugby is played in both the 7s (seven players) and 15s (15 players) formats, and

*Whereas*, Norwich's amazing triple-crown championship run began in November 2013, when the team clinched its third consecutive USA Rugby 7s title with a 17–10 win over James Madison University, and

*Whereas*, the team's national winning streak continued with the two inaugural American Collegiate Rugby Association (ACRA) championships, including Norwich's December 2013 victory in the 15s tournament with a 32–15 win over the U.S. Military Academy and concluding in May 2014 with a 36–10 win over Rutgers University for the ACRA 7s title, and

*Whereas*, this fantastic Norwich team included Meaghan Albert, Ariana Amodeo, Baylee Annis, Hannah Bell, Rose Bernheim, Riley Blankenship, Jessica Bosseler, Sophia Buono, Jessica Champion, Marissa Carde, Amber Marie Carini, Caitlin Cataldo, Vanessa Champagne, Joya Clark, Emily Colesworthy, Ally Day, Jordan Day, Jackie Derocher, Tiffany Ferrer, Taylor Franck, Shanoui Gunn, Brenna Hurley, Kim Hurley, Kayla Inouye, Valerie McGuire, Natalia Mendez, Sophie Mundell, Ally Murphy, Emily Oor, Danielle Richards, Shelby Rutherford, Taylor Trace, Catherine Valentine, Erin Viera, Sabrina Villanueva, Chelsea Weeden, Meaghan Weppner, and Sarah Whalen, while Head Coach Austin Hall was named the sport's National Collegiate Coach of the Year, and a team member was twice awarded National College 7s Player of the Year recognition, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013–2014 Norwich University multiple national championship women’s rugby team, *and be it further*

**Resolved:** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Norwich University Sports Information Office.