

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**April 16, 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. 113.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Caryl June Stewart

Offered by: Representatives O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Baser of Bristol, Botzow of Pownal, Dakin of Colchester, Donovan of Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Jerman of Essex, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Smith of Morristown, Sullivan of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Collamore, Kitchel, Lyons, Mazza, McCormack, Pollina, Sirotkin, Snelling, and Zuckerman

Whereas, Caryl Stewart was born in Watertown, South Dakota, and graduated from the University of Minnesota, and

Whereas, after her first marriage, during which she lived abroad, Caryl Stewart and her two young daughters moved to a sister's home in Derby, and

Whereas, she then earned a social work degree at McGill University, and

Whereas, Caryl Stewart relocated to Chittenden County and worked in the social services field while also being a devoted mother, and

Whereas, in 1974, Caryl Stewart opted for a business career and established Bennington Potters North, a retail establishment that still thrives in 2015, and

Whereas, related to her Bennington Potters North proprietorship, Caryl Stewart served as the general contractor for the Wells-Richardson building on College Street, Burlington's first commercial historic preservation project, and

Whereas, having developed excellent financial management skills, she became a stockbroker and derived great satisfaction assisting women in becoming managers of their financial assets, and

Whereas, Caryl Stewart’s prior jobs were an ideal preparation for her establishing the Vermont Development Credit Union (VDCU), now known as the Opportunities Credit Union, and

Whereas, VDCU’s operating mode of teaching customers financial responsibility as a condition for loan eligibility was encapsulated in the slogan “We don’t say NO, we say WHEN,” and

Whereas, in 2005, the National Credit Union Association honored this unusual lending institution with its Wegner Award for Outstanding Organization, and

Whereas, empowering women politically was a passion for Caryl Stewart, and she founded the Vermont chapter of the National Women’s Political Caucus and, in 1987, was a Burlington mayoralty candidate in the Democratic primary, and

Whereas, with her second husband, Pierre Boutan, she restored a Greek revival farmhouse in Essex, New York, and

Whereas, Caryl Stewart, whose life motto was “Doing It Is Everything” died at 85 years of age, and her survivors include her husband, Pierre Boutan; daughters, Gail and Lynn; a grandson; two stepsons; eight step-grandchildren; and a sister, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Caryl Stewart, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 114.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Woodstock Union High School Wasps Division II girls’ and boys’ championship Nordic skiing teams

Offered by: Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock, Tate of Mendon, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, in the winter of 2015, both the girls’ and boys’ Woodstock Nordic skiing teams finished in the lead at the conclusion of the first, or freestyle, day of the Division II championship meet, and

Whereas, on the second, or classical, day, four of the Woodstock girls finished the morning’s 5k race among the top ten finishers and, in combination with a strong showing in the afternoon relay, the Wasps finished 14 points

ahead of second-place U-32 and clinched their third consecutive Division II girls' Nordic skiing championship, and,

Whereas, the Woodstock boys also skied impressively in the classic competition, concluding their relay race with an impressive 38-point advantage over second-place Stowe, as the Wasps brought home their sixth consecutive Division II boys' Nordic skiing championship, and

Whereas, the girls' team included Lindsey Stuntz, Claire Spangler, Jaym Henderson, Lily Adler, Lily Nickerson, Anna Tracey, Kathryn Bassette, Lilly Doton, Abigail Kaija, Lauren Kaija, Kristin Ramsey, Olivia Brooks, Rosalie Geiger, Alyssa Rivera, Rachael Emery, Spruce Bohlen, Lily D'Anna, and Jenna Majeski, and

Whereas, the boy Wasps were Luis Sebastian Bango, Alden Krawczyk, Zane Fields, Campbell Boswell, Matthew Bassette, Peter Vollers, Sam Linowski, Trevor VanNeil, Jonas Kantola, and Jack Greene, and

Whereas, the skilled Woodstock Nordic coaching staff consisted of head coach Nick Mahood and assistant coaches Tom Emery and Michelle Fields, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 Woodstock Union High School Wasps Division II girls' and boys' championship Nordic skiing teams, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 115.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Woodstock Union High School girls' and boys' State championship alpine skiing teams

Offered by: Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock, Tate of Mendon, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, girls' and boys' alpine skiing at Woodstock Union High School was especially successful during the 2014–2015 winter, as both the boys' and girls' teams skied magnificently, and

Whereas, the State championship tournament included a slalom race the first day at Bromley and a giant slalom the next day at Okemo, and

Whereas, both teams were in first place on leaving Bromley, and their swift passage down the slopes in the giant slalom sealed dual Wasps' victories over

(also dual) second-place Burr and Burton Academy, the girls by 35 points and the boys with a 17-point margin, and

Whereas, the speedy girl Wasps' alpine skiers were Anna Dieffenbach, Claire Saunders, Morgan Willis, Clancy Farrand, Lilly Noble, Sarah Findeisen, Grace Vollers, Erika Gebhardt, Hollister Olson, Molly Henne, Katie Miller, and Claire Martin, and

Whereas, the quick-paced boy Wasps' alpine skiers included Michael Hirschbuhl, Aidan Saunders, Gordon MacMaster, Ian Clarke, Hartley Walker Money, Robert Grots, Andrew Borden, Quest Holding, Erik Weiss, Charlie Kelly, Jake Kelly, Kyle Rasmussen, Kyle Weirether, Coleman McKaig, Elliot Shoemaker, and Joseph Bianchi, and

Whereas, the always helpful alpine coaches included head coach Bill McCollom and assistant coaches Fred Dieffenbach and Steve Foley, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 Woodstock Union High School girls' and boys' State championship alpine skiing teams, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 116.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Gary Michael Carey of Colchester

Offered by: Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, Dakin of Colchester, and Purvis of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, Gary Carey was a man devoted to his family, including his wife, Cindy (fondly referred to as Frenchy); his children, Coleen, Melissa, Jason, and Lindsay; his granddaughters, Jordan, Katelyn, Taylor, Ava, Liviya, Ella, Katie, and Jacquelyn; and he was eagerly anticipating the arrival of his first grandson and was proud of his brother, Gerry, and

Whereas, he faithfully attended his children's and, later, his grandchildren's athletic and artistic events, even traveling considerable distances to root for his family members and applaud their accomplishments, and

Whereas, this support was manifested in his role as a consummate fundraiser for any activity in which his children and grandchildren were involved, and

Whereas, Gary Carey was a 1965 graduate of Burlington High School and then immediately started to work at General Electric, and

Whereas, in 1970, he began working as a firefighter for the Burlington Fire Department, and

Whereas, for the next quarter century, Gary Carey was a proud member of the Queen City's fire fighting force, who judged his colleagues based on their holding nothing back when battling the challenges of a fire and a certainty they would have his back when the situation became tense, and

Whereas, Gary Carey supported every local school budget in the belief that "it was good for the kids," and

Whereas, he was an avid fan and supporter of baseball and softball from children's T-Ball to University of Vermont baseball, and

Whereas, hunting, especially for rabbit, was a favorite pastime earning him the nickname "God Father of Rabbit Hunting," and

Whereas, Gary Carey was a charter member of Brennan's Quick Stop Coffee Club in Colchester that now gathers mornings at the Cap'n Cork Beverage Discount, also in Colchester, and

Whereas, this ordinary Vermonter, whose presence brightened many lives, died on March 30, 2015, at 69 years of age, and his life will be celebrated on April 10, 2015, at the Colchester High School gymnasium, 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 Gary Carey of Colchester, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 117.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Windsor High School on winning the first 3D Vermont championship

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor, Bartholomew of Hartland, Christie of Hartford, and Lucke of Hartford

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Hartford High School teacher Mike Hathorn conceived the idea of a competition challenging middle and high school students to create architectural models of historic structures in their hometowns, using 3D printing technology, and

Whereas, in a collaboration involving several State departments and agencies and Google, the competition was held at Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center, and

Whereas, students from approximately 20 schools participated, and a large rectangular floor covering, serving as a map of the entire State, was subdivided into small sections for each town represented in the competition, and

Whereas, the Windsor High School team, after consulting photographs and original documentation, created models of the community's historic post office, the mill that is now home to the American Precision Museum, and the now demolished cotton mill that was once attached to the museum's building, and

Whereas, the impressed judges awarded the Windsor High School team first place, and

Whereas, the creative Windsor students included Valerie Koch, Shelbie Gebert, Kaleb Spaulding, Vincent Moeykens, Rand Frazer, and Brianna Diggs, and

Whereas, Windsor High School faculty member Aaron Day and Sarah Rooker of the American Precision Museum's staff were the students' great mentors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Windsor High School on winning the first 3D Vermont championship, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 118.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the 10th Annual Rock, Rattle & Drum Pow Wow

Offered by: Representatives Morris of Bennington, Berry of Manchester, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Davis of Washington, Donahue of Northfield, Fields of Bennington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Lenex of Shelburne, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, Pearson of Burlington, Sibilina of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Tate of Mendon, and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

Offered by: Senators Sears, Campion, and Nitka

Whereas, Native Americans are the descendants of the original inhabitants of the United States, and

Whereas, they have served in the U.S. military voluntarily and with valor throughout our nation's history, and

Whereas, Native Americans, historically, have had a greater per capita presence in our nation's military than any other ethnic group, and

Whereas, an outstanding example of Native American service in the U.S. military is the lifesaving work of the Navajo code talkers during World War II, and

Whereas, Native Americans have made significant contributions to Vermont and the rest of the world in many fields and have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars, and

Whereas, the General Assembly has recognized the Elnu Abenaki tribe, the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation, the Koasek Abenaki of the Koas, and the Missisquoi, St. Francis-Sokoki Band, and

Whereas, Healing Winds, the Town of Bennington, and the Bennington Chamber of Commerce are working collaboratively to present the 10th annual Rock, Rattle & Drum Pow Wow to be held on August 8–9, 2015, on the grounds of the Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rock, Rattle & Drum Pow Wow in Bennington on its anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Healing Winds and to the Vermont Veterans' Home.

#### **H.C.R. 119.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the value of public-private academic partnerships such as 3D Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Christie of Hartford, Lucke of Hartford, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, public-private sector academic partnerships can result in great benefits for the participating students, and

Whereas, an outstanding example of a public-private academic partnership is the new 3D Vermont competition that challenges secondary school students to research details about historic buildings in their hometowns and then design models of these structures using 3D printing technology, and



Whereas, the idea for this unusual event originated with Mike Hathorn, a teacher at Hartford High School, and

Whereas, to bring to fruition his combined historical research and 21st-century technology project, Mike Hathorn worked with Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe and other State officials, and

Whereas, White River Junction-based Matt Dunne, the national head of community affairs for Google, took an interest in this project and arranged for Google to serve as the competition's sponsor, and

Whereas, as part of its sponsorship, Google provided 10 Nexus 7 tablets for the first-place school and five tablets for the second-place finisher, and

Whereas, the much anticipated 3D Vermont event, with approximately 20 school teams participating, was held on March 27, 2015, at Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center, and

Whereas, a large rectangular floor covering served as a map of the State of Vermont, and a space was designated on this map for each of the towns that a school represented at the event, and

Whereas, in the designated spaces, the students placed their model structures and accompanying multimedia presentations for the judges' consideration, and

Whereas, the inaugural 3D Vermont event proved a great educational endeavor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the value of public-private academic partnerships such as 3D Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe, Mike Hathorn, and Matt Dunne.

**H.C.R. 120.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Rutland Senior High School Division I and New England coed team cheerleading champions

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Russell of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Helm of Fair Haven, Myers of Essex, Potter of Clarendon, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, when the 2014–2015 Division I cheerleading teams gathered in Vergennes for their ultimate challenge of the academic year, the State championship tournament, the expert judges decided that Rutland was the best, as it surpassed second-place Essex Union High School 196–181, and

Whereas, with the Vermont Division I championship in hand, Rutland aimed for an even grander prize, a team win at the New England cheerleading championship tournament held in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, Rutland proved once again that it has mastered the art and intricacies of cheerleading as the judges decided this Vermont team was the best of the 15 entrants, and they awarded Rutland the 2015 New England coed team cheerleading championship, and

Whereas, these first-time-ever Vermont winners of a New England cheerleading title were greeted on their return to Rutland with a police and fire truck escort, and

Whereas, the skilled RSHS cheerleaders included Kennedy Pagano, Ainsley Pagano, Shelby Senecal, McKenzie Swane, Leah Davis, Jordan Brothers, Julia Miglorie, Margarette Reilly, Christian Rhodes, Schylar Corsones-Brown, Rachelle Towle, Sara Clark, Mya Cyr, Abigail Clark, Catherine DiPalma, Madison Fishwick, Summer Amerio, Ashley Moore, and Rhiannon Cooper, and

Whereas, the helpful RSHS coaches were Cara Gauvin and Amanda Pagano, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 Rutland Senior High School Division I and New England coed team cheerleading champions, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 121.**

House concurrent resolution designating April 14, 2015, as Equal Pay Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Ancel of Calais, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Buxton of Tunbridge, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Dakin of Colchester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Feltus of Lyndon, Fields

of Bennington, French of Randolph, Gonzalez of Winooski, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lefebvre of Newark, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Martin of Wolcott, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, O’Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Ryerson of Randolph, Shaw of Derby, Sheldon of Middlebury, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Webb of Shelburne, Woodward of Johnson, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, women’s organizations nationally and in Vermont observe Equal Pay Day each April, symbolizing the day in the new year in which the wages paid to American women catch up to the wages paid to men during the previous year, and

Whereas, wearing red on this day symbolizes women being “in the red” due to the gender wage gap, and

Whereas, according to a report from the American Association of University Women (AAUW), a woman who holds a full-time year-round job is paid, on average, \$38,316 per year, while a man who holds a full-time year-round job is paid \$46,175 per year, and

Whereas, these figures mean that nationally, women are paid 78 cents for every dollar paid to men, and

Whereas, in Vermont, women are paid 83 cents for every dollar paid to men, and

Whereas, according to research from the National Partnership for Women and Families, 23,058 family households in Vermont are headed by women, and approximately one-third of those families, or 7,494 households, have incomes that fall below the poverty level, and

Whereas, lowering this wage gap would reduce poverty and decrease dependence on public assistance, and

Whereas, over the course of their lifetimes—if wages, pension-related benefits, and social security are included—women individually accrue between \$700,000 and \$2 million less than men, and

Whereas, the wage gap causes suffering for families, businesses, and the economy, and

Whereas, a 2012 AAUW study found that women who had graduated from college the prior year and who worked full time earned less than their male counterparts, and

Whereas, the Institute for Women’s Policy Research reports that at the current rate of wage progression, Vermont women will not receive equal pay until 2048, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 14, 2015, as Equal Pay Day in Vermont, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 122.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 70th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, World War II was a time when our nation was united in a common purpose to win a decisive victory over tyranny, and

Whereas, over 400,000 Americans sacrificed their lives in this noble cause, and

Whereas, Vermonters contributed bravely to this heroic effort as at least 1,200 died as a result of combat, and

Whereas, the soldiers of World II have been described as the nation’s greatest generation and served as an inspiration to the generations that followed, and

Whereas, in 2010, Congress passed H. Con. Res. 226, “Supporting the observance of Spirit of ’45 Day to mark August 14, 1945, the date World War II hostilities ceased,” and

Whereas, 2015 is the 70th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II, and

Whereas, 90 percent of the greatest generation is deceased, and, for those World War II veterans still alive, many of whom are 90 years of age or older, this 70th anniversary is a significant occasion, and

Whereas, special focus will be directed towards the weekend of August 14–16, with major media events scheduled in New York City and San Diego, and featuring World War II aircraft flyovers and a cross country convoy of World War II military vehicles, and

Whereas, a special goal of Spirit of '45 Day 2015 is to stage 1,945 wreath laying ceremonies around the world, and

Whereas, the Department of Vermont Veterans of Foreign Wars has raised over \$9,000.00 for the purchase and placement of a new four feet tall and three feet wide World War II memorial at the Bennington Welcome Center on Route 279 (the Vermont World War II Veterans Memorial Highway), and

Whereas, the dedication of this new VFW World War II Memorial in Bennington on August 15 will be a highlight of Vermont's commemorative events, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 70th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the State of Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Vermont Veterans of Foreign War, and The American Legion Department of Vermont.

### **H.C.R. 123.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Dismas House of Rutland on its 25th anniversary and its commemorative dinner honorees

Offered by: Representative Russell of Rutland City

Whereas, the mission of Dismas of Vermont is to reconcile prisoners with society and society with prisoners, and

Whereas, this valuable program of reconciliation exist at Vermont Dismas Houses located in Burlington, Rutland, and Winooski, and

Whereas, each Dismas House serves as a mutually supportive community hosting former prisoners in transition from incarceration and college students who are also in transition in their lives, and

Whereas, at a Dismas House, there is a spirit of open and participative decision-making that emphasizes reaching a consensus, and

Whereas, an international Volunteer for Peace is often also living at a Dismas House on a three-to-six month temporary residency, and

Whereas, the daily evening meal serves as a central activity for each day, and

Whereas, the Dismas House of Rutland was established in 1990 and in 2015 is marking a quarter century of promoting reconciliation and forgiveness, and

Whereas, in commemoration of this milestone, the Dismas House of Rutland is holding a 25th anniversary dinner and auction on Sunday, May 3, 2015, at the Holiday Inn in Rutland, and

Whereas, over 40 items will be offered in a live auction with the proceeds benefiting the Dismas House of Rutland, and

Whereas, the evening will include the presentation of the 2015 Father Jack Hickey O.P. Award, named for Father Jack Hickey O.P. the national founder of the Dismas movement, and

Whereas, this award recognizes individuals whose commitment to the Dismas movement has been significant and of an extended duration, and

Whereas, the 2015 recipients of the Father Jack Hickey O.P. Award are Carol and Joe Barbagallo, veteran Rutland community volunteers and longtime donors to and volunteers at the Dismas House of Rutland, and

Whereas, also being honored are St. Peter's Parish Back Pack Program as the Mary O' Award winner and the Windham Congregational Church with the Loving Spoonful Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Dismas House of Rutland on its 25th anniversary and its commemorative dinner honorees, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dismas House in Rutland and to the three award recipients.

#### **H.C.R. 124.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Brian Godfrey on being named the 2014 Vermont Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year

Offered by: Representative O'Brien of Richmond

Whereas, a well-designed elementary school physical education curriculum can launch a youngster on the path of healthy living, and

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance recognizes outstanding educators in this field at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, and

Whereas, the organization's selection committee chose Brian Godfrey of the Richmond Elementary School faculty as the 2014 Vermont Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year, and

Whereas, as an alumnus, Brian Godfrey has a special affinity for the Richmond Elementary School, and

Whereas, Brian Godfrey continued his education at Mt. Mansfield Union High School, graduated from Johnson State College, and pursued graduate work at the University of Vermont, where he conducted research on strategies to prevent childhood obesity, and

Whereas, prior to beginning his current position at Richmond Elementary School, Brian Godfrey worked as a paraeducator at the Stowe Middle School, served as a program coordinator at the Augmented Learning and Movement Center, and taught physical education at the Lincoln Community and Monkton Central schools, and

Whereas, Brian Godfrey is an innovative physical education teacher whose strength as an educator is to inspire learning about healthy living beyond the classroom, and

Whereas, evidence of his creative approach to educating young children about healthy life habits is found on *Mr. Godfrey's Blog*, which is accessible via the Richmond Elementary School's website, and

Whereas, he conducted a Purple Paw Poster Contest in which students designed colorful and fun posters on proteins, fruits, and vegetables, and

Whereas, another project Brian Godfrey features on his blog is the school's partnership with Burton Snowboards, designed to teach the youngest students snowboarding, including indoor instruction and experiences on the slopes, and

Whereas, Brian Godfrey's creativity and success as a teacher persuaded the selection committee to honor him with this award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Brian Godfrey on being named the 2014 Vermont Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 125.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Housing Trust of Rutland County on its conversion of the former Watkins School in Rutland City to affordable senior housing

Offered by: Representative Russell of Rutland City

Whereas, the Watkins School in Rutland City was built in 1897 and, for many decades, was the place where neighborhood youngsters mastered reading, writing, and arithmetic, and

Whereas, once this venerable scholastic structure closed its doors to students, the building served briefly as a maintenance garage, and

Whereas, the long-term future of the Watkins School became a matter of much local discussion, and

Whereas, the Rutland City School District first proposed to demolish this historic building and then sell the property, and

Whereas, however, before the Rutland City School Board had the chance to implement the plan, the Rutland City Board of Aldermen convened a meeting to gather more information, and a state legislator expressed opposition to the proposal, and

Whereas, in a June 29, 2011, editorial commentary, Elisabeth Kulas, the Executive Director of the Housing Trust of Rutland County, wrote of her dismay that the wrecker's ball might soon knock the building to the ground, and

Whereas, having acknowledged the complaints regarding the Watkins School demolition, in 2001, the Rutland City School Board decided to place the building on the real estate market, and

Whereas, fortunately, the Housing Trust of Rutland County was able to secure the necessary funding for purchasing the building and ensuring that this historic structure remained standing with a new purpose, and

Whereas, in order to convert the Watkins School into the preferred new use as senior citizen housing, it was financially necessary to construct a carriage house on the property to create additional housing units, and

Whereas, the superb restoration of the school resulted in six modern one-bedroom apartments, and the building retained many features from its past, including blackboards, and

Whereas, the new carriage house provides eight similarly attractive apartments, and by March 31, 2015, all the apartments were leased and occupied, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Housing Trust of Rutland County on its conversion of the former Watkins School in Rutland City to affordable senior housing, and be it further



Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Housing Trust of Rutland County.

**H.C.R. 126.**

House concurrent resolution designating October 1–4, 2015, as “The Wall That Heals” Days in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dame of Essex, Evans of Essex, and Jerman of Essex

Whereas, from October 1–4, 2015, the town of Essex and the Essex Junction VFW Post 6689 will host the Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial Fund’s Traveling Wall, which is also known as “The Wall That Heals,” and

Whereas, “The Wall That Heals” is a half-scale replica, exact to the letter and inch, of the original Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, the wall travels across the United States, reminding us of the lives of the 58,202 Americans—our relatives, friends and neighbors—that were lost in Vietnam, and

Whereas, the names of the over 110 Vermonters who perished while serving in Vietnam and who will never again see the Green Mountains are enshrined on the wall, and

Whereas, on Thursday, October 1, 2015, “The Wall That Heals” will be welcomed to Vermont at a special ceremony that executive branch officials and legislators will attend, and

Whereas, during the wall’s four-day visit to Vermont, it will be accessible for public visitation 24 hours per day at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates October 1–4, 2015, as “The Wall That Heals” Days in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to VFW Post 6689 in Essex Junction and to Adjutant and Inspector General Steven A. Cray.

**H.C.R. 127.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Vermont recipients of the Girl Scout Silver and Gold Awards

Offered by: Representative O’Brien of Richmond

Whereas, since Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts in 1912, the organization has grown to serve 10 million girls from 5–17 years of age in 145 countries, and

Whereas, the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains is one of 112 councils that Girl Scouts U.S.A. has chartered, and

Whereas, more than 10,500 girls and over 4,000 volunteers participate in the activities of the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains, and

Whereas, the highest honor that a Girl Scout Cadette (grades 6–8) can earn is the Silver Award, and it “represents a girl’s commitment to making a difference in her community,” and

Whereas, Silver Award aspirants work as a team on an important community issue, and the Girl Scouts recommend that each Silver Award team member devote 50 hours to her project, and

Whereas, in 2014, the four Vermont Girl Scout Cadettes Silver Award recipients and their respective hometowns and projects were Elizabeth Wright (Sudbury—Bat Houses), Christina Wiles (Brandon—Bat Houses), Laura Benoit (Waterford—Awareness of Waterford Cemeteries), and Sophie Comi (Colchester—Donation to Chittenden County Humane Society), and

Whereas, Girl Scout Seniors (grades 9–10) and Girl Scout Ambassadors (grades 11–12) are eligible to seek the Gold Award (originally the Golden Eagle of Merit Award) presented to extraordinary girls who complete extraordinary achievements, and

Whereas, a Gold Award is presented to Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors who conduct an individual project, and the recommended number of hours for a Girl Scout to work on her project is 80, and

Whereas, in 2014, the two Vermont Girl Scout Gold Award recipients and their respective hometowns and projects were Kiera Cameron (Essex Junction—Essex High School Courtyard Revamp) and Megan McKenna (Bennington—Snowmobile Helmet Safety and Special Peoples’ Ride), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Vermont recipients of the Girl Scout Silver and Gold Awards, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the Girl Scouts honored in this resolution and to the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains.