

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

May 14, 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. 158.

House concurrent resolution commemorating Vermont's role in the Civil War during 1865

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Branagan of Georgia, and Jerman of Essex

Whereas, as March became April in 1865, Ulysses Grant had tried for nine months to break the formidable lines defending the Confederate capital of Richmond and its railroad center, Petersburg, and

Whereas, finally, a weakness was detected in the rebel lines near Petersburg, and

Whereas, in the early morning of April 2, 1865, the Army of the Potomac's 14,000-member Sixth Corps massed in darkness in front of the Confederate earthworks, and

Whereas, at dawn's first light, a cannon of the Third Vermont Battery signaled the Union forces to commence the attack on the rebel earthworks, and

Whereas, leadership of the attack was assigned to the First Vermont Brigade, which proceeded forward under heavy artillery fire, and

Whereas, Captain Charles Gould of Windham was at the front of the Sixth Corps and was the first Union soldier to breach the rebel earthworks, and

Whereas, he sustained multiple wounds during the assault and for his bravery was awarded the Medal of Honor, and

Whereas, this attack eventually forced Confederate General Robert E. Lee to abandon both Petersburg and Richmond, and

Whereas, the Vermont-led Petersburg breakthrough was the decisive event culminating in Lee's surrender at Appomattox and, for all intents and purposes, the Civil War's conclusion, and

Whereas, it is worthy of note that Medal of Honor recipient General Lewis Addison Grant, a Vermonter who played a leadership role in this final Civil

War battle and had developed extensive military expertise, would later serve as the U.S. Assistant Secretary of War from 1890–1893, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors all the Vermont soldiers who fought in the Civil War and who are well remembered for their outsized part in achieving a Union victory in 1865 and a new birth of freedom for the United States, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Historical Society.

H.C.R. 159.

House concurrent resolution congratulating ECFiber on establishing its 1,000th customer connection

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford, Briglin of Thetford, Christie of Hartford, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of Montpelier, Lucke of Hartford, and Ryerson of Randolph

Whereas, ECFiber is a municipally owned and citizen-operated organization dedicated to bringing 21st century fiber-optic connectivity to every household, business, and institution in its 24 member towns in east central Vermont, and

Whereas, beginning with a small gathering in the Tunbridge town hall basement in 2007, each of the 24 municipalities approved ECFiber's establishment through town meeting and local legislative body votes, and

Whereas, having persevered through the great recession, tropical storms, and other travails, and true to the Vermont values of self-reliance and citizen action, ECFiber's governing board built its first connection in 2011, and

Whereas, ECFiber is demonstrating that state-of-the-art fiber-optic broadband can be a reality for all Vermonters, when citizens and municipalities work together to reduce costs and remove barriers to successful deployment, and

Whereas, more than 100 volunteers are contributing to the success of ECFiber's network, engaging their neighbors, surveying routes, and even digging ditches for friends' underground connections, and

Whereas, local citizens, eager to bring their families and businesses critically important and dependable high-speed broadband, have invested more than \$6,000,000.00 to build more than 200 miles of fiber-optic network, and

Whereas, in April 2015, ECFiber's 1,000th customer connected to the ever-growing community of families, businesses, and institutions that are

taking advantage of educational, medical, economic, and other internet-based opportunities, and

Whereas, this laudable achievement was the result of ECFiber's dedicated volunteers and staff, who are committed to extending the entrepreneurial, economic, and educational advantages of high-speed Internet access to the Vermonters in their service area, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates ECFiber on establishing its 1000th customer connection, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the governing board of ECFiber.

H.C.R. 160.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Richard Albert Moore of Springfield on his induction into the Vermont Agricultural Hall of Fame

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

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, serving others in the agricultural profession and the citizens of Springfield are twin commitments Dick Moore honored for decades, and

Whereas, Dick Moore was born in Rockingham and graduated from both Bellows Falls High School and the Vermont State School of Agriculture, and

Whereas, in 1949, after military service in post-World War II Japan, Dick Moore and his wife, Helen, purchased the Town Farm property in Springfield, and its large house and ample land proved ideal for his family that, ultimately, grew to seven children, and

Whereas, Dick Moore has always sought to advance farming standards and has a strong ethic of farming in an environmentally conscientious manner, and

Whereas, his first agricultural governance role was serving on the Vermont State Committee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization Service, and

Whereas, he served as a director of the Farm Credit Board, on Governor Kunin's agricultural advisory committee, and as a 4-H leader, and

Whereas, Dick Moore's professionally related memberships have included the Windsor County Farm Bureau and the Agri-Mark Milk Cooperative, and

Whereas, for 40 years, Dick Moore was a director of the Ottauquechee Natural Resource Council, and

Whereas, his many agricultural awards included the Goodyear Conservation Award, the Farm Services Committee Lifetime Service Award, and the USDA's Clock Award, and

Whereas, the citizens of Springfield benefited from Dick Moore's service as a selectboard member and chair and his 22-year tenure as a town lister, and

Whereas, in 2014, Dick Moore was most deservedly inducted into the Vermont Agricultural Hall of Fame, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Richard Albert Moore of Springfield on his induction into the Vermont Agricultural Hall of Fame, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 161.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Alvin W. Warner

Offered by: Representative Higley of Lowell

Offered by: Senators Rodgers and Starr

Whereas, Alvin Warner was a respected citizen of Lowell, whose civic and business leadership spanned many decades, and

Whereas, he was born in Lowell in 1918 and resided in this Orleans County town throughout his 96-year life, and

Whereas, as a youth, Alvin Warner attended elementary school in Lowell and high school in Newport, and

Whereas, on October 31, 1938, he married Marguerite Snider, and they were married for an amazing 76 years, until her death on March 20, 2015, and

Whereas, Alvin Warner engaged in various occupations, including operating heavy equipment, and working as a welder in the asbestos mines and for the railroad, and

Whereas, for a number of years he operated a farm, and

Whereas, in the town of Lowell, Alvin Warner's best-known business role was his family's ownership of the Missisquoi Manor, a multi-purpose recreational and meeting facility that included a bowling alley, skating rink, and banquet hall, and

Whereas, Alvin Warner served the town of Lowell as a selectboard member and fairly presided at town meeting as moderator, and

Whereas, the voters of Lowell respected Alvin Warner's good judgment and elected him three times to represent them in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, recognizing his experience as a farmer and farming's importance in Lowell, the Speaker appointed Representative Alvin Warner to the House Committee on Agriculture, on which he served for all three of his legislative terms, and

Whereas, aside from his municipal and State public service, Alvin Warner had been a board member of the Vermont Electric Cooperative, and

Whereas, after a long life lasting close to a century, Alvin Warner died on April 19, 2015, and he will be remembered as a person dedicated to the well-being of the town of Lowell, and

Whereas, his many survivors include six children; Albert, Priscilla, Delvin, Lorin, Arlon, and Alden; 12 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family and friends of former Representative Alvin W. Warner of Lowell, and may it be further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of his children and to the Lowell Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 162.

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 17–May 23, 2015, as National Public Works Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives McFaun of Barre Town, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Berry of Manchester, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Christie of Hartford, Dakin of Colchester, Dame of Essex, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Fagan of Rutland City, Fiske of Enosburgh, Forguites of Springfield, French of Randolph, Gage of Rutland City, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Martin of Wolcott, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, Morrissey of Bennington,

Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Parent of St. Albans City, Partridge of Windham, 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, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, and Wright of Burlington

Whereas, in many Vermont cities, towns, and villages, municipal public works departments provide essential public safety and infrastructure support services, and

Whereas, in the midst of winter's heavy snow and blowing winds, municipal public works departments plow town highways as rapidly as possible, in order to ensure that emergency vehicles may pass and that the public at large can resume its daily activities, and

Whereas, the timely assistance of municipal public works departments during mud season is familiar to Vermonters, especially to residents of rural communities, and

Whereas, however, Vermonters often overlook the important duties of municipal public works departments when neither snow nor mud impede vehicular travel, and

Whereas, among the important roles that municipal public works departments perform are the maintenance of ditches; the maintenance, operation, and upgrading of water and sewer systems; the installation and maintenance of signs; the sweeping of streets and other public areas; activities related to Green Up Day; and many other vital functions, and

Whereas, for over half a century, the American Public Works Association has observed a week each year as National Public Works Week to remind all Americans that municipal public works departments, their engineers, managers, and employees serve all residents in ways that are important, but often unacknowledged, and

Whereas, in 2015, National Public Works Week is being observed from May 17–May 23, and it offers an opportunity to salute municipal public works departments and their dedicated staff, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 17–May 23 as National Public Works Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Barre Town Engineer, Harry H. Hinrichsen.

H.C.R. 163.

House concurrent resolution honoring Montpelier's unique music man, Fred Wilber

Offered by: Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Hooper of Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, and Klein of East Montpelier

Offered by: Senator Doyle

Whereas, Fred Wilber's Montpelier musical odyssey began on January 23, 1973, with the opening on Langdon Street of Buch Spieler, an esoteric retailer of recorded music with the motto "Music to Color the Silence," and

Whereas, when he welcomed his first customer, the intent was to keep the business, started as part of an academic course, open "until something else came along," and

Whereas, a lover of theatrical displays, he was known to place live models in Buch Spieler's display windows and stage sidewalk performances in front of the store, and

Whereas, these same windows also featured thought-provoking displays with nontraditional bumper stickers, cards, and posters, and

Whereas, he observed a morning ritual, along with his dog, Jack, of sweeping Buch Spieler's front entrance and the adjacent sidewalk, and

Whereas, Fred Wilber became one of the first and most ardent advocates for creating a vibrant and walkable downtown, and he was known to wonder why citizens complain so much about parking, and

Whereas, his musical roles also included work as a disc jockey, and for 20 years he has enlivened the weddings of hundreds of happy couples, and

Whereas, Fred Wilber also performed in many bands, including Butch Casio, Barbara's Charm School, Ken Sleeps Naked, Mad Dub, and Madmen 3, and

Whereas, he loved to regale everyone with tales of his musical adventures as a disc jockey or band member and to relate stories of his trips, especially his sojourns to New York City, and

Whereas, Fred Wilber and Patty Morgan are celebrating their 30th anniversary in 2015; they are the parents of a daughter, Morgan; and Fred Wilber's brother, Dennis, has been a quiet but essential business partner, and

Whereas, although Fred Wilber has sold Buch Spieler after 42 years in business, he has pledged to remain in Montpelier and serve as the capital city's ambassador and volunteer extraordinaire, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Montpelier's unique music man, Fred Wilber, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 164.

House concurrent resolution honoring Mary Riley for her dedicated civic and community service in Woodstock

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Mary Riley has served as a public official, community leader, and devoted parent, all roles she has performed splendidly, and

Whereas, as a public servant, her duties have included serving for one-quarter of a century as an administrative assistant for Woodstock's selectboard, village trustees, and municipal manager, and

Whereas, she was elected as a Woodstock justice of the peace in 1997, a position that includes service on the board of civil authority (BCA), and

Whereas, her BCA colleagues were so impressed with her fair and thoughtful deliberative contributions, they elected her as the board's chair, and

Whereas, Mary Riley is the mother of two children and is now a very engaged grandparent, and

Whereas, she has been described as the patron saint of every child in Woodstock, in recognition of her willingness to purchase items they are selling for school and community fundraising projects, and to instill in the child a sense of personal importance, and

Whereas, among the organizations that have benefited from Mary Riley's extensive volunteer work are the Cub Scouts, the Woodstock Child Development Center, and Zack's Place (a community enrichment center for people with special needs), and

Whereas, she is an active parishioner at Our Lady of the Snows Roman Catholic Church, and

Whereas, Mary Riley is the recipient of the Woodstock Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year Award for her outstanding community service and for her exemplifying the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self," and

Whereas, the *Vermont Standard*, Woodstock's local newspaper, presented Mary Riley its Municipal Mother award "for her outstanding contributions to life in Woodstock," now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Mary Riley for her dedicated civic and community service in Woodstock, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 165.

House concurrent resolution in memory of University of Vermont Professor Emeritus Alan Philip Wertheimer

Offered by: Representatives Donovan of Burlington, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Buxton of Tunbridge, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Krowinski of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, McCormack of Burlington, O'Brien of Richmond, Potter of Clarendon, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, for several decades, Professor Alan Wertheimer was an outstanding teacher, distinguished scholar, and successful departmental and university administrator at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, Alan Wertheimer was born in Brooklyn, New York, and grew up in the New York City suburb of Larchmont, and

Whereas, his life-long academic journey began at New York University, where he earned his bachelor's degree, and continued at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, where he earned a doctorate in political science, and

Whereas, upon receiving his Ph.D., Alan Wertheimer accepted a faculty appointment in the department of political science at the University of Vermont (UVM), the institution of higher education that would be his employer for the next 38 years, and

Whereas, for many years he served as chair of the department, and

Whereas, during the 1970s, Professor Alan Wertheimer held the post of associate dean of UVM's College of Arts and Sciences, and

Whereas, for the 1995–1996 academic year, Professor Alan Wertheimer was selected as UVM's prestigious University Scholar, and

Whereas, Professor Alan Wertheimer was a nationally recognized scholar in the field of philosophy of law, in which he wrote extensively, and

Whereas, both the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton and the Ethics Program at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University awarded Professor Alan Wertheimer fellowships, and, for two years, he was a visiting faculty member at the Kennedy School, and

Whereas, upon his retirement, Alan Wertheimer served as a senior research scholar at the Department of Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health, and

Whereas, when not engaged in academia, Professor Alan Wertheimer was an avid bridge player and enjoyed attending horse racing at Saratoga Springs, New York, and

Whereas, this distinguished scholar died at 72 years of age on April 10, 2015, and his survivors include his wife, Susan; children, Rachel, Rebecca, and Joel; three grandchildren, Eliot, Benjamin, and Mae; a brother, Eric, and a sister, Cynthia, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of Alan Philip Wertheimer, 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. 166.

House concurrent resolution honoring L.D. Sutherland Jr. for his civic service on behalf of the State of Vermont and the town and village of Woodstock

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, L.D. (Butch) Sutherland Jr. distinguished himself at an early age, winning an alternate's spot on the 1960 U.S. Olympic ski team, a prelude to his future initiative and commitment to accomplishing important goals, and

Whereas, he has served as a regional manager for the Vermont Division of Fire Safety, and

Whereas, locally, his firefighting work has been exemplary, and

Whereas, Butch Sutherland Jr. began his Woodstock firefighting service 45 years ago, when he signed up as a firefighter, and

Whereas, his skill, temperament, and knowledge of the firefighting art all contributed to his appointment as Woodstock's fire chief, and his work in this post has now been appreciated in Woodstock for a quarter of a century, and

Whereas, during his tenure as chief, the Woodstock Fire Department improved its ability to serve in diverse emergency situations, and

Whereas, he oversaw the modernization of the department's fire trucks, other equipment, and its training program, and

Whereas, Butch Sutherland Jr. facilitated the conversion of a vacant town-owned building into a satellite fire station, improving the response time for fire trucks and ambulances, and

Whereas, he enhanced cooperation between the Woodstock and South Woodstock fire departments, and

Whereas, Butch Sutherland Jr. developed a rescue team to respond to nonfire-related emergencies, including motor vehicle accidents, and

Whereas, another important achievement on Butch Sutherland Jr.'s watch was his incorporation of the Woodstock Ambulance Service within the Woodstock Fire Department, and

Whereas, since the program's beginning, Butch Sutherland Jr. has served as Woodstock's E-911 address coordinator, and

Whereas, despite the innumerable hours he dedicates to firefighting, Butch Sutherland Jr. found the time to serve as both a village trustee and a selectboard member, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors L.D. Sutherland Jr. for his superb civic service on behalf of the State of Vermont and the town and village of Woodstock, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to L.D. Sutherland Jr.

H.C.R. 167.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Eleanor G. Haskin

Offered by: Representatives Greshin of Warren and Grad of Moretown

Whereas, through her family's ownership of the Waitsfield-Fayston Telephone Company (the company), Eleanor Haskin was introduced to all aspects of independent telephone operations, and

Whereas, Eleanor Haskin graduated from the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music, and

Whereas, she and her husband, Dana Haskin, settled in Waitsfield after his military service, and she assumed a leadership role in transforming the Waitsfield-Fayston Telephone Company into an innovative organization, and

Whereas, Eleanor Haskin's reputation as an effective corporate leader led to her selection for many important independent telephone industry roles, and

Whereas, these industry positions included: board member and president of the Telephone Association of Vermont; first woman president of both the Telephone Association of New England, which elected her to its hall of fame, and the Organization for the Preservation and Advancement of Small Telephone Companies, which presented her its President's Award, the group's highest accolade; and board member of the Rural Telephone Bank, the National Exchange Carrier Association, and U.S. Intelco, and

Whereas, she served as the editor of the volume *Independent Telephony in New England, A History, 1876–1976*, and

Whereas, in memory of her mother, she established the Eunice B. Farr Foundation that awards scholarships to high school students, and

Whereas, her spirit of generosity now motivates the company to make local charitable donations and assist schools in updating their technology, and

Whereas, the Mad River Rotary Club honored Eleanor Haskin with both the Rotary Person of the Year Award for 1997 and a Paul Harris Fellowship, and

Whereas, because of Eleanor Haskin's effective leadership and futuristic outlook, the company, now Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom, is a thriving 21st-century telecommunications provider serving several Vermont counties, and

Whereas, Eleanor Haskin died on May 3, 2015, at 83 years of age, leaving her husband, Dana, sons Eric, Gregg, and Scott, as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Eleanor G. Haskin and to the staff of Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of her family and to Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom.

H.C.R. 168.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of Powers Park in Lyndonville

Offered by: Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon and Feltus of Lyndon

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, in 1915, the Boston and Maine Railroad owned a parcel of land in Lyndonville known as Railroad Grove that had been popular for picnics, concerts, and camp meetings, and

Whereas, Washington Irving Powers died that year and willed \$13,000 to the village for the purchase of Railroad Grove, and

Whereas, Theia Powers Watson, a daughter of Washington Irving Powers, assisted the village in the purchase of Railroad Grove, and the decision was made to rename the 25-acre parcel as Powers Park, and

Whereas, the Village Improvement Society, a nonprofit 501(3)(c) organization, serves as the steward of Powers Park, the society's only role, and it makes the park available to the families of Lyndonville and surrounding communities, and

Whereas, through its consistently good work, the Village Improvement Society has expanded the uses of Powers Park through the addition of two tennis courts, a picnic pavilion, swimming pools and a bath house, a playground, and a basketball court, and

Whereas, the Powers Park Summer Program serves over 400 children from 12 towns, offers swimming and tennis lessons, arts and crafts activities, a library program, and an afternoon sports and games schedule, and

Whereas, 2015 marks 100 years of Powers Park's existence as a public recreation area that continues to provide much pleasure to area residents, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial anniversary of Powers Park in Lyndonville, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Village Improvement Society in Lyndonville.

H.C.R. 169.

House concurrent resolution honoring Eric Thomas Buckley for his exemplary service as the Detachment of Vermont Commander of the Sons of the American Legion

Offered by: Representative Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) is an organization for boys and men whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military, and it is organized into 50 state detachments, and

Whereas, in 2001, Eric Buckley became a charter member of the newly organized SAL Squadron #5 in Windham County, which he continues to assist with special projects, and

Whereas, he moved through the ranks quickly, serving as Windham County Commander from 2002–2004, and then 5th District (encompassing both Windham and Windsor counties) Commander from 2004–2011, and

Whereas, beginning in 2011, Eric Buckley served a two-year term as both the Detachment of Vermont’s membership chair and senior vice commander, and

Whereas, with this extensive experience and preparation, Eric Buckley was the ideal candidate to become the SAL’s Detachment of Vermont Commander for the 2013–2015 term, and

Whereas, a special project, during his first year serving in this office, was conducting a joint fundraising project with Vermont American Legion Commander Rick Gray that raised over fifty thousand dollars for a new Giraffe Omni Bed at the Vermont Children’s Hospital at the University of Vermont Medical Center, and

Whereas, over the past year, Eric Buckley has focused his attention on improving the financial status of the Detachment of Vermont’s National Guard Emergency Assistance Fund, in order to improve its capacity to assist Vermont National Guard members who are facing a personal crisis, and

Whereas, Eric Buckley is a two-time recipient of the SAL’s Nancy Mossey Tetreault Award, recognizing the Vermont SAL member who has done the most for his American Legion Auxiliary unit, and

Whereas, Eric Buckley, who visits regularly both patients at the White River Junction VA Medical Center and residents at the Vermont Veterans’ Home in Bennington, will be honored at an SAL dinner on May 23, 2015, at the local American Legion hall, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Eric Thomas Buckley for his exemplary service as the Detachment of Vermont Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 170.

House concurrent resolution congratulating BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City and Shaw of Pittsford

Whereas, after President Lyndon Johnson declared a War on Poverty, Congress enacted the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (Pub.L. 88-452) that was intended to achieve a total victory in this battle, and

Whereas, in May of 1965, Vermont become the first State to establish multicounty organizations serving every community statewide, dedicated to fighting the war on poverty, and

Whereas, one of the Vermont antipoverty organizations established in 1965 was BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont (BROCC), serving the communities of Bennington and Rutland counties, and

Whereas, the central mission of BROCC is “to change conditions that either cause poverty or stand in the way of its elimination,” and

Whereas, BROCC establishes voluntary partnerships with families based on the principles of equality, respect, and mutual learning, and

Whereas, the BROCC Board of Directors, as is true of all community action agencies, consists of three distinct constituencies: currently elected public officials; persons selected democratically as representatives of the poor residing in the agency’s area; and representatives of business, industry, labor, religious, welfare, education, and other major interest groups, and

Whereas, BROCC’s services encompass economic development activities, including an innovative micro-business development program; food and nutrition offerings, such as participation in the farm-to-family and food-shelf programs; and community outreach efforts, including fuel crisis assistance that is complemented with energy conservation-related weatherization support, and

Whereas, beyond these broad categories, BROCC operates a thrift store (the Good Cents Store in Rutland) and a nine-unit rental apartment building in Bennington for those in need of affordable housing, and

Whereas, a financing source for BROCC is the revenue it derives from operating Jen’s Motel, a tourist facility in Rutland located near ski areas, and

Whereas, on May 27, 2015, two events will commemorate BROCC’s anniversary, a 50th birthday open house in Bennington County and a 50th birthday bash in Rutland County, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont.

H.C.R. 171.

House concurrent resolution honoring outgoing Rutland City Fire Chief Robert L. Schlachter

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

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, the motto of the Rutland City Fire Department is “Courage, Commitment, Compassion,” and

Whereas, the department’s mission is “to provide dependable service in a professional manner while showing compassion for those in need,” and

Whereas, since 2001, these ideals and operating guidelines have been entrusted to the capable leadership of Rutland City Fire Chief Robert Schlachter, and

Whereas, he has overseen the department’s operations effectively and professionally, and

Whereas, Robert Schlachter served previously for three years as the Rutland Town fire chief, and

Whereas, he proved well-qualified to assume leadership of the much larger Rutland City Fire Department, and

Whereas, Chief Robert Schlachter’s appointment began a period of much needed continuity and reliability at the department’s helm as he was the third chief in four years, and

Whereas, as the tenth Rutland City fire chief, Robert Schlachter has served in this post longer than the average term of service, and

Whereas, after 14 years of outstanding leadership, Chief Robert Schlachter is leaving the department, effective on May 1, 2015, and

Whereas, Robert Schlachter is grateful for the opportunity he was given to serve the community and hopes he can be of service in another capacity in future years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors outgoing Rutland City Fire Chief Robert L. Schlachter, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 172.

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont Law School as it celebrates its 40th commencement

Offered by: Representatives Buxton of Tunbridge, Ancel of Calais, Bartholomew of Hartland, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Canfield of Fair Haven, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Forguites of Springfield, French of Randolph, Gonzalez of Winooski, Grad of Moretown, Graham of Williamstown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Potter of Clarendon, Rachelson of Burlington, Ryerson of Randolph, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Strong of Albany, Sweaney of Windsor, Tate of Mendon, Trieber of Rockingham, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Benning, Bray, Campbell, Campion, Flory, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Sears, and White

Whereas, since the 1970s, Vermont Law School (VLS), located in South Royalton, has contributed significantly to the legal and environmental communities in our State and nation, and

Whereas, the VLS campus consists of 13 acres with 19 repurposed historic properties—some having garnered historic preservation awards—and in 2010 VLS designated the entire campus as an established arboretum, and

Whereas, VLS was focused originally on educating students aspiring to careers in the general practice of law, but a number of specialized academic offerings have added greater luster to the school's national and even international reputation, and

Whereas, the Environmental Law Center (ELC), established in 1978, boasts a nationally recognized compendium of courses, institutes, and research centers focused on a broad array of environmentally related topics, and it offers special programs and lectures to an audience in addition to enrolled students, and

Whereas, this is the 25th year that *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked VLS as the number one or two environmental law program in the nation, and

Whereas, the VLS Institute for Energy and the Environment, the U.S-Asia Partnership for Environmental Law, and the Legal Center for Agriculture and Food Systems each contribute significantly to legal scholarship, public policy analysis, and the practice of law domestically and internationally, and

Whereas, VLS has been an educational gateway for legal leadership in State government and the private bar, and

Whereas, a recently released study from Kavet, Rockler & Associates documented that, in 2014, VLS contributed \$30 million of direct expenditures into the Vermont economy; the school employed 145 persons and 82 percent of its \$18 million payroll was paid to Vermont residents; the school's presence in Vermont resulted in an additional 245 in-State jobs beyond the campus; VLS students spent a total of \$12.2 million in Vermont during 2014, and

Whereas, on Saturday, May 16, 2015, on the South Royalton village green, VLS will celebrate with pride its 40th commencement, as the members of the Class of 2015 are presented their degrees, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont Law School as it celebrates its 40th commencement, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Law School President Marc Mihaly.

H.C.R. 173.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Leslie Ann Bingham Williams of Calais

Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, Leslie Williams was a Chicago native, a graduate of the Bronx High School of Science, earned a bachelor's degree from Antioch College and a master's of fine arts in writing from Vermont College, and

Whereas, her multifaceted career included work as an elementary school educator, Headstart administrator, and college writing instructor, and

Whereas, outside the classroom, Leslie Williams was a social activist who, in her 50s, joined the Peace Corps, serving in Thailand (1986–1988), and

Whereas, despite her lack of prior legal or public policy experience, in 1988, the ACLUVT (American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont) decided that

Leslie Williams, a woman brimming with kindness and humor but who was not easily cowed, was the ideal candidate to lead the organization, and

Whereas, her leadership of the ACLUVT (1988–2000) coincided with the Vermont Supreme Court’s momentous school financing decision, *Brigham v. State*, 166 Vt. 246, mandating equal educational funding for all Vermont, and

Whereas, Leslie Williams was instrumental in organizing a team of remarkable lawyers who represented the ACLUVT during the legal deliberations leading to the *Brigham* ruling, and

Whereas, she was a consistently passionate defender of Vermonters’ civil liberties, through the ACLUVT’s participation in all sectors of the public arena, and

Whereas, as ACLUVT Director, Leslie Williams focused the organization’s attention on a number of critical topics, including: the rights of Vermonters regardless of sexual orientation; conditions in Vermont’s prisons; women’s reproductive rights; police abuse; religious freedom; and censorship, and

Whereas, Leslie Williams worked effectively and collegially with the ACLUVT’s board, staff, and volunteers, and she was called back in 2003 to her old position for an interim appointment, and

Whereas, in 2004, the ACLUVT honored Leslie Williams with its highest recognition, the David Curtis Civil Liberties Award, and

Whereas, on Wednesday, March 27, 2015, Leslie Williams, an amazing woman, died, leaving her children, George, Sarah, JC, and Matthew; their life partners; 11 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Leslie Ann Bingham Williams of Calais, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 174.

House concurrent resolution honoring University of Vermont Dean of Education and Social Services Fayneese S. Miller

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Christie of Hartford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Jerman of Essex, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Lenes of Shelburne, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Manwaring of Wilmington, McCormack of Burlington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, O’Sullivan of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Rachelson of Burlington,

Russell of Rutland City, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, Fayneese Miller is an innovative academic committed to social justice and excellence in teaching, and

Whereas, after graduating from Hampton University and earning a Ph.D. from Texas Christian University, she joined the faculty of Brown University, and

Whereas, during her distinguished 20-year tenure at Brown, Fayneese Miller served as an associate professor of education and human development, led the university's Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, and was Brown's first coordinator and chair of ethnic studies, and

Whereas, in 2005, the University of Vermont (UVM) persuaded her to move north and become the Dean of Education and Social Services, a role that she has performed enthusiastically and with enormous success, and

Whereas, under Dean Fayneese Miller's expert direction, UVM's graduate Education program rose 75 places in the *U.S. News and World Reports'* rankings, becoming one of the top 65 nationally, and

Whereas, despite her many duties, Fayneese Miller has developed a reputation as an outstanding scholar in the field of social psychology with a special focus on the topics of alienation, social identity, and cross-racial friendships, and

Whereas, nationally, Fayneese Miller advised the U.S. Department of Justice on truancy matters and served on an American Academy of Arts and Sciences task force on diversity in higher education, and

Whereas, Fayneese Miller's familiarity with public education in Vermont is far broader than UVM classrooms and faculty discussions, as she chaired the State Board of Education, applying her academic knowledge to the development of policies affecting thousands of Vermont students, and

Whereas, her stellar record of accomplishments has not gone unnoticed outside Vermont, as Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota has hired Fayneese Miller as that school's second female and first African-American president, and

Whereas, although sad to leave UVM, Fayneese Miller is ready to accept this exciting new career challenge, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors University of Vermont Dean of Education and Social Services Fayneese S. Miller and wishes her every success as President of Hamline University, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 175.

House concurrent resolution honoring the American Rail Dispatching Center in St. Albans

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Connor of Fairfield, Corcoran of Bennington, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gamache of Swanton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Murphy of Fairfax, Parent of St. Albans City, Pearce of Richford, and Savage of Swanton

Offered by: Senator Degree

Whereas, the Vermont & Canada Railroad dispatching office began operating in St. Albans in the late 1840s, shortly after railroad and telegraph service were introduced into the State, and

Whereas, in approximately 1870, the Vermont & Canada Railroad became the Central Vermont Railroad and, near the century's conclusion, was renamed the Central Vermont Railway (CV), and

Whereas, through the decades, the St. Albans dispatching center was coordinating trains throughout Vermont and into New York and Quebec, and, at one expansive point in the 1890s, the CV owned about 1,000 miles of railroad track, as the nation's seventh largest railroad, and

Whereas, in 1969, the Canadian National Railway (CN), then the CV's owner, relocated the dispatching operations to Montreal, but they were returned to St. Albans in 1976 where they have remained, and

Whereas, in 1995, the CN sold the CV to Railtext, and the railroad renamed the line New England Central Railroad (NECR), and

Whereas, beginning in the late 1990s, the number of railroads dispatched from St. Albans began to increase, and

Whereas, subsequently, Railtext sold the NECR to RailAmerica, and

Whereas, the new owner's larger portfolio of railroads again increased the St. Albans dispatch center's responsibilities to approximately 25 to 30 railroads across the United States, and

Whereas, approximately three years ago, the NECR was sold to the Genesee & Wyoming Railroad (GWRR), a railroad that prides itself on placing safety as a primary consideration, and the now renamed American Rail Dispatching Center (ARDC) provides a seamless transition capability that motivated the GWRR to increase further the center's dispatching services, and

Whereas, the ARDC has now expanded to 24 full-time dispatchers, 10 crew callers, and four managers, who dispatch nearly 50 railroads, and

Whereas, under GWRR's ownership, the ARDC has not been involved in any injuries or accidents, and

Whereas, these statistics represent a remarkable accomplishment considering that GWRR has assigned around 9,000 miles of track to the ACR's jurisdiction, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the American Rail Dispatching Center in St. Albans, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the American Rail Dispatching Center in St. Albans.

H.C.R. 176.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks Division I championship girls' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Lenex of Shelburne, Webb of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Baruth, Lyons, Sirotkin, Snelling, and Zuckerman

Whereas, as two-time Division I champions (2013–2014), the Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) Redhawks began this season hoping a third consecutive championship was possible, and

Whereas, this season's Redhawks fielded an extremely talented squad that earned the No. 1 seed for playoff competition, and

Whereas, the CVU team was undefeated in the preliminary playoff rounds, resulting in the Redhawks' appearance in the Division I championship game at the University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium against the No. 3-seed Essex Union High School Hornets, and

Whereas, from the opening moment, the Redhawks maintained an exclusive focus on winning the game, as they jumped to an immediate 8–0 lead and emerged triumphant at the final buzzer with a 41–23 victory and won their third consecutive Division I championship, and

Whereas, the Redhawks who continued the CVU girls' amazing basketball saga were Laura Durkee, Sadie Otley, Annabella Pugliese, Amari Boyd, Maeve Higgins, Caitlin Grasso, Laurel Jaunich, Emma Hess, Marlee Gunn, Amanda Daniels, Madison Randall, Lia Gagliuso, and Abby Thut, and

Whereas, coach Ute Otley, assistant coaches Cathy Kohlasch, Katie Kuntz, Dick Carlson, and trainer Tony Lora were each essential for CVU's great season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks Division I championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 177.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Castleton State College Spartans 2015 North Atlantic Conference championship men's lacrosse team

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Bancroft of Westford, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Bissonnette of Winooski, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Tunbridge, Canfield of Fair Haven, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Fagan of Rutland City, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gage of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Johnson of South Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, LaClair of Barre Town, Lewis of Berlin, Marcotte of Coventry, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Parent of St. Albans City, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of New Haven, Sweaney of Windsor, Tate of Mendon, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Viens of Newport City, Webb of Shelburne, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Balint, Campion, Collamore, Doyle, Flory, Mullin, and Rodgers

Whereas, the talented 2015 Castleton State College (CSC) men's lacrosse team took to the playing field prepared for an exciting season of competition, and

Whereas, from the opening victory against Williams College, the 2015 Spartans played a superb series of contests prior to entering the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) playoff tournament, and

Whereas, the Spartans earned a berth in the championship game against the New England College Pilgrims, and

Whereas, CSC, playing before a home school crowd at Spartan Stadium, built a 6–0 lead after the first quarter and continued on to a 13–5 victory; experienced the exhilaration of clinching the 2015 NAC men’s lacrosse championship, its second in three years; and secured a berth in the NCAA post-season tournament, and

Whereas, the exciting 2015 Spartans are Sam Polas, Nicholas Romeo, Alex Denny, Mike Ruggiero, Nick Neugebauer, Drew Wood, Taylor Swarter, Louis Alhage, Ryan Crowningshield, Zach Devoid, Zach Davidson, Sam Siegel, Nikolas Rancourt, Ryan Stone, Andrew Worden, Edward Doton, George Busharis, Joey Gagne, Graeme Pike, Eric Horsfield, Evan Tucker, Alex Noonan, Micky Prozinski, Dillon Robinson, Tucker Stone, Sam Frackleton, Matt Levins, Joshua Gosselin, Henry Moser, Mychael McQuiggan, Issac Devoid, Peter Latulippe, Nich Bruch, and Connor Garand, and

Whereas, head coach Bo McDougal, assistant coach Pete Hamilton, graduate assistant coach Nohea King, and certified athletic trainer Edward Wozniakewicz were great team supporters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Castleton State College Spartans 2015 North Atlantic Championship men’s lacrosse team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Department of Athletics at Castleton State College.

H.C.R. 178.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Castleton State College Spartans 2015 North Atlantic Conference championship women’s lacrosse team

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Bancroft of Westford, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Bissonnette of Winooski, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Tunbridge, Canfield of Fair Haven, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Fagan of Rutland City, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gage of Rutland City, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Johnson of South Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, LaClair of Barre Town, Lewis of Berlin, Marcotte of Coventry, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Parent of St. Albans City, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington,

Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of New Haven, Sweaney of Windsor, Tate of Mendon, Toll of Danville, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Viens of Newport City, Webb of Shelburne, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Balint, Campion, Collamore, Doyle, Flory, Mullin, and Rodgers

Whereas, prior to 2015, the Castleton State College (CSC) Spartans had won three consecutive women's lacrosse North Atlantic Conference (NAC) titles, and they began the 2015 season hoping to continue this special winning streak, and

Whereas, the talented 2015 CSC women's lacrosse team played superbly all season, often winning by an overwhelming scoring margin, and

Whereas, CSC reached the NAC championship game played in 2015 at the friendly confines of its Spartan Stadium, and

Whereas, at only one minute and eight seconds into the contest, the Spartans scored the first point on their way to an overwhelming 16-3 victory over the Thomas College Terriers; a well-deserved fourth consecutive NAC championship; a 15th consecutive 2015 victory; and a berth in the 2015 NCAA women's lacrosse post-season tournament, and

Whereas, the fantastic 2015 Spartans include Meghan Els, Rachel Bombardier, Grace Johnson, Mariah Lesure, Hannah Hobbs, Mikayla Cusson, Brandi Whittemore, Chantel Wilkin, Sabrina Hosner, Ashley Pelkey, Hannah Braman, Emilee Maher, Tiffany Danyow, Nadine Downing, Maria Ploof, Brianna MacKay, Maddy DaCosta, Kate Auer, Chelsea Fisher, Taylor Esperti, and Emily Cross, and

Whereas, the mentorship of head coach Hannah Corkery, graduate assistant coach Caroline McManus, volunteer assistant coach Nicole Adams, and the support of athletic trainer Hannah Goeggleman were all essential for the team's great season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Castleton State College Spartans 2015 North Atlantic Conference championship women's lacrosse team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Department of Athletics at Castleton State College.

H.C.R. 179.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Speaker, Vermont Supreme Court Chief Justice, and U.S. Federal District Judge Franklin Swift Billings Jr.

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Judge Franklin S. Billings Jr. was truly one of the great Vermonters of the 20th century whose conscientious public service left an indelible mark on the State, and

Whereas, the son of Governor Franklin Swift Billings, he was a scion of one of Vermont's most prominent families, and his collaborative approach to legal, political, and governmental challenges won broad respect among his colleagues and the broader Vermont community, and

Whereas, Franklin Billings Jr. graduated from Harvard College and the University of Virginia School of Law, and

Whereas, during World War II he served with the British Eighth Army, was wounded severely at the Battle of Monte Cassino, requiring extensive hospitalization, and was awarded both the British Empire Medal and a U.S. Military Order of the Purple Heart, and

Whereas, while a practicing lawyer in Woodstock from 1948 to 1966, Franklin Billings Jr. served in numerous municipal positions, including as a Woodstock village trustee, selectboard member, moderator, and a zoning and school board member, and

Whereas, his distinguished career in the General Assembly began in 1949 as Assistant Secretary of the Senate, and he later served as Secretary of the Senate, and

Whereas, interspersed among his Senate roles was service as Executive Clerk to Governor Joseph Johnson and as Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs, and

Whereas, in 1960, the voters of Woodstock elected Franklin Billings Jr. as their representative to the General Assembly where he became known as one of the Young Turks who sought to bring a modern approach to legislative deliberations, and

Whereas, his fellow members recognized his enlightened leadership, and in 1963 elected him Speaker of the House and he presided over perhaps the most difficult session in the history of the General Assembly in 1965 when federally mandated reapportionment reduced the chamber from 246 to 150 Representatives, and

Whereas, notwithstanding prior service as a Hartford municipal judge, his full-time judicial career began in 1966 when Democratic Governor Hoff appointed Republican Franklin Billings Jr. to the Superior Court bench, and

Whereas, in 1975, his conscientious work at the trial court led Governor Tom Salmon to appoint Judge Billings an Associate Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court, and in 1983, Governor Richard Snelling elevated Justice Billings to the office of Chief Justice, and

Whereas, Chief Justice Billings presided for one year until President Ronald Regan appointed him to the U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont in 1984 and he served as Chief Judge from 1988 to 1991, and

Whereas, Judge Billings was a leader in many community, philanthropic, and educational organizations, including service as a trustee at the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital and a founding trustee of both the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation and the Vermont Law School, which conferred on him an honorary doctorate of law degree, and

Whereas, this widely admired member of the Bar died at 91 years of age on March 9, 2014, and his survivors include his wife of 62 years, Pauline, his children, Franklin III, Jireh, Elizabeth, and Ann, and eight grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved: That the General Assembly extends its most sincere condolences to the family of former Speaker, Vermont Supreme Court Chief Justice, and U.S. Federal District Judge Franklin Swift Billings Jr., and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Polly Billings and each of their children.

H.C.R. 180.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Youth Safety Council of Vermont on its tenth anniversary and designating June 2015 as Teen Highway Safety Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Baser of Bristol, Botzow of Pownal, Brennan of Colchester, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Dakin of Colchester, Donovan of Burlington, Morris of Bennington, Nuovo of Middlebury, Parent of St. Albans City, Potter of Clarendon, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

Whereas, nationally, on average, more than 34,000 highway deaths occur annually, of which far too many are teens, and

Whereas, in Vermont, teen drivers account for over ten percent of car crashes and eight percent of the highway fatalities, and teens are more than three times as likely to be involved in a fatal crash than drivers 20 years of age or older, and

Whereas, speed, inexperience, and distractions are the leading causes of teen car crashes, with distraction being the primary cause of teen highway fatalities, and the likelihood of a teen fatality is much greater during the first year of driving, and

Whereas, June, the month of high school proms and graduations, is the deadliest month for teen drivers, and

Whereas, the Youth Safety Council of Vermont was established to educate teen drivers on the importance of safe driving, and

Whereas, the Turn Off Texting golf cart is a special project of the Council that for the past four years has demonstrated to thousands of teens the dangers of distracted driving, and

Whereas, the Vermont Highway Safety Alliance is a public-private partnership consisting of over 40 organizations working to support the educational and prevention efforts of the Agency of Transportation's Office of Highway Safety and the Governor's Highway Safety Program, and

Whereas, the Youth Safety Council of Vermont has served as an exemplary partner in the Vermont Highway Safety Alliance, bringing special attention to issues related to teen driving, and

Whereas, although the nationally organized Teen Driver Safety Week occurs in October, the importance of teen drivers merits the attention of an entire month, and June is especially timely for this observance, and

Whereas, the Youth Safety Council of Vermont celebrates its tenth anniversary in 2015, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Youth Safety Council of Vermont on its tenth anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly designates June 2015 as Teen Highway Safety Month, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Youth Safety Council of Vermont in Middlebury.

H.C.R. 181.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Castleton State College Spartans 2015 North Atlantic Conference championship baseball team

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Bancroft of Westford, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Bissonnette of Winooski, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Tunbridge, Canfield of Fair Haven, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City,

Devereux of Mount Holly, Fagan of Rutland City, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gage of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Johnson of South Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, LaClair of Barre Town, Lewis of Berlin, Marcotte of Coventry, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Parent of St. Albans City, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of New Haven, Sweaney of Windsor, Tate of Mendon, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Viens of Newport City, Webb of Shelburne, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Balint, Campion, Collamore, Doyle, Flory, Mullin, and Rodgers

Whereas, the baseball prowess of Castleton State College (CSC) was exhibited in the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) when the Spartans won the 2014 conference championship, and

Whereas, CSC returned to the baseball diamond in 2015 ready to prove again its mastery of America's pastime, and

Whereas, having compiled a winning record of 28–10 prior to the start of the NAC playoffs, it was clear that CSC was again a championship contender, and

Whereas, having won a berth in the decisive game against the Thomas College Terriers, the Spartans scored five quick runs in the first inning as CSC proceeded to emerge triumphant on a 14–2 score, clinching the 2015 NAC championship, and earning a slot in the NCAA baseball tournament, and

Whereas, the 2015 baseball Spartans consisted of Dylan Watts, Zach Dichard, Ryan Wadsworth, Taylor Vile, Zac Harrington, Nick Swim, Collin Curler, Aaron Smith, Michael LaBeau, Jim Buckley, Nate Swahn, Luke Salerno, Josiah Benoit, Matt Ravey, Geoff Brisco, Nathan McCormick, Logan Whelton-Pane, Sam Spencer, Scott Michaels, Ethan Hanson, Dan Errico, Joey Gratton, TJ Fearon, Josh Jennato, Tyler Hoare, Steve Jurkiewicz, Conner Johnson, Chris Jurnak, Devin Hayes, Mike Ferro, Wyatt Prue, Zach Bahan, Tyler Lord, Chris Brownell, Nick Patierne, and Soren Pelz-Walsh, and

Whereas, head coach Ted Shipley, assistant coaches Nick Marsh and Charlie Scuba, graduate assistant coach Corey Goeggelman, and athletic trainer Ali Serrani, were the team's great advisors and supporters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Castleton State College Spartans 2015 North Atlantic Conference championship baseball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Department of Athletics at Castleton State College.

S.C.R. 17.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Michael Stone on his selection as the National Football Foundation Vermont Chapter's 2015 Contribution to Amateur Athletics Award winner.

Whereas, Mike Stone has long associations with Norwich University and varsity football competition in Vermont, and

Whereas, he is a 1981 graduate of Norwich University and remained at the school to earn a master's degree in education in 1982, and

Whereas, from Norwich University, he headed south to Hartford High School to begin a stellar 30-year-plus tenure as a teacher, coach, and athletic administrator, and

Whereas, for 28 seasons, Mike Stone coached the Hartford Hurricanes varsity football team, compiling a record that few coaches in the history of Vermont high school football can match, and

Whereas, on 13 occasions, Coach Stone's Hurricanes appeared in a State championship game, coming home from 10 of those games as State champion, and, during his coaching career, Hartford compiled a 23–8 playoff record, and

Whereas, Coach Stone served as a superb role model for Hartford High School students, investing countless hours instilling in them a system of values and humility that encouraged and has enabled these young persons to contribute constructively to their community and State, and

Whereas, in 2014, Coach Stone returned to Norwich University as the defensive back football coach, opening a new chapter in his professional career, and

Whereas, in his first season on the Norwich coaching staff, the Cadets completed 176 tackles and 14 interceptions and earned a winning 7–4 record that paved the way to an appearance in the ECAC Northeast Bowl, and

Whereas, the National Football Foundation's Vermont Chapter recognized the extraordinary role that Coach Stone has played in amateur athletics in the State, and, on April 27, at a ceremony in Castleton, presented him its 2015 Contribution to Amateur Athletics Award, and

Whereas, Mike Stone and his wife, Gigi, are the parents of Matt, Sean, and Tucker, and the Stone family is active in the Hartford community, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Michael Stone on his selection as the National Football Foundation Vermont Chapter's 2015 Contribution to Amateur Athletics Award winner, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 18.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Union Elementary School on its 75th birthday.

Whereas, according to Perry Merrill's *Montpelier: The Capital City's History: 1780–1976*, the first school in Montpelier was a log house built in 1784, and

Whereas, the direct ancestor of Union Elementary School was the Union District House and Academy, located on School Street and completed in the summer of 1859, and

Whereas, a new elementary school opened on East State Street in 1901, and

Whereas, since 1939, the current Union Elementary School (UES) has stood proudly, at the intersection of School Street and Park Avenue, as Montpelier's gateway to public education, and

Whereas, during the school day, youngsters brimming with anticipation discover the joys of learning, and

Whereas, unlike in earlier decades, kindergarten has evolved into a more structured educational experience featuring personal development, literacy, math, and writing curriculum components, and not merely play-centered activities, and

Whereas, as children progress through grade five, the UES faculty introduces them to increasingly more sophisticated academic challenges, and

Whereas, reading, writing, and arithmetic do not encompass the entire day as UES has innovative art, music, and physical education offerings, including an outdoor winter obstacle course for the youngsters to complete, and

Whereas, the 2014–2015 school year marks UES's 75th birthday, and the highlight of the festivities was the merging of the UES birthday party and annual winter carnival in February 2015, and

Whereas, on February 18, 2015, the school hosted a pizza dinner, and following the meal, an estimated 1,000 persons, including parents, staff, students, teachers, and members of the community carried lanterns, made in Kristine Kane’s art class under the direction of UES’ artist-in-residence Gowri Savor, through the city to the commons on College Street where a giant celebration featuring fireworks took place, and

Whereas, other 75th birthday commemorative events include a museum of clothing and artifacts from the 1930s–1940s and a video entitled “A History of Union Elementary School,” *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Union Elementary School in Montpelier on its 75th birthday, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 19.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Beth Downing on her selection as a Teacher Appreciation Week recipient of a "courage" telephone call from U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

Whereas, in 1984, the National Parent Teacher Association established the first full week in May as Teacher Appreciation Week, and

Whereas, as a commemoration of Teacher Appreciation Week, the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) places courage telephone calls to thank teachers for their contributions to educating the nation’s children, and

Whereas, the initiators of these pleasant and uplifting telephone conversations are usually Department staff members, but special honorees receive a call directly from the U.S. Secretary of Education, and

Whereas, the courage call recipients are selected from a list of nominees, and

Whereas, the criteria for nomination is being a teacher who “has gone above and beyond and might not normally be recognized for his or her work,” and

Whereas, Calais Elementary School music teacher, Steve Owens, nominated his faculty colleague, Beth Downing, a pre-school teacher with 40 years of classroom experience, and

Whereas, Steve Owens described his colleague as a person “who embodies what we want every 3 and 4 year old to have as a teacher,” and

Whereas, his nomination continued, “If every child had a teacher like her in preschool, our nation would be infinitely richer,” and further stated she is amazing, and

Whereas, the Department was so impressed with Beth Downing’s nomination, it was decided U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan would place this special courage call, and

Whereas, Vermont is one of 18 states to which the Department has awarded an Early Living Challenge grant, making Secretary Duncan’s courage call especially timely, and

Whereas, this courage call was an especially memorable event for Beth Downing and Calais Elementary School, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Beth Downing on her selection as a Teacher Appreciation Week recipient of a courage telephone call from U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Beth Downing and to Calais Elementary School.

S.C.R. 20.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Giovanna Peebles on her career as Vermont's first State Archaeologist.

Whereas, *Webster’s II New Collegiate Dictionary* defines archaeology as “the study of past human life and culture by the examination of material remains . . . ,” and

Whereas, in the 1970s, the federal government mandated that every state establish an historic preservation office and hire a state archaeologist, and

Whereas, in 1976, Vermont hired 24-year old Giovanna Peebles as its first State Archaeologist, and

Whereas, Giovanna Peebles academic preparation included two anthropology degrees, a bachelor’s from Cornell University, and a master’s from Idaho State University, and

Whereas, she coordinated all of the State’s archaeology programs, but her passion was “to spread the gospel of archeology . . . to help people understand the importance of history,” and

Whereas, an especially enjoyable role for Giovanna Peebles was teaching young students visiting archaeological sites, and

Whereas, at the start of her tenure, there were approximately 500 identified archaeological sites in Vermont, and through her initiative, the number now exceeds 6,000, and

Whereas, a special personal achievement was the establishment of the Vermont Archaeology Heritage Center now located at the Vermont History Center in Barre, and

Whereas, Giovanna Peebles' career included service as Vermont's Historic Preservation Officer, and

Whereas, Giovanna Peebles took advantage of technological advances, establishing a Vermont Archaeology Month Facebook page and a prototype Internet-based Vermont archaeology museum that is the subject of the doctoral dissertation she is completing at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and

Whereas, in 2014, Giovanna Peebles concluded her 38-year career as Vermont's State Archaeologist, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Giovanna Peebles on her career as Vermont's first State Archaeologist, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 21.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Adamant Cooperative on its 80th anniversary.

Whereas, the Adamant Cooperative, located in the rural unincorporated settlement of Adamant, situated on the Calais–East Montpelier border, has persevered for 80 years despite experiencing challenging financial moments, and

Whereas, it is Vermont's first and possibly one of the nation's oldest cooperatively-owned stores, and, in 2015, the store is a center of local economic activity and civic pride, and

Whereas, the Adamant Cooperative's history is a story that started in the Great Depression, and

Whereas, during the winter of 1934–1935, the Rev. Raymond Ebbett, a Methodist minister serving Adamant, proposed to his congregation that it study the consumer cooperative movement, and

Whereas, following the study, in April 1935, 11 families formed a buyers' club, paying \$5.00 per family (equivalent to \$87.50 in 2015 dollars) to purchase groceries in bulk for delivery to Adamant, and

Whereas, on August 1, 1935, 39 families purchased shares at \$5.00 per share and established the Adamant Cooperative, and

Whereas, money derived from the issuance of shares was used to rent an existing food store building (the cooperative's current home) and purchase its remaining inventory from Minnie Horr, and

Whereas, in 1941, local residents developed bylaws for the Adamant Credit Union, the first in Vermont organized in accordance with newly adopted federal credit union legislation, and credit union membership was opened only to Adamant Cooperative shareholders, and

Whereas, in another venture, in 1945, the Adamant Cooperative purchased the Maple Corner Store as a branch, and the cooperative's ownership continued until 1973, when the cooperative sold the retail branch as a way to overcome severe financial problems, and

Whereas, in the early 1980s, the federal closure of the credit union office in Adamant could have ended Adamant Cooperative, but the relocation of the U.S. Post Office to the cooperative's building revitalized the store, and

Whereas, today, a successful Adamant Cooperative organizes community events including the Black Fly Festival, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Adamant Cooperative on its 80th anniversary, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 22.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Emily Packard on her race car driving accomplishments.

Whereas, at nine years of age, Emily Packard raced in a cadet kart on a track in Barre and discovered her passion for motor car racing, and

Whereas, during the following two seasons, she won cadet kart championships and then felt prepared to drive more advanced racing cars, and

Whereas, in 2011, she won three races driving an Allison Legacy car, and

Whereas, in 2012, though only 15 years of age, Emily Packard was racing the entire season at Vermont's premier road racing track, Thunder Road, and

Whereas, in 2013, her first complete Thunder Road season was impressive in both the Late Model and Street Stock divisions, and at its conclusion, Emily

was invited to compete in the track's season finale activities embodying Thunder Road's reputation as the Nation's Site of Excitement, and

Whereas, in recognition of her 2012 achievements, Vermont Motorsports Magazine named her its Rookie of the Year, as did the Canaan Fair Speedway, and

Whereas, 2014 was a banner season for Emily Packard and included her second-place finish on July 4th in the Coca-Cola Firecracker 100 at Rutland's Devil's Bowl Speedway, and

Whereas, on the following Friday night, July 11, she set two records at the Devil's Bowl when, at 17 years of age, she became the youngest driver to win a NASCAR Whelen All-American Series event in the Late Model Division, and

Whereas, she was also the first woman to win in this motor racing division, and

Whereas, Emily Packard is a senior at U-32 High School in East Montpelier and anticipates an exciting future in motor racing, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Emily Packard on her race car driving accomplishments, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 23.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Karen Lane on her exemplary librarianship as Director of the Aldrich Public Library in Barre.

Whereas, for over a quarter of a century, Karen Lane has served as a dynamic and innovative library executive, whose attention to all aspects of her job has brought first-class public library service to her patrons, and

Whereas, during her tenure, the Aldrich Public Library has evolved technologically, integrating the latest digital advances, and

Whereas, these enhancements have included converting the traditional card catalog to an automated system; adding an e-books circulation service; and, more recently, installing a new fiber connection to the Internet, expediting the speed at which the online world arrives on patrons' computer and mobile device screens, and

Whereas, Karen Lane's perseverance and vision were essential for the success of the 1990s building expansion project that nearly doubled the

library's square footage and made the building accessible for persons with handicaps, and

Whereas, her leadership in this effort included promoting the successful passage of bond issues in Barre City and Barre Town, and

Whereas, librarians are first and foremost reader advocates, and Karen Lane has fulfilled this role enthusiastically as chair of the Authors-at-the-Aldrich annual series and through her support of the Learning for Life Committee's summer author series, and

Whereas, Karen Lane's passion for Barre's history has been demonstrated through her improvement of the library's local history collection, restoration of the Aldrich's historic paintings, and enthusiasm for the reconstruction of Barre's iconic Labor Hall, and

Whereas, in 2014, the Vermont Library Association presented Karen Lane with its Sarah C. Hagar Award for outstanding service and significant contributions to the field of librarianship, and, in June 2015, she is concluding her remarkable career at the Aldrich Public Library, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Karen Lane on her exemplary librarianship as Director of the Aldrich Public Library in Barre, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Karen Lane and the Aldrich Public Library.

S.C.R. 24.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Colonel Thomas L'Esperance on his exemplary career with the Vermont State Police.

Whereas, in 1987, Thomas L'Esperance joined the Vermont State Police as a trooper at the Brattleboro barracks, and

Whereas, he developed specialized experience working at the Southern Vermont Drug Task Force, where he would later serve as a field supervisor, and

Whereas, Thomas L'Esperance's consistent professionalism served as a foundation for his promotion to sergeant and then lieutenant, and

Whereas, upon becoming a captain, Thomas L'Esperance began his direct association with the Vermont State Police's Bureau of Criminal Investigations, initially as its special investigations unit commander, and

Whereas, having again demonstrated his competence and skill in the law enforcement field, Thomas L'Esperance earned admission into the elite group of Vermont State Police officers honored to serve as a major, and

Whereas, the Vermont State Police appointed Major Thomas L'Esperance as Director of the Bureau of Criminal Investigations, a role for which he was eminently qualified, and

Whereas, over the years, Thomas L'Esperance exhibited the knowledge, judgment, and common sense that are the hallmarks of a law enforcement officer who merits his peers' respect, and

Whereas, in the spring of 2009, officials at the Department of Public Safety agreed that Major Thomas L'Esperance was the ideal choice to serve as Colonel and Director of the Vermont State Police, and

Whereas, for the past six years, Colonel Thomas L'Esperance has sought to work cooperatively with local and national law enforcement forces, in order to implement the best possible police protection for Vermonters, and

Whereas, Colonel Thomas L'Esperance has faced inevitable challenges and controversies as Director of the Vermont State Police, but has always striven to reach public policy decisions that he believes are in the State of Vermont's best interest, and

Whereas, in the summer of 2015, after 28 outstanding years as a proud Vermont State Police officer, Colonel Thomas L'Esperance is concluding his tenure on the force, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Colonel Thomas L'Esperance on his exemplary career with the Vermont State Police, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont State Police Director Colonel Thomas L'Esperance.