

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

February 25, 2016

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. 237.

House concurrent resolution honoring Cambridge Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Delinquent Taxes Jane Porter for her outstanding municipal public service

Offered by: Representatives Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Branagan of Georgia, Higley of Lowell, Martin of Wolcott, McCoy of Poultney, Murphy of Fairfax, Patt of Worcester, Scheuermann of Stowe, Smith of Morristown, and Woodward of Johnson

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, the residents of Cambridge consider Jane Porter and town government nearly synonymous, and

Whereas, she performs her duties with enthusiasm, integrity, and an unlimited passion, and

Whereas, she grew up working in her family's store, where her parents, Winona and Murray Noble, instilled in her the importance of giving back to the community, and

Whereas, Jane Noble graduated from the former Cambridge High School, and in 1969 she earned a degree in political science from the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, on January 29, 1974, at 26 years of age, upon the retirement of Lorraine Wells, Jane Noble was elected Cambridge Town Clerk and Treasurer, in an election in which she was unopposed, and

Whereas, 1974 was an historic year in her life, as she married Dave Porter on October 12, and today they are the parents of a daughter, Jennifer, and the grandparents of two grandsons, Dylan and Jackson, and

Whereas, since her initial standing for elected municipal office, Jane Porter has always been reelected to her post without any opposition, evidence that the voters of Cambridge appreciate the high quality of her job performance, and

Whereas, in 1997, Jane Porter volunteered to assume the often contentious job of collector of delinquent taxes, and she has stoically continued performing this office's challenging responsibilities for 19 years, and

Whereas, after 42 years of serving the citizens of Cambridge, professionally and with a friendly demeanor, Jane Porter has decided not to seek reelection on Town Meeting Day 2016, concluding an exemplary municipal government career, worthy of high praise and many thanks from her constituents and the General Assembly, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Cambridge Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector of Delinquent Taxes Jane Porter for her outstanding municipal public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jane Porter in Cambridge.

H.C.R. 248.

House concurrent resolution honoring Wendell Coleman for his local and State public service on behalf of the citizens of Londonderry

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Londonderry

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Wendell Coleman has resided in the town of Londonderry for over six decades, and

Whereas, after graduating from the former Leland & Gray Seminary in Townshend, he earned a bachelor's degree in education at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, public education is a topic of great importance for Wendell Coleman, and he served on the Flood Brook Union School Board for many years, and

Whereas, when the General Assembly enacted 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 153, providing for the voluntary merger of school districts into a new regional educational district (RED), Wendell Coleman chaired the Mountain Town RED Merger Study Committee, and

Whereas, this voluntary endeavor resulted in the formation of the first RED in the State, the Mountain Town RED, of which he is now a member, and

Whereas, for five bienniums (1989–1998), Wendell Coleman represented the town of Londonderry in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, he served a term each on the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources, and three terms, including one as vice chair, on the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy, and

Whereas, closer to home, Wendell Coleman served as the Londonderry Town Agent, performing the office's various fiduciary duties, and

Whereas, most recently, Wendell Coleman has presided at the Londonderry Town Meeting, in his role as the municipality's town moderator, and

Whereas, as an individual who has long served in local and State legislative bodies, he was well acquainted with the process of conducting business in this type of forum, and

Whereas, 2016 will be Wendell Coleman's final year presiding at the Londonderry Town Meeting, as he will soon be moving from the community that has been his home for most of his life, and

Whereas, Wendell Coleman has served the citizens of Londonderry with diligence and distinction, and has left his mark on the town's civic life, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Wendell Coleman for his local and State public service on behalf of the citizens of the town of Londonderry, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 249.

House concurrent resolution honoring Ralph Coleman of Jamaica for his dedicated civic leadership in the town of Jamaica and for the Leland & Gray Union Middle and High School

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Londonderry and Long of Newfane

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, Ralph Coleman's family has resided in the town of Jamaica for over a century and a quarter, and he has a strong interest in his community's well-being, and

Whereas, the town of Jamaica and the Leland & Gray Union Middle and High School (L&GUMHS) Board were extraordinarily fortunate that Ralph Coleman devoted decades to serving in leadership roles, and

Whereas, Ralph Coleman's interest in property-related matters was reflected in his service both on the Jamaica Zoning Board and as a lister, and

Whereas, Ralph Coleman placed great importance on providing youngsters with a solid educational foundation, and he served as a member of the Jamaica Village School Board, and

Whereas, he extended his educational focus to include serving multiple terms on the board of the L&GUMHS, and

Whereas, the expertise Ralph Coleman developed as a board member proved invaluable during his recently concluded role as the L&GUMHS moderator, and

Whereas, he developed a broad knowledge of Jamaica's municipal government as a member of the town's selectboard, and

Whereas, the voters of Jamaica respected and trusted Ralph Coleman's good judgement and sense of fairness, and, in 1978, they elected him to serve as town moderator, and

Whereas, his mastery of *Robert's Rules of Order* and ability to facilitate a meeting that was open to all viewpoints, yet conducted in a dignified and respectful manner, became the hallmark of his service as town moderator, and

Whereas, Ralph Coleman's ideal personality for presiding at both calm and contentious town meetings enabled him to serve in this decisive position for 37 years, and

Whereas, he has concluded his many roles as a conscientious citizen and public servant, and a legislative expression of appreciation is in order, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ralph Coleman of Jamaica for his many years of dedicated civic leadership in the town of Jamaica and for the Leland & Gray Union Middle and High School, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 250.

House concurrent resolution honoring Chief George Lang on his outstanding 42 years of devoted service at the Champion 5 South Londonderry Fire Department

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Londonderry

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, there are two fire departments in Londonderry, Phoenix, serving the central section of the town, and the Champion 5 South Londonderry Fire Department (Champion 5), and

Whereas, in 1974, George Lang began his volunteer career on the Champion 5 force, dedicating his time to mastering all aspects of serving on, and eventually managing, a volunteer fire department, and

Whereas, he proved a dedicated and skilled firefighter, who took great pride in serving his community in this important and essential role, and

Whereas, after George Lang had volunteered at Champion 5 for 16 years, his colleagues decided that his experience and temperament were ideal for him to serve as the fire company's sixth chief, and

Whereas, during the past 26 years, George Lang has been an active chief, always working to keep Champion 5 technologically current, and

Whereas, as chief, he served on four truck committees and secured over \$300,000.00 in funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the State of Vermont, and local nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, George Lang has decided that it is time to pass on the chief's portfolio to another firefighter, and

Whereas, although George Lang will assume the title of retired chief, he does not plan to conclude his firefighting career and has been quoted as saying that "as long as you guys let me in the door," he will continue to answer the fire alarm's call to service, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Champion 5 South Londonderry Fire Department Chief George Lang on his outstanding 42 years of devoted service, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 251.

House concurrent resolution honoring Marvin Locke for his exemplary civic service in Lamoille County

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Wolcott, Higley of Lowell, and Woodward of Johnson

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, Marvin Locke graduated from the former Lamoille Central Academy and is a U.S. Army veteran, and

Whereas, as a young man, he served on the Eden selectboard, and

Whereas, in 1970, he purchased a dairy farm in North Hyde Park that he owned until 1998, but farming never deterred his civic involvement, and

Whereas, in 1971, Marvin Locke joined the North Hyde Park Volunteer Fire Department, remaining on the force for 36 years, and

Whereas, his willingness to respond to departmental calls, mastery of firefighting skills, and demonstrated leadership potential were all factors in his 1976 election as the North Hyde Park Fire Chief, and

Whereas, during his tenure as chief, Marvin Locke excelled at fundraising for constructing the department's current headquarters; purchasing equipment, including vehicles; and securing training services for his colleagues, and

Whereas, Marvin Locke convinced the Eden Fire Department that merging would improve area firefighting efficiencies, and he also established a junior firefighting program, and

Whereas, recognizing the need for improved regional interdepartmental coordination, he became a founder of the Lamoille County Mutual Aid Association, and

Whereas, Marvin Locke raised the North Hyde Park–Eden Fire Department to modern operational standards, and

Whereas, since 1999, Marvin Locke has served as a water commissioner for Hyde Park Fire District #1 and was active in the recent water system upgrade to introduce fire hydrants for rural fire protection, and

Whereas, for 30 years, until retiring at the end of 2015, Marvin Locke was the Town of Hyde Park Delinquent Tax Collector, and

Whereas, the Town of Eden dedicated its town report in his honor in 2006, and the Town of Hyde Park bestowed a similar recognition in 2008, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Marvin Locke for his exemplary civic service in Lamoille County, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 252.

House concurrent resolution honoring Elise McKenna for her outstanding work on the Blueprint for Health in the Lamoille County Health Service Area

Offered by: Representatives Smith of Morristown, Higley of Lowell, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Martin of Wolcott, Patt of Worcester, Scheuermann of Stowe, and Woodward of Johnson

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, the Blueprint for Health is Vermont's State initiative created to develop sustainable health care delivery reform, and

Whereas, the Blueprint has worked with stakeholders in each of Vermont's Health Service Areas (HSAs) to implement a new health services model, and

Whereas, Elise McKenna has served as the project manager for the Blueprint for Health grantee for the Lamoille County Health Service Area (LCHSA), Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley, and

Whereas, she has led a collaborative process with the LCHSA Care Coordinators Corey Perpall, Kate Myerson, Gloria Tuthill, Jean Audet, Shannon Chauvin, Rorie Dunphey, Kori Day, Jillian Monack, Oana Louviere, Jennifer Tuttle, and Karen Field and with the LCHSA's community health teams, and

Whereas, her great leadership effort resulted in the LCHSA becoming one of the first HSAs in the State to have 100 percent of its health care practices merged into an integrated patient-centered medical home, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Elise McKenna for her outstanding work on the Blueprint for Health that is intended to improve the access to, quality of, and cost of health care in the Lamoille Health Care Service Area, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley President and Chief Executive Officer Kevin Kelley.

H.C.R. 253.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Donald G. Milne of Washington, the respected former Clerk of the House

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, former House Clerk Don Milne sat as the member from Washington during the historic first post-reapportionment legislative session of 1966, and

Whereas, preceding his term as a legislator, Don Milne served as Second Assistant Clerk of the House and then experienced life in the other body as Assistant Secretary of the Senate, before “returning home” as First Assistant Clerk of the House, and

Whereas, his vast knowledge of legislative process, especially as practiced in Vermont, made Don Milne an ideal candidate to be elected as Clerk of the House, and

Whereas, for eleven and one-half biennia, beginning in January 1993 and under five Speakers, parliamentary order in the Vermont House of Representatives benefited from his wise advice, and

Whereas, from the moment he first took the Clerk’s oath of office and until his retirement on September 30, 2015, Don Milne was an unfailingly fair and nonpartisan parliamentarian, who never allowed his personal opinion on an issue, nor a Speaker’s partisan affiliation, to affect his procedural guidance, and

Whereas, Don Milne’s familiar, though neither melodious nor theatrical, voice was heard on many roll call votes and bill first readings, and

Whereas, whenever a parliamentary inquiry or point of order was raised, all concerned—and at times that proved to be a rather large crowd—would huddle around the Clerk’s desk, waiting attentively to hear Don Milne’s perspective, and

Whereas, in his role as a member of the editorial committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures’ *Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure*, he worked on behalf of all state legislators, and

Whereas, this extraordinary parliamentarian and loving husband, father, and grandfather, died on January 24, 2016, and he will be remembered as an exemplary public servant, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly remembers with much affection former Clerk of the House Don Milne and extends its sincere condolences to his family, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Don Milne’s family.

H.C.R. 254.

House concurrent resolution commending municipalities providing water fluoridation

Offered by: Representative Fagan of Rutland City

Whereas, for 70 years, fluoridation of a municipality's water source, using the naturally occurring mineral fluoride, has been a safe and cost-effective, community-based method of limiting cavities and other oral health diseases, and

Whereas, the American Dental Association and the U.S. Surgeon General, who in December 2015 issued a 70th anniversary commemorative statement on the occasion of fluoride's original introduction in Grand Rapids, Michigan, support the use of fluoride in local drinking water systems, and

Whereas, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recognized water fluoridation as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century, and

Whereas, according to the CDC, children and adults living in communities that use fluoride in the local water system have approximately 25 percent less tooth decay than in communities that do not use fluoride, and

Whereas, the CDC also reports that every dollar spent on fluoridation saves about \$38.00 in dental treatment costs, and

Whereas, preventing oral health diseases helps to reduce rates of other costly and debilitating diseases, including diabetes and heart disease, and

Whereas, fluoride is a proven, low-cost way to improve public health and help reduce health care costs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends municipalities providing water fluoridation, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the City of Rutland and to the Vermont Dental Society.

H.C.R. 255.

House concurrent resolution honoring AJ Piper for his conscientious leadership and community-centered service on the Weybridge Selectboard

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, AJ Piper has developed a knowledge and familiarity with local government in the town of Weybridge that few persons could replicate, and

Whereas, for 23 years, he has diligently served on the municipality's selectboard, confronting a range of issues that were, at times, challenging and atypical, and

Whereas, AJ Piper has been an ardent supporter of proper maintenance of the town's road system and associated equipment, not infrequently a contentious topic, but a policy that possibly has reduced long-term municipal highway expenditures, and

Whereas, during his tenure on the Weybridge Selectboard, three major road construction projects were completed, including Field Days Road, James Road, and Gooseneck Bend, and

Whereas, AJ Piper's leadership finesse contributed to the calm and successful addressing of historic and unanticipated events in Weybridge that posed potentially devastating outcomes, and

Whereas, the contamination of wells along Quaker Village Road resulted in the building of a salt and recycling shed to alleviate this health-threatening situation, and

Whereas, a dangerous occurrence of a different kind, but equally important for the citizens of Weybridge, was the town's clerk-treasurer embezzling municipal funds, and

Whereas, AJ Piper's wise advice and calm response were critical to the town's seeing this financial problem through to a satisfactory conclusion, and

Whereas, the amiable relationships between the town's fire department, school board, and other municipal organizations and committees are due, in large measure, to AJ Piper's collaborative working style that focuses on the community's best interests, and

Whereas, Town Meeting Day 2016 will mark the conclusion of his long and productive service on the Weybridge Selectboard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors AJ Piper for his conscientious leadership and community-centered service on the Weybridge Selectboard, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 256.

House concurrent resolution honoring Steve Huestis for his outstanding civic service in the town of Bridport

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, the citizens of Bridport have long recognized the constructive role that Steve Huestis has played in the smooth functioning of town government, and

Whereas, he has resided in Bridport throughout his life and has a deep appreciation for his community's well-being, and

Whereas, his friendly personality, combined with an energetic application of his skills, have benefited the town of Bridport in many ways, and

Whereas, Bridport entrusted Steve Huestis with the important and sensitive duties of town service officer, which required him to serve his community when emergencies arose, and

Whereas, Steve Huestis became acquainted with Bridport's property tax structure during his years sitting on the board of adjustment, and

Whereas, when serving as a justice of the peace, Steve Huestis assisted in the administration of elections and assisted with other community duties, and

Whereas, his knowledge of Bridport made Steve Huestis an ideal town representative to the Addison County Solid Waste District, and

Whereas, Steve Huestis is best known for his dedicated 21-year tenure on the Bridport Selectboard, and

Whereas, his colleagues had faith in his leadership skills, and he chaired the selectboard for many years, and

Whereas, Steve Huestis was a selectboard member willing to tackle any problem that might arise and always eager to lead a project that would benefit the town of Bridport, and

Whereas, although no longer serving in town government, Steve Huestis has remained active in Bridport as a member of the St. Bernadette's Parish

Council, enjoying the time he devotes to his grandchildren, and visiting the golf links on a regular basis, and

Whereas, in recognition of his long and faithful community service and leadership, the town of Bridport has dedicated its 2015 annual report in his honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Steve Huestis for his outstanding civic service in the town of Bridport, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 257.

House concurrent resolution honoring Warren Whitcomb, in recognition of his exemplary municipal civic leadership in the town of New Haven

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, Warren Whitcomb has been an integral member of the New Haven community for many decades, and

Whereas, in 1959, he purchased a farm, and, over the years, raised 10 children, and

Whereas, he was an avid collector of Native American artifacts, presented talks to school children about his collection, and, eventually, donated it to New Haven's Beeman Elementary School Library, and

Whereas, another hobby of Warren Whitcomb's is woodworking, especially building reproductions of early American furniture and other smaller period items, and

Whereas, while Warren Whitcomb's family, farm, and hobbies occupied much of his daily life, he still found the time to serve his community in many important ways, and

Whereas, one of his first forays into local civic leadership was participating in the 1968 establishment of the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department, and, as the department's treasurer, he assisted in securing the department's federal 501(c)(3) tax status, and

Whereas, his service as a lister extended from 1968 to 1971, simultaneous with the State's introduction of a uniform lister card appraisal system, and

Whereas, Warren Whitcomb then assumed the all-encompassing municipal governance role of selectboard member, for a tenure beginning in 1971 and continuing until 1976, and

Whereas, in 1975, he added the special and historic duty of membership on New Haven's Bicentennial Committee, and

Whereas, the writing of New Haven's original town plan was an important responsibility during his planning commission service, starting in 1975 and concluding in 1983, and

Whereas, New Haven is honoring Warren Whitcomb with a dedication in the 2015 town report, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Warren Whitcomb, in recognition of his exemplary municipal civic leadership in the town of New Haven, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 258.

House concurrent resolution honoring Earl Bessette for his community engagement and civic service in the town of New Haven

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, when Earl Bessette was only a toddler, his father purchased the Elgin Spring Farm in New Haven, and his parents relocated to this Addison County town, and

Whereas, the purchase has proven enduring as the Bessette family's ownership of the farm has continued into a fourth generation, and

Whereas, Earl Bessette raised seven children on the farm, and

Whereas, he became knowledgeable about the town's history, especially with respect to its earlier farmers, and

Whereas, another historical interest of his is local Native American history, and he donated his impressive artifact collection to the town, and

Whereas, storytelling is a special passion for Earl Bessette, and his stories can focus on historical or contemporary people or places, and

Whereas, annually, he publishes a collection of stories, both his own and favorites that others have told, and

Whereas, as a young man, Earl Bessette was an avid trapper, and he sold the hides of the beaver, mink, and muskrat that he trapped, and

Whereas, despite his already busy life, Earl Bessette recognized the importance of serving his community, and

Whereas, he began his continuing tenures as a fence viewer in 1972 and as a grand juror in 1994, and

Whereas, in the 1970s, Earl Bessette was a member of the New Haven Revenue Sharing Committee, and

Whereas, for over 20 years (1976–1999), he performed the electoral administration, tax appeal determination, and other required duties of a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, Earl Bessette’s broad knowledge of life in New Haven was appreciated during his five years of service (1990–1995) on the town’s selectboard, and

Whereas, in recognition of his service to the community in so many ways, Earl Bessette is being honored with a 2015 New Haven Town Report dedication, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Earl Bessette for his community engagement and civic service in the town of New Haven, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 259.

House concurrent resolution honoring Rockingham Selectboard Chair Thomas H. MacPhee on his exemplary civic leadership

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, citizens who serve on municipal legislative bodies dedicate countless hours to making their communities the best possible places to live, and

Whereas, municipal legislators, be they city councilors, aldermen, selectboard members, or village trustees, must acquire familiarity, if not

expertise, on a broad range of topics ranging from election administration to highway maintenance, and,

Whereas, one of a municipal legislative body's most important functions is to oversee the preparation of the locality's annual budget for presentation to the voters on Town Meeting Day, and

Whereas, the chair of a municipal legislative body must oversee preparation of the agenda and coordinate the relationship with full-time municipal officials, and

Whereas, a municipal legislator and chair deserving special recognition is Rockingham Selectboard Chair Tom MacPhee, and

Whereas, Tom MacPhee first won election to the Rockingham Selectboard in 2005, and

Whereas, he quickly mastered the intricacies of town government and the complexities of parliamentary procedure, and

Whereas, his selectboard colleagues were duly impressed, and, in 2006, Tom MacPhee was selected to serve as chair, a role he has performed adroitly and fairly for the past decade, and

Whereas, after 11 years of outstanding work on behalf of the Rockingham citizenry, 10 as selectboard chair, Tom MacPhee will be banging the gavel for the last time, as he concludes his representational and leadership roles on the Rockingham Selectboard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Rockingham Selectboard Chair Thomas H. MacPhee on his exemplary civic leadership, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 260.

House concurrent resolution congratulating John McClaughry on his half century of public service as Kirby Town Moderator

Offered by: Representatives Quimby of Concord, Turner of Milton, Bancroft of Westford, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonette of Winooski, Canfield of Fair Haven, Feltus of Lyndon, Fiske of Enosburgh, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Lawrence of Lyndon, Martel of Waterford, McCoy of Poultney, Myers of Essex, Shaw of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Toll of

Danville, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

Offered by: Senators Benning, Doyle, Kitchel, and Starr

Whereas, John McClaughry is a Midwesterner by birth and a proud resident of the Caledonia County town Kirby by choice, and

Whereas, although he graduated from Miami University of Ohio as a physics and mathematics major and earned a master's degree in nuclear engineering from Columbia University, John McClaughry soon realized that politics, as both an observer and practitioner, was his life's true calling, and

Whereas, he proceeded to earn a master's degree in political science from the University of California at Berkeley, and

Whereas, even as he was completing his second graduate degree, John McClaughry had his eyes and heart on the town of Kirby, purchasing the land on which he built his first cabin, and

Whereas, although John McClaughry has served on President Reagan's staff and as a military officer, represented his neighbors in both houses of the General Assembly, and worked as a writer, editor, and political commentator, he is always happiest being at his Kirby home in the woods, and

Whereas, while attending only his second Kirby Town Meeting, the voters decided that this newcomer in their midst was an ideal candidate to serve as town moderator, and

Whereas, the surprised John McClaughry accepted their nomination, hardly expecting to be still holding in this important municipal office 50 years later, and

Whereas, although he has playfully described his political perspective as that of "an old Whig, small 'r' Republican, Locofoco, Western progressive, Country Party, decentralist, Distributist, Jeffersonian, Reaganite," when wielding the gavel at the Kirby Town Meeting, John McClaughry assumes the presiding officer's traditional role of neutrality on the substance of the deliberations, and

Whereas, in 2016, John McClaughry will be admitted into the esteemed circle of Vermonters who have served as a town moderator for 50 years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates its former colleague John McClaughry on his half century of public service as Kirby Town Moderator, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 261.

House concurrent resolution designating February as Career and Technical Education Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Keenan of St. Albans City, Parent of St. Albans Town, Murphy of Fairfax, Branagan of Georgia, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Connor of Fairfield, Dakin of Chester, Emmons of Springfield, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gamache of Swanton, Lawrence of Lyndon, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Savage of Swanton, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Derby, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, Turner of Milton, Viens of Newport City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Degree and Zuckerman

Whereas, career and technical education offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical, and employability skills necessary for true career readiness, and

Whereas, students in career and technical education programs participate in authentic and meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education and increase their engagement and achievement, and

Whereas, career and technical education programs enable students to explore future options earlier in their academic experience, and to tailor their coursework accordingly, and

Whereas, leaders from business and industry nationwide report that increasing challenges related to the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with careers in the critical and growing career and technical education related fields is important, and

Whereas, career and technical education prepares students for these and other fulfilling careers by offering integrated programs of study that link secondary and postsecondary education to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials, and

Whereas, ensuring that employers have access to a qualified workforce is a crucial step in promoting Vermont's economic growth and competitiveness, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February as Career and Technical Education Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Education and the Northwest Technical Center.

S.C.R. 37.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating innkeepers Brian and Leslie Mulcahy on their outstanding record of accomplishment at the Rabbit Hill Inn in Lower Waterford.

Whereas, in 1795, Samuel Hodby realized that Lower Waterford village was situated at the midpoint of the major trade routes extending from Montreal, Quebec to both Portland, Maine and Boston, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, being a clever entrepreneur, he opened the Samuel Hodby Tavern, a general store where overnight hospitality was also offered, and

Whereas, in 1825, Jonathan Cummings built a home and shop next door, and

Whereas, in 1834, Fred Cross and O.G. Hale purchased both facilities, and the merged properties welcomed overnight guests until 1912, and the buildings resumed their historic hospitality role in 1957, and

Whereas, in 1994, Brian and Leslie Mulcahy became the assistant innkeepers and, in 1997, the owners of the property now known as the Rabbit Hill Inn, and

Whereas, under their stellar ownership, this bed and breakfast (B&B) has become a charming 19-room vacation destination, located on a beautiful northern Vermont site, and offering guests delicious food and other great amenities, and

Whereas, the accolades that the Rabbit Hill Inn has won under the Mulcahy's stewardship are numerous, including *Boston Magazine's* Best Winter Escapes and Five Best Love Shacks for Romantics and ForbesTraveler.com's Ten Most Romantic B&Bs in the Country, and

Whereas, most recently, on January 22, 2016, for the second consecutive year, BedandBreakfast.com, a respected website for finding B&B accommodations worldwide, named Rabbit Hill Inn as one of the Top 10 U.S. B&Bs, truly an impressive award, and

Whereas, for 12 years, Rabbit Hill Inn has hosted the Davies Memorial Library's largest fundraiser, the Après Foliage Fest, taking responsibility for all of the elements associated with this major community event, and

Whereas, the Rabbit Hill Inn is an admired leader in the hospitality industry and exemplary corporate citizen, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates innkeepers Brian and Leslie Mulcahy on their outstanding record of accomplishment at the Rabbit Hill Inn in Lower Waterford, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Rabbit Hill Inn in Lower Waterford.

S.C.R. 38.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Sharyn Brush for her outstanding public service in the town of Bennington.

Whereas, Sharyn Brush has resided in the town of Bennington for four decades and for many years has served in both appointed and elected positions in municipal government, and

Whereas, her public service career began when she assumed the role of town health officer, in which she was responsible for monitoring any health-related emergencies, such as a rabies outbreak, and

Whereas, her next town assignment was serving on the Bennington Zoning Board, where she remained for approximately a decade, including service as its chair, and

Whereas, in 1997, with these important experiences in her background, Sharyn Brush sought a new challenge when she stood successfully for election to the Bennington Selectboard, and

Whereas, the voters approved of her job performance, as she has served on the Selectboard without interruption for the past 19 years, and

Whereas, Sharyn Brush's colleagues respected her proven leadership skills and selected her to serve as their chair, and

Whereas, during her long tenure, Sharyn Brush and her compatriots on the Selectboard have confronted contentious issues, including the zoning classification at the Johnson Controls site, the extent of lighting at the Bennington Battle Monument, and the State's construction of the Vermont Route 279 connectors, and

Whereas, having retired from the banking industry, Sharyn Brush has decided it is time to conclude her years on the Selectboard, but she will remain a trustee of Applegate Housing Inc. and of the Green Mountain Community Network, the manager of the local bus system, and

Whereas, Sharyn Brush exemplifies a civic leader who has worked hard to make her local government and nonprofits responsive to the needs of the community, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Sharyn Brush for her outstanding public service in the town of Bennington, *and be it further*

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