

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

March 24, 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. 287.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Proctor High School Phantoms Division IV boys' basketball championship team

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

Whereas, the 2015–2016 Proctor boys' basketball team continued last season's strong performance on the hardwood floor, reflecting a squad that won the 2015 Division IV championship, and

Whereas, the Phantoms concluded regular season play in fine form and were ranked as the second-seeded team for the Division IV playoff competition, and

Whereas, in the postseason games, Proctor performed superbly, winning a place in the Division IV championship contest against the top-ranked Twinfield Trojans, and

Whereas, at the Barre Auditorium, the two schools' fans witnessed a close contest that the Phantoms won narrowly, 32–30, after having trailed 29–28 with less than a minute to play, and

Whereas, the Phantoms who persevered to bring a second consecutive boys' basketball championship to Proctor included Curtis Tomlinson, Kyle Miles, Braedon Fox, Nick Swane, Logan Landon, Gannon McKearin, Nick Ojala, Andre Greb, Joe Parker, and Derek Almond, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jake Eaton and Assistant Coach Rick Eaton guided the team expertly, and team manager Greg Roth provided valuable support all season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Proctor High School Phantoms Division IV boys' basketball championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 288.

House concurrent resolution honoring the federal TRIO programs in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Jerman of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Branagan of Georgia, Briglin of Thetford, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Clarkson of Woodstock, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Chester, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Fiske of Enosburgh, Forguites of Springfield, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Jewett of Ripton, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lenes of Shelburne, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Martel of Waterford, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, Parent of St. Albans Town, Patt of Worcester, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Quimby of Concord, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wood of Waterbury, Woodward of Johnson, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, promoting the academic success of students who come from families with minimal economic resources and who aspire to be the first member of their family to attend college is the laudable goal of the federal TRIO programs, and, in Vermont, these important academic preparatory programs serve students through the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation and, separately, at seven colleges: Castleton University, Community College of Vermont, Johnson State College, Lyndon State College, Southern Vermont College, the University of Vermont, and Vermont Technical College, and

Whereas, Upward Bound, the original federally financed college incentive program for disadvantaged students, was established in 1964 under the auspices of the federal Office of Economic Opportunity, and it helps secondary school students prepare for college, and

Whereas, the Talent Search program, initially authorized in the Higher Education Act of 1965, assists students early in the college admissions and financial aid process, and

Whereas, the federal Education Amendments of 1968 added the Student Support Services program that was originally known as Special Services for Disadvantaged Students, and, in the late 1960s, the term TRIO was coined to describe these three programs, and

Whereas, over the years, TRIO, through additional federal legislation or U.S. Department of Education administrative action, has been expanded to encompass a total of eight student support programs, including a veterans-specific Upward Bound program, and

Whereas, in a major change, in 2001, the Student Support Services program began offering direct grants to certain students who were already the recipients of federal financial support from the Pell Grant program, and

Whereas, students and administrators representing the federal TRIO programs in Vermont are visiting the State House today, Wednesday, March 16, 2016, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to honor the outstanding work of the federal TRIO programs in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the TRIO programs at colleges and universities in Vermont and to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation.

H.C.R. 289.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Enosburg High School Hornets Division III girls' basketball championship team

Offered by: Representatives Fiske of Enosburgh, Pearce of Richford, Beyor of Highgate, Branagan of Georgia, Connor of Fairfield, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gamache of Swanton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Murphy of Fairfax, Parent of St. Albans Town, Savage of Swanton, and Turner of Milton

Offered by: Senator Degree

Whereas, the 2015–2016 Enosburg High School girls' basketball team merited the top seed for post-season play, a clear indication this Franklin County squad was a potential divisional champion, and

Whereas, this assumption proved true, as the Hornets played their way into the Division III final in Barre, where, to no one's surprise, their opponent was the second-seeded team from Thetford Academy, and

Whereas, the Hornets were athletically and mentally prepared to take on the challenge of a Thetford team that included four players making a second consecutive championship game appearance, and

Whereas, the game's exciting first half concluded with Enosburg holding a slim 23–22 lead, but the Hornets' offensive prowess was unleashed in the second half, and Enosburg earned a 52–37 victory and the 2016 Division III title, and

Whereas, the Hornets' (21–3) victorious season was the result of team members Phelan Howell, Brooke St. Onge, Lilly Ashton, Cassie Collins, Emmah Ovitt, Mariah Archambault, Kalie Chamberlain, Cheyanne Gagne, Kyla Perry, Randi Barry, Emilee Bose, Jenna Bessette, and Brianna Severence, and

Whereas, Head Coach Gary Geddes and Assistant Coaches Dean Wright, Maria Gleason, and Chad Lovelette brought their wise advice to the Hornets, and student manager Allison Machia always offered great assistance, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Enosburg High School Hornets Division III championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 290.

House concurrent resolution designating April 2016 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Lucke of Hartford, Morrissey of Bennington, Savage of Swanton, Stevens of Waterbury, Tate of Mendon, and Walz of Barre City

Whereas, in the State of Vermont, where there are no military bases to connect the children of military personnel, these youngsters can be invisible to coaches, teachers, and the community, and

Whereas, military personnel are relocated frequently, and moving can result in both academic and social challenges for their children, and

Whereas, regardless of their grade, military children entering a new school system must adjust to different and, possibly, incompatible curriculums; become acquainted with new surroundings; and form new friendships, and

Whereas, in 2011 Acts and Resolves No .43, the General Assembly adopted the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children that addresses the academic aspects of military children's frequent relocations, and

Whereas, the Vermont National Guard has implemented and promotes the Vermont National Guard (VTNG) Child and Youth Program in accordance with guidance from the National Guard Bureau, and

Whereas, the VTNG Child and Youth Program assists Vermont's military youth in adjusting to situations other children do not experience, and

Whereas, for 2015, the VTNG Child and Youth program reported 755 programming hours were provided, including day and overnight camping opportunities, that reached 689 Army and Air National Guard children, and

Whereas, the VTNG Child and Youth Program also educates the broader civilian community on the effect of parental deployments for military children, and

Whereas, military parents whose children participate in VTNG Child and Youth program have responded favorably to the program's impact on their children's lives, and

Whereas, nationally, April marks the nation's "Month of the Military Child," a time to honor those youth military deployment has affected, and

Whereas, today, April 5, 2016, Vermont Army and Air National Guard families, along with staff from the VTNG Child and Youth Program, are visiting the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 2016 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont National Guard Child and Youth Program.

H.C.R. 291.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Lyndon Institute Vikings Division II championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon and Feltus of Lyndon

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, the second-seeded Lyndon Institute Vikings tipped off against the fifth-seeded Woodstock Wasps for the Division II boys' basketball championship at Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, although offensively strong, Lyndon placed strong emphasis on a man-to-man defense as its best winning strategy, and

Whereas, this proved a wise move as the Vikings dominated most of the game, and

Whereas, although the Vikings had a narrow one-point margin early in the second quarter, they developed a 26–16 halftime advantage and continued strongly thereafter, winning the game 56–37, capturing their second Division II title in three years, and holding the Wasps to below the 40 point mark for the first time this season, and

Whereas, the 18–6 Vikings, who played with great team spirit, included Nikola Veljic, Kurtis Raymond, Justin Joyal, J.J. Mesics, Sheldon Sanborn, Brandon Brunell, Connor Whitehead, Jacky Lau, Logan Larose, Luka Grubic, and Collin Deluca, and

Whereas, Head Coach Phil Joyal and assistant coaches Patrick Rainville and Travis Courser were ideal mentors, and team managers Axerre Ntabana, Levi Gardner, and Lindsey Joyal provided timely assistance, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Lyndon Institute Vikings Division II championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 292.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Lyndon Institute Vikings Division II boys' indoor track and field championship team

Offered by: Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon and Feltus of Lyndon

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, indoor track and field features runners maximizing their speed at distances ranging from 55 meters to 3,200 meters, surmounting hurdles placed along a 55-meter course, and as members of four-person relay teams, and

Whereas, different athletic strengths are challenged in the high, long, and triple jumps; the pole vault; shot put; and weight throw, and

Whereas, at the 2016 indoor track and field championship held at Norwich University, the Lyndon Institute Vikings dominated the boys' Division II competition, earning 130 points, nearly double that of second-place Oxbow's 67 points, and winning Lyndon's first track title since 2002, and

Whereas, the Viking boys, who placed the team's success above their individual accomplishments, were John Abbott, Rory Bean, John Burrows, Travis Ferguson, Zachary Legge, Ricardo McPhee, Brian Ntabana, and Ashton Rodriguez, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jack Harris and Assistant Coach Kevin Hickey were great supporters of the boys' efforts, and everyone associated with the team appreciated the support of manager Capri Colby, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Lyndon Institute Vikings Division II boys' indoor track and field championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 293.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the founding of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Norwich University on its centennial anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, and Lewis of Berlin

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) enables higher education institutions, in addition to the U.S. Armed Forces' own academies, to educate our nation's future military officers, and

Whereas, the concept of ROTC dates to the Morrill Act of 1862 that established land-grant colleges at which military tactics were to be taught, and

Whereas, it was not until shortly prior to World War I and Congress's passage of the National Defense Act of 1916 that ROTC was established, and

Whereas, the first ROTC unit was formed in 1916 at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont, and

Whereas, during the past century, ROTC has evolved into an essential program for training future U.S. military officers, and

Whereas, in 2016, there are U.S. Air Force, Army, and Navy ROTC programs, and

Whereas, ROTC is offered at six private or state senior military colleges, including Norwich University, the Citadel, Texas A&M University, the University of North Georgia, Virginia Military Institute, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; at many civilian colleges; and at junior military colleges, some participating in ROTC's early commissioning program, and

Whereas, in celebration of ROTC's centennial anniversary, Norwich University is conducting special events on April 21–23, 2016, including a keynote address that U.S. Army Chief of Staff General Mark Milley will deliver at Kreitzberg Arena; a second keynote address that Lieutenant General H.R. McMaster, the deputy director at the Army Capabilities Integration Center, will deliver; a panel discussion on "Preparing for the Next Century of ROTC," featuring National Public Radio's Pentagon reporter Tom Bowman moderating, and including military and business leaders as participants; a ceremony at the State House; and several other commemorative activities, including a worldwide synchronized 5k fun run, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the founding of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Norwich University on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Norwich University President Richard Schneider.

H.C.R. 294.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Windsor High School Yellow Jackets State championship bowling team

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor and Bartholomew of Hartland

Whereas, unlike in most sports, Vermont high schools compete in bowling with coed teams, bringing an unusual dynamic to the competition, and

Whereas, during the 2015–2016 season, the Windsor Yellow Jackets had bowled straight down the lane with pinpoint accuracy, earning the top seed heading into the championship tournament held in Barre, and

Whereas, the tournament featured a series of elimination rounds culminating in a championship match using the Baker format that designates the team earning a best-of-seven-game score as the winner, and

Whereas, the two championship match competitors, Windsor and South Burlington, were worthy opponents, but the Yellow Jackets proved to be the

better of the two, winning the match on a 4–2 score and Windsor’s second State bowling championship in the past three years, and

Whereas, the talented Windsor bowlers were Devon Campney, Katey Comstock, Casey Husband, Brandyn Lebaron, Tatyana Malikowski, Troy McCabe, Tristan McMullen, Elizabeth Moses, Samantha Poland, and Carlos Tamez, and

Whereas, coaches Steve Bly and Rusty Comstock inspired the Yellow Jacket bowlers throughout the season and on to the championship victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Windsor High School Yellow Jackets State championship bowling team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 295.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice on its 60th anniversary

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

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) was established in 1946, and

Whereas, RAVNAH’s mission is “to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services,” and

Whereas, RAVNAH provides its patients compassionate, professional nursing care in familiar and comfortable surroundings, and

Whereas, within the scope of this mission, RAVNAH has established accountability, excellence, helpfulness, honesty, leadership, and teamwork as core values, and

Whereas, the patients RAVNAH serves range from infants to persons who are the recipients of end-of-life hospice care, and

Whereas, RAVNAH offers nursing, home health aides, social workers, long-distance health monitoring, and long-term care, and

Whereas, RAVNAH's use of the latest state-of-the-art home health care technologies enables its patients to reduce their need for hospitalization, and

Whereas, as part of the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, RAVNAH contributes to the delivery of vital home health care services throughout southwestern Vermont, and

Whereas, 2016 marks RAVNAH's 60th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice on its 60th anniversary and commends the organization for its continuing dedication to providing vital home health care to Vermonters, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice.

H.C.R. 296.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Hazen Union High School Wildcats Division III championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Troiano of Stannard, Martin of Wolcott, Patt of Worcester, Strong of Albany, Woodward of Johnson, and Young of Glover

Whereas, the fourth-seeded Hazen Union High School Wildcats boys' basketball team was matched in the Division III championship game in Barre against the defending four-time champions and third-seeded Williamstown Blue Devils, and

Whereas, Williamstown began the game anticipating the possibility of winning a highly unusual fifth consecutive title, and

Whereas, although the Blue Devils held a 15-12 lead at the first quarter's conclusion, by halftime, the Wildcats had assumed command of the game 22-16, and in a high-scoring second half dominated the offensive effort to win the contest 63-43 and the Division III title, and

Whereas, Wildcats Aaron Vetere, Derek Richardson, Russell Shopland, Kevin Doyon, Jaxson Hussey, Derrick Camp, Kaleb Olsacher, Jake Gilcris, Dan Kish, Todd Howard, Nate Gilcris, Denis LeCours, Walden Gann, Freddy Larsen, and Elliott Kimball each played to win, and

Whereas, Head Coach Aaron Hill, for whom this was his fifth championship at Hazen Union, and Assistant Coach Mike Baker were superb

advisors, and student manager Karen Hudson and scorekeeper Deb LaRose were always willing to help the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Hazen Union High School Wildcats Division III championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 297.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters Division II championship girls' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Eastman of Orwell, Helm of Fair Haven, Burditt of West Rutland, Potter of Clarendon, and Shaw of Pittsford

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, Mullin, Ayer, and Bray

Whereas, prior to 2016, a Fair Haven Union High School girls' basketball team had never won a State championship, and

Whereas, from the start of the 2015–2016 season, the Slaters played a caliber of basketball that placed them among the best female high school teams in Vermont, and

Whereas, the Slaters' basketball mastery, especially in executing three-point plays, aided them in securing a berth in the Division II championship game in Barre against the 2015 Division II champions, the Mill River Minutemen, and

Whereas, Fair Haven always maintained the lead and, at the final buzzer, had won the game 44–29 and clinched the 2016 Division II girls' basketball crown, and

Whereas, the 19–5 Slaters included Kylen Goetz, Sarina Plank, Kelsi Bean, Nicole McCardle, Kaleigh Brown, Paige Manley, Adriana Dalto, Olivia Bowen, Halle Coloutti, Alexis Quenneville, Reilly Howard, Kyra Trombley, and Jessica Brewster, and

Whereas, Head Coach Kyle Wilson, Assistant Coaches Leo Hutchins, Jay Wilson, and Henry Daley, and athletic trainer Mike Finnegan were each essential for the team's success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters Division II championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 298.

House concurrent resolution designating March 23, 2016 as Disability Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Morris of Bennington, Baser of Bristol, Burke of Brattleboro, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Dakin of Colchester, Davis of Washington, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Marcotte of Coventry, McCormack of Burlington, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Pearson of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Sibia of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, and Townsend of South Burlington

Whereas, in both the public and private sectors, there remain disincentives for the employment of persons with disabilities, and

Whereas, it is widely recognized and accepted that persons with disabilities can and are motivated to work, and

Whereas, current assistive technology and other advancements allow persons with disabilities to be employed, in integrated settings, as productive citizens, and

Whereas, the increased socioeconomic productivity resulting from persons with disabilities entering the work force can only benefit all of society, and

Whereas, the elimination of employment disincentives for persons with disabilities would reduce entitlement payments and dependency upon public assistance programs, and

Whereas, the theme of Vermont's Disability Awareness Day 2016 is "Let's Get to Work!", now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the special employment challenges that exist for persons with disabilities and designates March 23, 2016 as Disability Awareness Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Coalition on Disability Rights.

H.C.R. 299.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the important health care value of the new five-year 2020 Vermont Cancer Plan

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Chester, Donahue of Northfield, Forguites of Springfield, Frank of Underhill, Gage of Rutland City, Greshin of Warren, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Klein of East Montpelier, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Rachelson of Burlington, Ryerson of Randolph, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibilina of Dover, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Walz of Barre City, Wood of Waterbury, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, Vermonters Taking Action Against Cancer (VTAAC) represents Vermont's cancer community, including the Department of Health, the University of Vermont Cancer Center, Vermont hospitals, cancer survivors, and the American Cancer Society and other nonprofit organizations, that speaks with one voice about reducing cancer risk, detecting cancer earlier, creating better access to quality cancer treatment, and improving the quality of life for cancer survivors, and

Whereas, today, cancer is the leading cause of death in Vermont, a status that cancer shared with heart disease from the 1960s until 2007, and

Whereas, according to the American Cancer Society, approximately 4,030 Vermonters are diagnosed with cancer annually and over 1,300 die of the disease every year, and

Whereas, in 2005, VTAAC adopted Vermont's first State Cancer Plan focused on reducing the burden of cancer in Vermont, and

Whereas, in 2016, VTAAC is launching its new five-year 2020 Cancer Plan (the plan), and its goals and objectives build upon the State health assessment plan known as Healthy Vermonters 2020, and

Whereas, the plan outlines the shared goals, objectives, and priority strategies for reducing the burden of cancer in Vermont over the next five years, and

Whereas, it provides strategies to prevent, detect, and treat cancer as well as eliminate the disparities in treatment quality based on socioeconomic status, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the important health care value of the new five-year 2020 Vermont Cancer Plan, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Office of the American Cancer Society and to VTAAC.

H.C.R. 300.

House concurrent resolution honoring Griffin MacFadyen of Dover on his outstanding achievements on the slopes, in the classroom, and in the community

Offered by: Representatives Sabilia of Dover and Olsen of Londonderry

Offered by: Senator Balint

Whereas, be it on the snowy slopes or at other athletic venues, in the classroom, or as a community-spirited individual, Griffin MacFadyen, at 13 years of age, has reached great heights, both figuratively and literally, and

Whereas, his performance among the world's youngest competitive snowboarders is perhaps unparalleled, as he holds nine national titles or medals plus two international championships, and

Whereas, Griffin is the United States of America Snowboard and Freeski Association's (USASA) National Halfpipe champion in the 12–13 year old division, and he won this title as one of the youngest competitors, and

Whereas, oceans are no barriers to Griffin MacFadyen's participation in snowboarding competition, as he is the Australian Junior National Halfpipe and Slopestyle champion, and he won this designation when only 12 year old, despite this age group including snowboarders as old as 15, and

Whereas, Griffin MacFadyen was one of 10 halfpipe riders 14 years of age and under and from around the world invited to ride at the Burton U.S. Open Junior Jam, and

Whereas, having conquered all the snowboarding challenges intended for his age group, Griffin MacFadyen has opted to become the youngest competitor in the open class (unlimited ages) at the 2016 USAA Nationals, and

Whereas, as a student at the Dover School, he was honored twice as the baseball team's most valuable player, and in his first year playing soccer, he scored the most goals, and

Whereas, when Griffin MacFadyen graduated, as a sixth grader, from the Dover School, he was awarded the Presidential Youth Fitness Award and the President's Award for Educational Achievement, and

Whereas, he matriculated directly into eighth grade at the Stratton Mountain School where he has earned high honors, and

Whereas, in 2013, Griffin MacFadyen created a fundraising drive to help injured winter athletes through contributions to the High Fives Foundation (HFF), and his local effort has expanded into HFF's Winter Sports Ambassador Program, popularly known as Griff's Pledge, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Griffin MacFadyen on his outstanding achievements on the slopes, in the classroom, and in the community, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 301.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Bethany Berger as the runner-up in the 2016 National Best Bagger competition

Offered by: Representatives Purvis of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, Dakin of Colchester, Beyor of Highgate, and Pearce of Richford

Offered by: Senators Mazza and Degree

Whereas, Bethany Berger of Franklin is a social work major at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, aside from her studies, she is a four-year employee at Shaw's supermarket in Colchester, where she has perfected her bagging skills, and

Whereas, Bethany Berger won the Vermont Best Bagger competition at University Mall on October 17, 2015 at which House Speaker Shap Smith, Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott, former Transportation Secretary Sue Minter, and former businessman Bruce Lisman served as judges, and

Whereas, her University Mall victory resulted in Bethany Berger's representing Vermont at the National Best Bagger competition held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on February 29, 2016, and

Whereas, in Las Vegas, she demonstrated exemplary skills in both bagging and customer service, including her bagging speed, the distribution of weight among bags, bag-building technique, attitude, and appearance, and

Whereas, Bethany Berger was proud to have been named the runner-up, which is a major accomplishment, considering that her competitors had been judged the best baggers in their respective states, and

Whereas, 2016 marked only the second time that a Vermonter has placed in the top two at the National Best Bagger competition, and

Whereas, the entire Vermont retail and food industry is very proud of Bethany Berger's accomplishment, as well as that of the entire team at Shaw's supermarkets, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Bethany Berger as the runner-up in the 2016 National Best Bagger competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bethany Berger and to Shaw's supermarket in Colchester.

S.C.R. 40.

Senate concurrent resolution designating July 2016 as Park and Recreation Month in Vermont

Whereas, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, Vermont's parks and recreation programs are important in establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our local communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the State, and

Whereas, parks and recreation programs help build healthy and active communities, contribute to the prevention of chronic disease, assist in the provision of therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and contribute to the improvement of the mental and emotional health of all citizens, and

Whereas, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction, and

Whereas, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe,

provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, Vermont's parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our State and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and to recreate outdoors, and

Whereas, in 2009, Congress adopted H. Res. 288, designating July as National Park and Recreation Month, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates July as Park and Recreation Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association.