

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House and Senate  
Concurrent Resolutions**

**of**

**March 31, 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. 302.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Burlington High School Seahawks Division I championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Donovan of Burlington, Cole of Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Ashe and Baruth

Whereas, the Burlington Seahawks boys' basketball team dribbled and shot the ball into the playoffs with the top-seeded ranking, and

Whereas, they continued their winning ways into the Division I championship game at the University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium where they were matched against the Rice Green Knights, the Division I champions for the past three years, and

Whereas, the capacity crowd on hand included fans of both teams, giving each player the sense of playing both a home and an away game, and

Whereas, with a boost from their outscoring Rice 17-5 in the fourth quarter, the Seahawks won the game 37-29, clinched the 2016 Division I title, and won their first championship since 2008 and their 21st in team history, and

Whereas, accomplished Burlington players included Mike DeMaggio, Kujtim Hashani, Mentor Hashani, Asmin Mostarlic, Connor Johnson, Haji Haji, Kaden Rosamilia, Casey Stouffer, Yasin Abdi, Kevin Garrison, Josh Hale, Gunnar Bierbaum, and Almir Konjohovac, and

Whereas, coaches Matt Johnson, Tom Baron, BJ Roberson, and Tyler Barron inspired the boys to play their best, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Burlington High School Seahawks Division I championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 303.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Donald and Allison Hooper on their special agricultural, civic, educational, and entrepreneurial contributions to Vermont

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph, Ryerson of Randolph, Cole of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Davis of Washington, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Townsend of South Burlington, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, Don Hooper earned his bachelor's degree at Harvard College and, being adventurous, then headed to Botswana where for three years he served as a teaching Peace Corps volunteer known as Mothusi or helper, and

Whereas, after earning a master's degree in education at Harvard, Don Hooper moved permanently to Vermont and assumed an administrative position at the Community College of Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1974, he purchased a 62-acre farm in Brookfield, milked goats, and raised a variety of animals, but he eventually took a "real job" on the staff of the Vermont Natural Resources Council (1979–1984), and

Whereas, in 1984, Allison Hooper—Don's wife; the mother of their three sons, Miles and twins Sam and Jay; and grandmother of Ockie—started the Vermont Butter and Cheese Company (now Vermont Creamery), a premier Vermont company that has produced 15 award-winning specialty cheeses, and

Whereas, in 2013, with support from agricultural-friendly investors and foundations, Vermont Creamery purchased The Ayers Brook Goat Dairy in Randolph as a source for locally produced goat milk, and

Whereas, for four terms (1985–1993), Don Hooper served in the House of Representatives as the member from Brookfield, sat on the Committee on Ways and Means, was a leader in the enactment of legislation establishing the Housing and Conservation Trust Fund and Act 200, fought in the successful effort to divest State pension funds of businesses operating in the then apartheid nation of South Africa, and served as chair of the Government Operations Committee that skillfully negotiated the reapportionment process, and

Whereas, during Don Hooper's tenure as Secretary of State (1993–1995), he is proud of his creation of the Vermont Commission for Democracy and the Barriers and Reforms Task Force, and

Whereas, from 1998 to 2015, Don Hooper served as the National Wildlife Federation's Northeast Regional Representative, working tirelessly on important wildlife preservation matters, and he is now serving on the boards of VTDigger and the Harvard-Radcliffe Club of Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Donald and Allison Hooper on their special agricultural, civic, educational, and entrepreneurial roles in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Don and Allison Hooper in Brookfield.

**H.C.R. 304.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the Rutland Middle School's 8th Grade Unity Team for an exceptional effort in developing and implementing its 2016 Mock Vermont Legislature Project

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

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, the Rutland Middle School's 8th Grade Unity Team's students have spent 12 class days working on their performance in the mock legislature, and

Whereas, student committee chairs have shown tremendous skill and leadership in running their committees, and

Whereas, students have demonstrated their ability to read, understand, and work with hundreds of House and Senate bills currently in the 2015–2016 Vermont legislative session, and

Whereas, students have researched key arguments, facts, statistics, and solutions pertaining to issues facing our State, and

Whereas, students have demonstrated skill and perseverance in arguing their positions on these issues in committees and in the General Assembly, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Rutland Middle School's 8th Grade Unity Team for an exceptional effort in developing and implementing its 2016 Mock Vermont Legislature Project, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the 8th Grade Unity Team at the Rutland Middle School.

**H.C.R. 305.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the United Church of Bethel on its bicentennial anniversary

Offered by: Representative Haas of Rochester

Offered by: Senators McCormack, Campbell, and Nitka

Whereas, 1816 began in Vermont with a mild winter, and

Whereas, in early June, a snowstorm blanketed the State, and all of the months of the year thereafter brought frost and food shortages, and

Whereas, it is now known that the eruption of a mighty Pacific volcano, Mount Tambora in Indonesia, darkened the world's skies, and the year became widely known as "The Scarce Year" and "The Year Without Summer," and

Whereas, in Vermont, 1816 became the coldest year in the State's history and has been called ever after "1816 and Froze to Death," and

Whereas, that fearful year the people of Bethel built, of locally-made brick, a church, for the use of all denominations, based on the drawings of the renowned Vermont architect Asher Benjamin, and

Whereas, that church stands to this day, now known as the United Church of Bethel, that its beloved Pastor Tom Harty presides over, and who this April 7, 2016 brought his words in a devotional message to the Vermont House of Representatives, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the United Church of Bethel on its bicentennial anniversary, which will officially occur on Christmas Eve, 2016, and wishes this indomitable historic house of worship a joyous birthday and long future of service to the people of the State of Vermont, and offers best wishes to all those who pass through its old and ever-welcoming doors, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the United Church of Bethel.

### **H.C.R. 306.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating recent Vermont winners of the Girl Scout Gold Award

Offered by: Representatives O'Brien of Richmond, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Nuovo of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Toll of Danville, Trieber of Rockingham, and Turner of Milton

Whereas, since Juliette Gordon "Daisy" Low established the Girl Scouts in 1912, the organization has been proud to promote its mission "of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place," and

Whereas, in 1916, the Girl Scouts created a special project-based award as the organization's highest honor known as the Golden Eaglet (1916–1939), the Curved Bar Award (1940–1963), First Class (1963–1980), and, beginning in 1980, the Gold Award, and

Whereas, the Gold Award is only available to Girl Scouts who are enrolled in high school, and

Whereas, to be welcomed into this elite group of Girl Scouts, the aspiring Gold Award recipient must compete a seven-step project that includes identifying an issue, investigating it thoroughly, getting help and building a team, creating a plan, presenting the plan and gathering feedback, taking action, and finally educating and inspiring others, and

Whereas, in 2016, as the Girl Scouts observe the centennial anniversary of their highest award, four Vermonters are being honored as Gold Award winners, and

Whereas, Carolyn Balparada of Middlebury (Honey Bee Help in Addison) examined the disappearance of the honey bee in Addison County and what the home gardener can do to help, and

Whereas, Katherine Dempsey of Williston (Sailing and Science on Lake Champlain) taught youngsters how to sail and developed lesson about science and ecology on the lake that the Sailing Center at Lake Champlain will use, and

Whereas, Sarah Dramstad of Essex Junction (Courtyard Care) built two picnic tables in the Essex High School courtyard as a place for students to relax and enjoy the outdoor environment, and

Whereas, Gabrielle Fenton of Milton (Mural for Happiness) attempted to decrease local teen age drug use, help people who have depression, and created a mural and art classes to inspire happiness, and

Whereas, each of these young Vermonters brought creativity and initiative to projects that merited their being presented the Girl Scout Gold Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates recent Vermont winners of the Girl Scout Gold Award, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 307.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the 2016 Middlebury Union High School Tigers boys' Nordic skiing team as the fastest Nordic skiers in the State of Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Jewett of Ripton, Nuovo of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Eastman of Orwell, and Smith of New Haven

Whereas, the minimal snowfalls this winter have challenged Nordic skiers at every turn on the course, and

Whereas, the Middlebury Union High School Tigers boys' Nordic skiing team persevered and practiced the best it could, and

Whereas, at the first day of championship competition, in the freestyle category, the Tigers ended with a 48-point advantage, and in the concluding second day of skiing, in the classic style, they captured the Division II title with a 92-point (77–169) victory over the second place U-32 Raiders, and

Whereas, the Tigers, who skied with a competence and speed greater than their Division I colleagues, included Tobias Broucke, Cade Christner, Ross Crowne, David Dregallo, Matthew Ferguson, Samuel Hodges, Thomas Hussey, Wyatt Norris, Harlow Punderson, Douglas Sandler, Julian Schmitt, Haven Tate, Nicholas Wilkerson, and

Whereas, coaches Hayden Shea, Barney Hodges, and Bruce Ingersoll were great mentors throughout the winter, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the 2016 Middlebury Union High School Tigers boys' Nordic skiing team as the fastest Nordic skiers in the State of Vermont, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 308.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vinny Pigeon and Kasia Bilodeau as 2015 Special Olympics Vermont honorees

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

Offered by: Senator Degree

Whereas, Special Olympics is an international organization promoting athletic opportunity in a number of Olympic-type sports “for children and adults with intellectual disabilities,” and

Whereas, the organization enables the participating athletes “to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendships,” and

Whereas, Special Olympics Vermont has promoted confidence and teamwork since 1971 for a group of athletes who derive great encouragement from participating in competitive events, and

Whereas, the activities roster of Special Olympics Vermont has evolved to consist of approximately a dozen sports in a four-season program, and

Whereas, the 900 Vermont participating athletes can choose from aquatics, track and field, bocce, and softball in the summer; bowling and soccer during the fall; Alpine skiing in many variants, cross country skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoeing as winter sports; in the spring the athletes can play basketball; and there is an annual golf tournament, and

Whereas, each year, Special Olympics Vermont honors individuals whose personal accomplishments or contributions to the organization's mission merit statewide praise and recognition, and

Whereas, Vinny Pigeon of St. Albans is a 17-year-old student at Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans (BFA-St. Albans); he is a five-sport athlete who serves on the Special Olympics Vermont Youth Activation Committee and



“promotes Unified Sports and inclusion”; and, in 2015, he was named Special Olympics Vermont’s Unified Athlete of the Year, and

Whereas, Kasia Bilodeau of Highgate Center is a coach at BFA-St. Albans; she has demonstrated a strong commitment to Special Olympics Vermont’s athletes and “goes above and beyond at every practice, competition, and conference to ensure all who wish to be involved are included”; and, in 2015, she was honored as Special Olympics Vermont’s Coach of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vinny Pigeon and Kasia Bilodeau as 2015 Special Olympics Vermont honorees, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vinny Pigeon and Kasia Bilodeau.

### **H.C.R. 309.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the first Vermont Career and Technical Education Presidential Scholar nominees

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Fagan of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gage of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, McCoy of Poultney, Potter of Clarendon, Ryerson of Randolph, Shaw of Pittsford, Terenzini of Rutland Town, and Till of Jericho

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, Mullin, Ashe, Baruth, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Nitka, Sirotkin, Snelling, Westman, and Zuckerman

Whereas, since 1964, the federal government (and, since 1980, through the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE)) has honored outstanding high school seniors as Presidential Scholars, based on either their exceptional performance on national college entrance examinations or outstanding scholarship, and

Whereas, beginning in 1979, talented students in the visual, creative, or performing arts became eligible for selection as Presidential Scholars, and

Whereas, prior to the 2015–2016 academic year, students enrolled in career technical education (CTE) programs were not eligible for selection as Presidential Scholars, but USDOE has established a new category of Presidential Scholars for deserving CTE students, and

Whereas, the chief school officer of each state nominates academically outstanding CTE students for USDOE consideration as potential Presidential Scholars, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the Secretary of Education has selected five outstanding CTE Presidential Scholar nominees: Jonah Farrow of Mt. Holly (Stafford Technical Center [Mt. St. Joseph Academy]–Public Safety Services Law Enforcement), Kelsey Jacobs of Braintree (Randolph Technical Career Center [Randolph Union High School]–Environmental Resources Management), Abigail Wright of Castleton (Stafford Technical Center [Fair Haven Union High School]–Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Education), Robert Popeleski of Jericho (Center for Technology–Essex [Mt. Mansfield Union High School]–Computer Animation and Web Design 2), and Lydia Stricker of Jericho (Burlington Technical Center [Mt. Mansfield Union High School]–Medical and Sports Sciences), and

Whereas, each of these students exemplifies the best of CTE, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the first Vermont Career and Technical Education Presidential Scholar nominees, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each honored student and his or her respective technical center.

**H.C.R. 310.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 and three-time Division I Essex Hornets championship girls' ice hockey team

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

Whereas, Essex High School has become the home of great girls' ice hockey, and the first-seeded Hornets faced off at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse against the third-seeded Bellows Free Academy–St. Albans Comets for the Division I championship, and

Whereas, after a scoreless first period, the Hornets scored twice during the second period, survived six minutes of being on the short end of a third-period power play, and defeated the Comets 2–0 for Essex's third consecutive Division I championship, and

Whereas, the skilled Hornets included Lindsay Hallowell, Sara Manley, Amanda Sinkewicz, Bailey Gaskill, Sydney LaPlant, Hannah Palmer, Kaitlyn Butkus, Olivia Miller-Johnson, Justine Martin, Francesca Martin, Kylee Hope, Hannah Barrett, Victoria Bean, Avery Macgillivray, Piper Desorcie, Sarah Tobey, Molly Bruyns, Madeline Young, Cicely Haggerty, Isabelle Seguin, and Mary Simons, and

Whereas, Head Coach John Maddalena and assistant coaches Kim Martin, Rich Celia, Brent Farnham, and Kim Fadden demonstrated admirable leadership, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 and three-time Division I Essex Hornets championship girls' ice hockey team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 311.**

House concurrent resolution designating March 30, 2016 as Alzheimer's Awareness and Advocacy Day in Vermont

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Ayer, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Champion, Collamore, Cummings, Degree, Doyle, Flory, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Starr, Westman, White, and Zuckerman

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is currently the fifth leading cause of death in Vermont with a new case developing every 67 seconds, and

Whereas, the total Medicaid costs for Vermonters 65 years of age or older living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are projected to rise from \$90 million in 2015 to \$140 million in 2025, a total increase of 56.0 percent, and

Whereas, there are more than 200,000 individuals nationwide living with younger-onset Alzheimer's disease, and

Whereas, care partners struggle to find financial assistance and support in caring for relatives, and in 2014, the physical and emotional toll of caregiving for Alzheimer's and other dementias resulted in \$9.7 billion in additional national health care costs, and

Whereas, it is estimated that nationwide 250,000 children and young adults, between eight and 18 years of age, provide help to someone with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia, and

Whereas, in Vermont, 10.4 percent of those 45 years of age or over report they are experiencing confusion or memory loss that is happening more often or is getting worse, and nearly three-quarters of this population have not consulted a health care professional, and

Whereas, only 45 percent of persons with Alzheimer's disease or their caregivers are given a diagnosis unlike 90 percent of persons with the four most common types of cancer, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's especially impacts women, and

Whereas, without further action, it is projected that nationwide in 2050, the financial cost of Alzheimer's, in 2015 dollars, will exceed one trillion dollars, and

Whereas, this amount would represent a fivefold increase in Medicaid and Medicare and nearly as large a percentage increase in private expenditures for Alzheimer's related expenses, and

Whereas, today, Wednesday, March 30, 2016, Vermont families, care partners, and persons with Alzheimer's are visiting the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 30, 2016 as Alzheimer's Awareness and Advocacy Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

### **H.C.R. 312.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 U-32 High School Raiders Division II championship girls' track and field team

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, Donahue of Northfield, Lewis of Berlin, Patt of Worcester, and Smith of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, the 2015 track and field season was historic for the U-32 girls even before the State championship meet occurred, and

Whereas, at a regular season meet in late May, the Raiders shattered school records in the long jump and the triple jump and bested a 17-year-old time in the 4 x 800 meter relay, and

Whereas, at the much anticipated State championship meet, U-32 outshone its Division II rivals by accumulating 162 points and clinching the 2015 Division II crown with a possibly unprecedented 96-point winning margin, and

Whereas, the superbly talented Raiders, who were members of this great team, were Abby Daniels, Anna Davis-Noe, Audrey Oliver, Caitlin O'Kelly,

Eliza Merrylees, Emma Curchin, Fiona Nichols-Fleming, Helen Bohn, Jenna Jerome, Jessica Mugford, Kaylyn Crompton, Krista Towne, Liz Ksepka, Lydia Bohn, Lyra Wanzer, Maddie Goddard, Maggie Kirby, Molly McCreedy, Olivia Dexter, Quinn McVeigh, Rebecca Thompson, Rena Schwartz, Ruby Lamb, and Sylvia Gilbert, and

Whereas, the coaching staff of Mark Chaplin, Andrew Tripp, Robert Dunkle, George Olson, and Aisling Stephenson inspired the Raiders to great victories, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 U-32 High School Raiders Division II championship girls' track and field team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to U-32 High School.

### **H.C.R. 313.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 U-32 High School Raiders Division II championship boys' track and field team

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, Donahue of Northfield, Lewis of Berlin, Patt of Worcester, and Smith of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, the 2015 U-32 boys' track and field team consisted of a group of dedicated young athletes who always strove to improve their performance, regardless of the specific event, and

Whereas, the Raiders' perseverance earned them great dividends at the State championship, as they surpassed all of their rivals to score 131 points, nine more than the second-place team, to capture the 2015 Division II championship, and

Whereas, these disciplined track and field participants were Alex Warner, Amariah DiGiovanni, Chase Ellis, Derek Cote, Devin Hanson, Eli Pandolfo, Ellis Landry, Garrett Carr, Gus Obeldobel, Henry John, Jalen Carter, Kieran Edraney, MacKinley Shaffer, Nathan Smoller, Noah Witke-Mele, Ohan Filbach, Reed Patterson, Sam Darmstadt, and Stephen Looke, and

Whereas, coaches Mark Chaplin, Andrew Tripp, Robert Dunkle, George Olson, and Aisling Stephenson were great mentors for the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 U-32 High School Raiders Division II championship boys' track and field team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to U-32 High School.

**H.C.R. 314.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School gymnastics team on winning its 11th consecutive State championship

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

Whereas, gymnastics is a sport of individual achievement combined with a unified team spirit, and

Whereas, as the winner of the State title for the past 10 consecutive years, this year's Essex gymnasts desired to extend their team's unique winning streak, and

Whereas, at the 2016 State championship meet, staged at their home gymnasium, the Essex athletes displayed a dedication to their individual specialties and to the entire compendium of events known as gymnastics, and

Whereas, with four of five possible first-place finishes — parallel bars, beam, floor exercises, and all-around — Essex tallied the most points (142.35), surpassing second-place South Burlington (136.25 points), and clinched an amazing 11th consecutive State championship, and

Whereas, Essex team members Anna Charland, Eve Contois, Mya Dusablon, Abigail Evans, Abigail Gehsmann, Abigail Gleason, Lindsey Gleason, Allison Green, Claire Peterson, Hannah Poquette, Angela Tiersch, and Lauren Watson each displayed the skill and tenacity to win, and

Whereas, Head Coach Ashley Godin and Assistant Coach Mary Krug provided great technical guidance to these outstanding gymnasts, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Essex High School gymnastics team on winning its 11th consecutive State championship, and be it further

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

### H.C.R. 315.

House concurrent resolution honoring Maurice Dickey Drysdale for his bold and dynamic leadership at the *Herald of Randolph*

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph, Ryerson of Randolph, Briglin of Thetford, Buxton of Tunbridge, Davis of Washington, Donahue of Northfield, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Masland of Thetford, and Zagar of Barnard

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

Whereas, the *Herald of Randolph* (the *Herald*) is the newspaper of record for 16 towns in the White River Valley, and

Whereas, a native Vermonter, after Harvard College, Dick Drysdale began as a reporter for the *Lewiston Tribune* in Idaho and then the *Springfield Union* in Massachusetts, which his maternal grandfather once edited, and

Whereas, in 1971, when only 26 years of age, Dick Drysdale returned to Vermont to purchase the *Herald* from his father, and

Whereas, Dick Drysdale continued the *Herald's* mission “to create a community; to make people aware of each other and each other’s strengths and activities and the ways they can participate in the community,” and

Whereas, as the *Herald's* editor and publisher, he expanded the scope of the paper’s coverage, added new features, and defended First Amendment principles, and

Whereas, among the highlights of his tenure were the introduction of an arts and entertainment page, a sports page, a humorous April Fools’ edition, and the digital era of computerized composition and web posting of stories, and

Whereas, when downtown Randolph sustained three major fires in the early 1990s, the *Herald's* editorial phrase “Randolph on the Rise” spurred the town to rebuild and rejuvenate its business district, and

Whereas, the Vermont Press Association awarded the *Herald* a first-place award for its Tropical Storm Irene coverage, and the paper published a book entitled *The Wrath of Irene*, and

Whereas, the New England Newspaper and Press Association inducted Dick Drysdale into its Hall of Fame, and

Whereas, in 2015, the Randolph Area Community Development Corporation presented Dick Drysdale and his wife, Marjorie, the Hutchinson Award, honoring their selfless service to the community, and

Whereas, in 2015, he sold the *Herald of Randolph* to its long-time photographer, but Dick Drysdale will continue to contribute commentary and reporting, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Maurice Dickey Drysdale for his bold and dynamic leadership at the *Herald of Randolph*, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dick Drysdale and to the *Herald of Randolph*.

**S.C.R. 41.**

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of Manchester's pioneering developer Ben Hauben

*Whereas*, the town of Manchester has long been a tourist mecca known for its idyllic mountain scenery and access to outstanding year-round outdoor recreational opportunities, and

*Whereas*, in the final decades of the 20th century, a new dimension was added to Manchester, transforming Bennington County's Northshire into a renowned merchandising hub, and

*Whereas*, developer Ben Hauben conceived the idea of introducing designer outlet stores in Manchester, and

*Whereas*, through his Vanderbilt Equities, Ben Hauben and his wife, Lana Hauben, established Manchester Designer Outlets, which leased retail space in Manchester Center to some of the nation's most elite and respected clothing brands, including Ann Taylor, Eddie Bauer, J. Crew, and Ralph Lauren, and

*Whereas*, the over 40 retail establishments located in the Manchester Designer Outlets complex are housed in aesthetically and architecturally attractive buildings and not large commercial style "big box spaces" and include accessory, home accessory, and specialty food stores, as well as designer clothing outlets, and

*Whereas*, high quality building construction and long-term maintenance were always of prime importance in Ben Hauben's construction projects, and

*Whereas*, although his projects, including the Crystal Palace and the Marble Mill, provoked much discussion in Manchester when they were built, as they marked a fundamental change in the town's appearance, they have become essential to the economic prosperity of Manchester, and

*Whereas*, Ben Hauben's merchandising ideas were pioneering, and developers in other communities subsequently followed his lead, and



*Whereas*, as a philanthropist, Ben Hauben was a patron of the arts and contributed to the Manchester library and the Dorset Theater Festival, and

*Whereas*, he was a visionary entrepreneur who sought to expand the economic base of Manchester while retaining the town's historic character, and

*Whereas*, Ben Hauben died at 73 years of age on March 8, 2016, and his survivors include his wife, Lana Hauben of Dorset; daughters, Alissa, Laura, and Jill; and six grandchildren, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Ben Hauben, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lana Hauben and to each of Ben Hauben's daughters.