

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

April 21, 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. 345.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department on its 75th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Webb of Shelburne and Lenes of Shelburne

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

Whereas, one of the earliest recorded instances in Vermont of the extinguishing of a building fire occurred in Shelburne on March 12, 1778, during the American Revolutionary War, when attacking British forces set aflame the home of Moses and Rachel Pierson, and

Whereas, the fire was extinguished using Mrs. Pierson's homemade beer, and

Whereas, in the following decades, residents of Shelburne would form "bucket brigades" to combat building fires, and

Whereas, in 1924, the Town of Shelburne purchased a Ford Model T fire engine to assist in community firefighting efforts and stored it at a private business in the center of Shelburne Village, and

Whereas, by 1941, the need for a more formalized firefighting service was apparent, and the Town of Shelburne established the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department (the Department), and

Whereas, the Department built a fire station and purchased a new General Motors fire truck outfitted with a Buffalo Fire Equipment Company water pump, and

Whereas, 75 years later, although this truck was retired from service long ago, it still runs, pumps water, and is used for parades and ceremonies—a testament to the Department's attentive maintenance of its equipment, and

Whereas, since 1941, the role of the Department has grown to include responding to vehicle accidents, providing water and ice rescue, conducting fire-prevention education programs in the town's schools, and many other functions of public safety, and

Whereas, the Department holds its members to high standards of training, service, and professionalism and has served the community's families, businesses, and visitors for three-quarters of a century with honor and pride, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department on its 75th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department.

H.C.R. 346.

House concurrent resolution honoring Joseph Woodin on his outstanding leadership of Gifford Medical Center

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

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

Whereas, in 1999, the board of the Gifford Medical Center (Gifford) appointed Joe Woodin as its administrator, and

Whereas, under his leadership, the scope of services offered at Gifford have expanded significantly and are now far more comprehensive and cover individuals from birth to death, and

Whereas, Gifford's network of community health centers now includes clinics in Berlin, Rochester, Randolph, Chelsea, White River Junction, and Wilder, the popular sports medicine clinic in Sharon, and an expanded Bethel center, and

Whereas, among the medical programs and services established at Gifford since 1999 are an expanded radiology department, a hospitalist program that is now available 24 hours per day, and the addition of a third operating room, and

Whereas, Joe Woodin has paid special attention to both ends of the age spectrum with important projects created to serve these demographics, and

Whereas, the Robin's Nest Child Enrichment Center was opened for the children of Gifford employees, and for older individuals, two garden room suites for end-of-life care and a palliative care program were established, and

Whereas, an adult day care center opened in Bethel, and the Project Independence adult day care center in Barre became part of the Gifford family, and

Whereas, Gifford's Morgan Orchards Senior Living Community will now encompass the Menig Nursing Home and both independent and assisted living residences, and

Whereas, during the past three years, Gifford has won Federally Qualified Health Center designation, been named one of the 100 Critical Care Access hospitals, and has earned the prestigious ENERGY STAR rating, and

Whereas, Joe Woodin has encouraged local economic growth through a buy local policy, and

Whereas, after 17 years of improving Gifford's services and facilities, Joe Woodin has decided to conclude his role as Gifford's administrator, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Joseph Woodin on his outstanding leadership of Gifford Medical Center, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 347.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Junior Iron Chef championship teams

Offered by: Representatives Manwaring of Wilmington, Ancel of Calais, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Tunbridge, Canfield of Fair Haven, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dame of Essex, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fiske of Enosburgh, Forguites of Springfield, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Grad of Moretown, Graham of Williamstown, Greshin of Warren, Hebert of Vernon, Hooper of Montpelier, Hubert of Milton, Huntley of Cavendish, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lewis of Berlin, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Olsen of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford,

Potter of Clarendon, Quimby of Concord, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Ryerson of Randolph, Savage of Swanton, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Sweaney of Windsor, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Wood of Waterbury, Woodward of Johnson, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, annually, Junior Iron Chef enables Vermont middle and high school students to prove their culinary skills in team competition, and

Whereas, the students' objective is to create healthy, local dishes that inspire school meal programs, and

Whereas, VT Feed, a partnership of Shelburne Farms and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont, organizes the event, and

Whereas, 58 teams, representing 39 schools or community organizations, were entrants at the event held on March 19 at the Champlain Valley Expo in Essex Junction, and many community volunteers judged the dishes, and

Whereas, these young chefs from middle and high schools were vying for one of three awards in morning and afternoon heats, and

Whereas, the Crowd Pleaser award honored the dish that best incorporates color, texture, and taste for a true crowd pleaser and was presented to the CVU ChefHawks 1 (Champlain Valley Union High School, Pesto Eggplant Parm), the Chef'd (South Burlington High School, Salade Lyonnaise), the Action Ready (Essex Middle School, Falafel Rainbow Spinach Wrap with Mango Drizzle), and the Jakesfromstatefarm (Twin Valley Middle School, Sweet/Sour Soup with Udon Noodles, Cremini Dumplings, and Quick Pickles), and

Whereas, the Lively Local award recognized the dish that best highlights Vermont foods, and the winners were the Food Fighters (Centerpoint High School, Vegan Pizza), the Green Mt. Cheftains (Green Mt. Union High School, Triple Grain and Butternut Squash Shepherd's Pie), the Milton Chef Jackets (Milton Middle School, Tempeh Taco Polenta Pancake with Cilantro Lime Slaw), and the Wolf Pack (Albany Community School, Radical Root Crepes), and

Whereas, the Mise en Place award honored the team that showed exemplary teamwork, order, and professionalism, and the winning teams were the Boys and Girls Club of Burlington High School (Boys and Girls Club of Burlington, Gnocchi with Root Vegetables), the After Bern (Milton High School, Red, White, and Bleu Ravioli), the Sizzling Saints (St. Monica's–St. Michael's Middle School, Winter Vegetable Cornish Pasty), and the Skillet Takes (Green

Mt. Union High School Middle School, Red Lentil Soup with Butternut Squash and Cheese Tortellini), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Junior Iron Chef championship teams, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 348.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ernie Farrar of St. Albans on his induction into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame

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

Offered by: Senator Degree

Whereas, the mission of the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame is to “recognize those individuals whose achievements and efforts have enhanced sports, athletics and recreation in the Green Mountain State,” and

Whereas, for the past 46 years, Ernie Farrar of St. Albans has been a familiar voice on 620 News/Talk WVMT radio, and he is heard weekdays as a member of the popular Charlie + Ernie + Lisa in the Morning team, and

Whereas, while enjoying his on-air career, Ernie Farrar has long promoted the revival of Golden Gloves amateur boxing in Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1976, before traveling to Montreal, the U.S. Olympic boxing team practiced in Burlington, but amateur boxing, in the form of Golden Gloves competition, had ceased to exist in Vermont, and

Whereas, the U.S. team’s Vermont stay inspired Ernie Farrar to reestablish Golden Gloves competition, starting with borrowed equipment and the staging of amateur boxing matches at the Burlington Boys Club, and

Whereas, these fight nights’ popularity increased, and he relocated them to their current location at Burlington’s Memorial Auditorium, and

Whereas, Vermont Golden Gloves competition features top-flight amateur boxers from Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, many of whom achieve success on the regional and national levels, and

Whereas, in 2000, Vermont’s administrative structure for overseeing amateur boxing competition did not comply with Golden Gloves’ national criteria, and

Whereas, Ernie Farrar advocated successfully for the General Assembly to pass the required legislation to bring Vermont's Golden Gloves governance into organizational compliance, and

Whereas, in order to promote amateur boxing regionally, Ernie Farrar has also been associated with USA Boxing New England, and

Whereas, he has coauthored the book *Gloves: The Stories of Vermont's Greatest Boxers, Trainers and Personalities*, and

Whereas, in 2015, in recognition of Ernie Farrar's long-standing dedication to the vitality and future of Golden Gloves boxing in Vermont, the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame inducted him into its ranks, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ernie Farrar of St. Albans on his induction into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 349.

House concurrent resolution designating April 28, 2016 as Vermont Water Stewardship Day

Offered by: Representative Deen of Westminster

Whereas, although Vermont remains a national leader in progressive environmental action, the State is confronting major water pollution problems, including contamination in Lake Champlain, where precious ecosystems are being damaged, and

Whereas, all of the State's waters, be they ponds, lakes, streams, or rivers are encountering increased pollution levels, and

Whereas, water pollution affects not only Vermonters but also persons residing downstream from the State's waters,

Whereas, those living along the St. Lawrence River see water pollution that originates, at least in part, from Lake Memphremagog and Lake Champlain, and individuals with homes along or recreating in or on Long Island Sound encounter water pollution that can be partially attributed to the Connecticut River, and

Whereas, water stewardship and the active role Vermont students can play in protecting the State's waters are not assigned curriculum subjects in the majority of Vermont schools, and

Whereas, nor does Vermont observe a day to educate its students on the topic of water stewardship and the pollution that can ensue when the waters of the State are not properly safeguarded, and

Whereas, designating April 28, 2016 as Vermont Water Stewardship Day, for the purpose of educating the State's students about the importance of water stewardship and ways to reduce water pollution, is a commendable proposal that students Ashley Morrill and Maria Brosseau have developed and that deserves adoption, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 28, 2016 as Vermont Water Stewardship Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Education, to Ashley Morrill, and to Maria Brosseau.

H.C.R. 350.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Mill River Union High School Division II championship cheerleading team

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

Whereas, from the season's first cheerleading competition, Mill River Union High School (MRU) exhibited a mastery of the athleticism, enthusiasm, timing, and of course cheering needed for success in the sport of cheerleading as the team won both the Central Vermont and the Vermont Cheer Coaches competitions, and

Whereas, with an already proven record, it was hardly surprising that MRU clinched the State Championship at Vergennes, earning the coveted Division II title, the team's first State championship since 2001, and

Whereas, the Division II championship entitled MRU to compete in the New England Cheerleading Competition, where, despite having only eight on the mat, the smallest number of any other team in its division, MRU became the first Vermont team debuting at the New England event to earn a top-ten finish, and

Whereas, the superb MRU team members included Kelsey Goodell, Lindsey Pratt, Alyssa Chapin, Rachel Uhler, Shania Perham, Emma Steenbergen, Cassidy Buley, Samantha McCoy, and Ashleigh Baldwin, and

Whereas, Head Coach Tabitha Pohl-Moore, Assistant Coach Rhonda Hart, and manager Megan Chapin each played a critical role in the team's victory-filled season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Mill River Union High School Division II championship cheerleading team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 351.

House concurrent resolution honoring Thomas Donahue for his dynamic leadership at the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Eastman of Orwell, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, Komline of Dorset, 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, Tom Donahue has focused his intellect and energy on promoting the best interests of Rutland City and Rutland County, and

Whereas, he first served Rutlanders as a member and President of the Rutland City Board of Aldermen where his leadership was appreciated, and

Whereas, this experience proved ideal in Tom Donahue's subsequent position as Rutland City's director of community development, and

Whereas, in 1995, Tom Donahue's career assumed a new direction when he became chief executive officer of the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce (RRCC), and

Whereas, at the RRCC, he gained a comprehensive knowledge of the businesses that drive the region's economy and the vision to help lay the groundwork for a more prosperous Rutland County, and

Whereas, during his watch at the RRCC, upgrades were implemented at the Rutland-Southern Vermont Regional Airport, the Ethan Allen Express Amtrak train service began, the RRCC office was relocated to downtown Rutland, and the job fair and other economically important events were started or revitalized, and

Whereas, the combination of administrative and outreach skills that enabled Tom Donahue to be successful in his prior jobs will prove essential in his new

role as chief executive officer at BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont, and

Whereas, Tom Donahue will be advocating for Vermonters with low income who reside in a larger two-county geographic area, and

Whereas, he eagerly anticipates this new opportunity and leaves a 21-year record of accomplishment at the RRCC of which he can be proud, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Thomas Donahue for his dynamic leadership at the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and wishes him well as he embarks on a new career opportunity, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tom Donahue and to the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce.

H.C.R. 352.

House concurrent resolution congratulating James Messier on his receipt of the National FFA VIP Award

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

Offered by: Senator Degree

Whereas, FFA (formerly known as Future Farmers of America) is a premier national educational organization that promotes the leadership growth potential of students through agricultural education, and

Whereas, James Messier is a highly respected agribusiness teacher at Missisquoi Valley Union High School, who has compiled an amazing 50-year record of teaching excellence, and

Whereas, at Missisquoi, he supervises the school's barn that enables students to participate in the real-life agricultural experience of raising and being responsible for the care of animals, and

Whereas, aside from his academic duties, James Messier, along with his wife, Ronna, manages a horse breeding program, recently featured in *Vermont Fences*, the magazine of the Vermont Farm Bureau, and

Whereas, FFA grants Honorary American FFA Degree Teacher recognition to teachers who have completed a minimum of ten years' teaching experience and "have created high-quality agricultural education programs which inspire and motivate their students to strive for success," and

Whereas, the crème de la crème of these outstanding Honorary American FFA Degree Teachers become eligible for one of FFA’s top honors, the National FFA VIP Award, and

Whereas, State FFA Associations nominate candidates for this prestigious professional award, and the nominees must have completed many years of dedicated service to FFA and agricultural education on the national level, and

Whereas, the Vermont FFA nominated James Messier for this award, and the national panel assessing nominees agreed with its Vermont colleagues’ nomination, and

Whereas, at its 2015 national convention, held in Louisville, Kentucky, the FFA presented James Messier this prestigious accolade, and

Whereas, James Messier is a truly remarkable teacher and member of Vermont’s agricultural community, whose receipt of the coveted National FFA VIP Award is a richly deserved honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates James Messier on his receipt of the National FFA VIP Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to James Messier and to the Vermont FFA.

H.C.R. 353.

House concurrent resolution honoring Robin Hadden for her 28 years of outstanding public service as a rural letter carrier in Huntington

Offered by: Representatives Wood of Waterbury and Stevens of Waterbury

Whereas, Robin Hadden came to Vermont to study at Middlebury College, where she majored in Chinese, and

Whereas, she subsequently moved to Huntington and has resided in the town for many years, and

Whereas, for 28 years, Robin Hadden worked with distinction for the U.S. Postal Service as the rural letter carrier in Huntington, and

Whereas, her exemplary work as a rural letter carrier provided an unsurpassed quality of service to the residents of the town who were on her mail route, and

Whereas, Robin Hadden provided caring and supportive postal delivery service in the community, and

Whereas, her commitment to performing the duties of a rural mail carrier matched a Vermont-modified version of the famous slogan long associated with the U.S. Postal Service, “neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of

night [nor mud] stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds,” and

Whereas, in that spirit, she delivered the mail faithfully, persevering despite the weather conditions, and

Whereas, Robin Hadden showed a generosity of spirit toward her coworkers at the Huntington Post Office, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Robin Hadden for her 28 years of outstanding public service as a rural letter carrier in Huntington, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 354.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic

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

Whereas, at the Civil War’s conclusion, President Lincoln had promised to care for “those who have borne the burden, his widows and orphans,” and

Whereas, although weary and often wounded, Civil War veterans missed the camaraderie and friendship of their fellow soldiers, and formed groups, initially for mutual support and then to serve as a unified political force, and

Whereas, perhaps the largest and most politically effective of the groups was the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), founded in Decatur, Illinois on April 6, 1866, and

Whereas, the membership of the GAR was limited to Civil War veterans who had been honorably discharged from the Union Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or the Revenue Cutter Service, and who had served between April 9, 1861 and April 12, 1865, and

Whereas, local GAR posts, including in Vermont, were often named for a deceased veteran, but no two posts names within a department (usually a state) were identical, and

Whereas, national GAR encampments rivaled national political party conventions, had great influence in the 19th century on the Republican Party, and five U.S. presidents were GAR members, and

Whereas, the final national encampment occurred in 1949, and Albert Woolson, the last surviving GAR member, died at 109 years of age in 1956, and

Whereas, the legacy of the GAR continued through the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which only admits succeeding generations of Civil War veterans, and through allied orders, including the Women's Relief Corps for which direct GAR-qualified veteran ancestry is not a membership criterion, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Department Commander, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and to the Vermont Historical Society.

H.C.R. 355.

House concurrent resolution designating April 27, 2016 as Walk@Lunch Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Frank of Underhill, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, simply getting 30 minutes of moderate physical activity, such as a brisk walk, at least five times a week can result in significant health benefits, and

Whereas, these benefits can include lowering the risk of developing or dying from cardiovascular disease, hypertension and type 2 diabetes and improving the health of muscles, bones, and joints, and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that the annual cost to treat the illnesses and chronic diseases that an inactive lifestyles causes is nearly \$1,000.00 for every family in America, and

Whereas, physical activity is vital to the well-being of all Americans, and National Walk@Lunch Day is an opportunity for Americans to carve time out of their busy work schedules to exercise and become healthier, and

Whereas, National Walk@Lunch Day is a workplace walking program that encourages employees to walk during their lunch break, making exercise a convenient and easy choice during the day, and

Whereas, 50 states will participate in National Walk@Lunch Day, improving the health of those residents step-by-step, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designating April 27, 2016 as Walk@Lunch Day in Vermont, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 356.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Maple Festival on its golden anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Connor of Fairfield, Keenan of St. Albans City, Parent of St. Albans Town, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Beyor of Highgate, Branagan of Georgia, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gamache of Swanton, Murphy of Fairfax, Pearce of Richford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Bissonnette of Winooski, Briglin of Thetford, Burditt of West Rutland, Carr of Brandon, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dakin of Chester, Dakin of Colchester, Dame of Essex, Donovan of Burlington, Eastman of Orwell, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Frank of Underhill, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Hooper of Montpelier, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lenex of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Martin of Wolcott, McCormack of Burlington, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Pearson of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Purvis of Colchester, Russell of Rutland City, Ryerson of Randolph, Savage of Swanton, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibilina of Dover, Smith of Morristown, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Tate of Mendon, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Webb of Shelburne, Wood of Waterbury, Woodward of Johnson, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senator Degree

Whereas, maple sugar, Vermont's first specialty product, dates to the era when Native Americans tapped maple trees, and

Whereas, Vermont law recognizes the symbolic importance of everything maple in our State as the State Flavor is "Maple from the Vermont sugar maple tree" (1 V.S.A. § 510), and the State Tree is the "sugar maple" (1 V.S.A. § 499), and

Whereas, the premier celebration of maple's golden sweetness is the Vermont Maple Festival to be held this year on April 22–24 in St. Albans, and 2016 marks this great maple extravaganza's 50th anniversary, and

Whereas, on July 30, 1973, in recognition that the Franklin County Maple Festival attracted visitors from around the State and promoted maple products far beyond Franklin County's borders, Governor Thomas Salmon issued a proclamation changing the festival's name to the Vermont Maple Festival, and

Whereas, the Vermont Maple Festival's central focus point is the exhibit hall where a variety of maple-related activities and products are featured, including maple cooking contests, maple cream frosted doughnuts, maple creemees, maple syrup, and other delicious maple treats, and

Whereas, many other events are encompassed in the Vermont Maple Festival, including displays of antiques, crafts, and specialty foods; entertainment such as fiddlers, comedy skits, and youth talent shows; pancake breakfasts; a maple dinner; sugarhouse tours; the Sap Run foot race; a colorful carnival; the always anticipated sugar on snow; the carousel in Taylor Park; and a grand two-hour parade with bands, colorful costumed characters, and floats, and

Whereas, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce has named the Vermont Maple Festival, which is anticipated to attract 35,000 visitors, as a Top Ten Summer Event for 2016, and

Whereas, the Vermont Maple Festival has been publicized in many media outlets and travel books, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Maple Festival on its golden anniversary, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 357.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Katey Comstock on her 2016 Division II indoor track and field individual championships

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor and Bartholomew of Hartland

Whereas, athletic competition instills in students a wholesome sense of fair play and good sportsmanship, building good character in the participant, and

Whereas, to excel in interscholastic athletic competition, a student athlete, aside from natural ability, must be dedicated, enthusiastic, and hard-working, and

Whereas, a week prior to the 2016 Vermont Indoor Track Association Combined State Meet, Katey Comstock, a senior at Windsor High School, won the girls' Division II weight throw title with a throw of 33'2", which was three and one-half feet longer than the second-place finisher, and

Whereas, then, on January 30 at the State Meet held at Norwich University, she continued her winning ways, clinching the Division II girls' shot put competition heaving the shot 38'1", six and one-half feet longer than her nearest competitor, and

Whereas, Katey Comstock's athleticism is clearly evident, and she can be proud of her accomplishments this past winter, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Katey Comstock on her 2016 Division II indoor track and field individual championships and wishes her the best in future athletic competition, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 358.

House concurrent resolution honoring Hugh Tallman for a half century of public service in the Town of Belvidere

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Wolcott and Woodward of Johnson

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, the voters in Belvidere have elected Hugh Tallman to the selectboard, which he chaired and as a justice of the peace, and both positions resulted in his service on the board of civil authority, and

Whereas, his nonelected municipal roles have included emergency management director and participating as a nonvoting member on the planning commission, and

Whereas, the totality of public service these offices represent is noteworthy, but it pales in comparison to his most enduring town position, and

Whereas, for 50 consecutive years, including most recently at the 2016 town meeting, the electorate has selected Hugh Tallman as Belvidere's road commissioner, a longevity record that may be the longest in the State, either currently or historically for this office, and

Whereas, he has proven the ideal person to assume the weather-dependent emergency duties associated with the road commissioner's portfolio, and

Whereas, Hugh Tallman's special talent in town government is his ability to identify and secure grant funding from Vermont's Agency of Transportation and Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and the Federal Emergency Management Administration to implement highway and public safety improvements that, although essential, might not otherwise have come to fruition, and

Whereas his most important criterion for seeking a grant is assessing community needs and the number of persons affected, and he has made flood prevention and resiliency a top priority, making Belvidere a model for other flood-prone communities, and

Whereas, Hugh Tallman has represented Belvidere on the Lamoille County Planning Commission for over 15 years and served as its treasurer, and the Lamoille County Sherriff's Department has recognized him for his work on the Department's advisory committee, and

Whereas, despite this busy agenda, Hugh Tallman has found the time to chair the Lamoille County Republican Committee and, most importantly, partner with his wife, Myrna, in operating Tallman's Grocery Store for over 50 years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Hugh Tallman for a half century of public service in the Town of Belvidere, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 359.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Saint Peter Roman Catholic Parish in Rutland on its solar energy leadership

Offered by: Representative Russell of Rutland City

Whereas, Saint Peter Parish in Rutland is in the forefront among Vermont religious organizations in the field of energy efficiency, and

Whereas, Saint Peter's property includes both Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church and the friary next door that serves as the pastor's residence and houses administrative offices, and

Whereas, parish finance committee member Joseph Barbagallo, a retired Central Vermont Public Service systems coordinator, and his fellow committee members, have garnered the support of Saint Peter's pastor, Father Thomas Houle, and Vermont Bishop Christopher Coyne for the church to proceed with innovative energy efficiency projects, and

Whereas, Saint Peter's first energy investment campaign improved insulation in the friary, lowering heating costs and also reducing lighting expenses, in both the friary and the church, through the installation of LED light bulbs, and

Whereas, the parish then initiated a more ambitious endeavor, making the friary 100 percent solar-powered for its electrical needs, and

Whereas, the \$46,000.00 cost for the 30-panel solar array was financed in part with grants of \$20,000.00 from Green Mountain Power and \$6,000.00 from Same Sun of Vermont, which were critical for the project's affordability, and

Whereas, parishioners donated \$9,000.00 during the first two weeks of a fundraising drive and are working steadily to raise the balance of the funds, and

Whereas, because the friary is an historic building, the roof was unavailable as a location for the solar array, and the parish worked as a good neighbor, modifying its original siting plan and adding fencing to minimize the public's view of the solar panels, and

Whereas, this now operating solar project includes an approximately seven-year payback period, meaning that the parish will gain over 20 years of free electricity for the friary and save \$2,500.00–\$3,000.00 in annual utility expenses, and

Whereas, the parish can serve as a model for other religious institutions considering solar energy initiatives, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Saint Peter Roman Catholic Parish in Rutland on its solar energy leadership, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Saint Peter Roman Catholic Parish.

H.C.R. 360.

House concurrent resolution honoring Coach Scott Legacy on his remarkable career directing the Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots' wrestling program

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, and Morris of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, in 1985, Scott Legacy arrived at Mt. Anthony Union High School, becoming the school's first-ever wrestling coach, and

Whereas, the original Patriot wrestlers were a half-dozen, perhaps daring, young athletes willing to compete against far more experienced teams, and

Whereas, during the 1985–1986 season, the rookie coach and his team faced many challenges, but always persevered, and

Whereas, in 1989, the Patriots captured their first State wrestling championship under Coach Scott Legacy's demanding, but instructive, tutelage, and

Whereas, with Coach Scott Legacy's encouragement and mentorship, the Mt. Anthony wrestlers proceeded to win 28 consecutive State championships (1989–2016), and

Whereas, under his guidance, Patriot wrestlers won eight New England championships and 22 individual wrestlers were named New England champions; the Patriots won 169 tournament championships and 175 State individual championships, and

Whereas, among the Patriot wrestlers he has coached, there have been 98 All-Americans and seven national champions, and

Whereas, his remarkable wrestling meet won-loss record at Mt. Anthony is 698–36–2, and

Whereas, the National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Association, the National High School Coaches Association, *USA Today*, and *USA Magazine* each named Scott Legacy National Coach of the Year and the National Wrestling Coaches Association named him Region I Coach of the Year, and

Whereas, the Vermont Principals' Association has elected Coach Scott Legacy to its hall of fame, and

Whereas, the lure of a new challenge now awaits Coach Scott Legacy, as he will be inaugurating an intercollegiate wrestling program at Castleton University in the fall of 2016, but his contribution to sportsmanship at Mt. Anthony will be cherished long after he says farewell, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Coach Scott Legacy on his remarkable career directing the Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots' wrestling program and wishes him the best of success at Castleton University, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Coach Scott Legacy.

H.C.R. 361.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Solomon Wright Public Library on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Berry of Manchester, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, and Morrissey of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, the history of centralized public library service in Pownal began in 1947, and

Whereas, in January 1948, new volunteer librarian Helen Thompson Renner, a Pownal native and graduate of Syracuse University library science program, started her 40 years of public service to the reading public, and

Whereas, in 1952, Solomon Wright Jr. left the library a bequest of \$1,000.00 that facilitated the purchase of the present site on Main Street in Pownal, and

Whereas, a combination of federal and locally raised private funds financed the 2,000-square-foot colonial-style brick building that opened in January 1966, and

Whereas, the building was named the Solomon Wright Public Library in honor of his bequest, and

Whereas, in 1993, Pownal's public library became the first library in Bennington County to connect to the Vermont Automated Library system, and

Whereas, in 1995, a series of building improvements were implemented, including bringing the structure into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act and the addition of a community room and an office, and

Whereas, in 2006, the Solomon Wright Public Library met the State's minimum library standards for the first time, and

Whereas, in 2010, four volunteer staff members uploaded 14,000 items to LibraryWorld, a web-based system that enables patrons to browse the library's collection on in-house public access computers, mobile devices, and home computers, and

Whereas, in 2012, the 800-square-foot addition of the "Lucy Wright Case Reading Room" was completed due to the generosity of Peter Tyler Case and his children, as well as the fundraising efforts of the library's board, and

Whereas, in 2013, the Solomon Wright Public Library initiated broadband Internet service, and

Whereas, 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Solomon Wright Public Library, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Solomon Wright Public Library in Pownal on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Linda Hall, Director of the Solomon Wright Public Library; to Peter Tyler Case and Audrey Parker, descendants of Solomon Wright Jr; and to the Pownal Historical Society.

H.C.R. 362.

House concurrent resolution honoring the American Association of University Women of Vermont for its advancement of equity for women

Offered by: Representatives Botzow of Pownal, Baser of Bristol, Berry of Manchester, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Corcoran of Bennington, Eastman of Orwell, Fields of Bennington, Jewett of Ripton, Komline of Dorset, Lanpher of Vergennes, Long of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Potter of Clarendon, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibiliala of Dover, Smith of New Haven, Stuart of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Balint, Bray, Campion, Sears, and White

Whereas, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) was established in 1881 to advance equity for women and girls, and

Whereas, Vermont women established AAUW branches in Middlebury in 1922 and in Bennington and Brattleboro in 1926, and

Whereas, the AAUW of Vermont (Vermont AAUW) identified educational deficiencies at Vermont's 1,100 one- and two-room schoolhouses and embarked on a major project to improve the curriculum and teaching at these schools, and

Whereas, the organization funded scholarships for teachers, provided maps and teaching materials to individual schools, and promoted legislation that established a ranking system of standard and superior schools, and

Whereas, satisfying the requirements to earn one of these rankings became a source of local pride and prompted greater support for town schools, and

Whereas, more recently, Vermont AAUW members were active participants in the drafting and passage of a revised gender-neutral Vermont Constitution, and

Whereas, Vermont AAUW has advocated for pay equity through legislation and litigation, and

Whereas, through the national AAUW, Vermont members have also been supportive of plaintiffs in court cases fighting sexual assault of women in the military, and

Whereas, Vermont AAUW, whose members include both women and men, continues the organization's original mission through the Bennington branch's scholarship fund for nontraditional female students attending the Community College of Vermont, and the Middlebury branch's pooling of its scholarship money with other AAUW branches' funds to support doctoral candidates in nontraditional fields for women, and

Whereas, 2016 marks the 90th anniversary of Vermont AAUW in Bennington and Brattleboro and 94 years since its formation in Middlebury, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the American Association of University Women of Vermont for its advancement of equity for women, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the national AAUW headquarters and to each of the three Vermont branches.