

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House and Senate  
Concurrent Resolutions**

**of**

**May 5, 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. 379.**

House concurrent resolution designating May 8–14, 2016 as Women's Lung Health Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Fields of Bennington, Ancel of Calais, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Berry of Manchester, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cole of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Feltus of Lyndon, Forguites of Springfield, Frank of Underhill, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of Montpelier, Huntley of Cavendish, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, Lenex of Shelburne, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, 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, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, Ryerson of Randolph, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibilina of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Tate of Mendon, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Wood of Waterbury, Woodward of Johnson, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators McCormack and Sirotkin

Whereas, every eight minutes, one woman in the U.S. loses her battle with lung cancer, and

Whereas, lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of women in the United States, but only one percent of women pay close attention to this

important medical statistic, and

Whereas, the number of women dying from lung cancer has nearly doubled over the past 30 years, and

Whereas, in Vermont, one person dies every day due to lung cancer, and

Whereas, advocacy and increased awareness will result in more and better treatments and early detection that will ultimately save lives among people with lung cancer, and

Whereas, the American Lung Association's LUNG FORCE is a fast-growing initiative intended to make lung cancer an illness of the past, uniting the nation in the fight against lung cancer, and

Whereas, the American Lung Association conducts local educational events that include LUNG FORCE expos and walks or runs, and

Whereas, on April 27, 2016, the American Lung Association held a LUNG FORCE Expo in South Burlington to inform patients, caregivers, and health care providers "about the latest trends, resources and research surrounding lung cancer," and

Whereas, on June 23, 2016 a LUNG FORCE Walk will take place in Burlington, and

Whereas, nationwide, the week of May 8–14, 2016 is being observed as Women's Lung Health Week to focus attention on the serious effects of lung cancer on women's health, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 8–14, 2016 as Women's Lung Health Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the American Lung Association in Vermont's Williston office.

#### **H.C.R. 380.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the environmental awareness of the participants in the 1st Annual Youth Rally for the Planet Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Sullivan of Burlington and Pearson of Burlington

Whereas, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), consisting of leading scientists from across the world, agrees that "Warming of

the climate system is unequivocal, and since the 1950s, many of the observed changes are unprecedented over decades to millennia. . . .”, and

Whereas, the overwhelming consensus among published climate scientists is that climate change is a reality, and that human activity, including the burning of fossil fuel, contributes to climate change, and

Whereas, many young people are especially concerned about the future of the planet’s environment, as they are the persons who must live with the consequence of the climate changes that are now occurring, and

Whereas, to provide a forum in which Vermont high school students can express their opinions about the future of our planet’s environment, the Vermont Youth Lobby has organized the 1st Youth Rally for the Planet, which is being held today, April 28, 2016, at the State House, and

Whereas, students from a number of Vermont high schools, including Champlain Valley Union High School, Harwood Union High School, Montpelier High School, Mt. Abraham Union High School, Peoples Academy, South Burlington High School, Vergennes Union High School, and Winooski High School are participating in this forum, where they hope State legislators, the media, and the public will hear and listen to their voices of concern, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the environmental awareness of the participants in the 1st Annual Youth Rally for the Planet 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 Youth Lobby.

**H.C.R. 381.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Mehuron’s Supermarket in Waitsfield on its 75th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Grad of Moretown and Greshin of Warren

Whereas, in 1941, Elmer Mehuron opened Mehuron’s Independent Grocery Store (Mehuron’s) on Bridge Street in Waitsfield, moving the store down the street in 1944, and

Whereas, Mehuron’s made home deliveries in a vehicle known as a panel truck using recycled boxes, then a novel home delivery container, and

Whereas, from early on, Mehuron’s offered credit to families unable to afford the cost of food, served as a collection point for food for charitable

dinners, and supported community youth events, including sponsoring Little League Baseball since its introduction in Waitsfield in 1960, and

Whereas, long before the buy local movement was conceived, Mehuron's was stocking produce from local farmers, and

Whereas, Elmer's son, Allen, joined the family business in the early 1950s, Allen and his wife, Irene, resided in an apartment above the store during the early years of their marriage, and Irene worked in the store from 1979–2014, and

Whereas, in 1969, the Mehuron family decided to open a far larger Mehuron's Supermarket in the new Village Square shopping center, and Governor Deane Davis attended the store's opening ceremony, and

Whereas, in 1984, the *Valley Reporter* named Elmer Mehuron as its Person of the Year, and

Whereas, Mehuron's was a charter member of the Vermont Grocers Association (now the Vermont Retail and Grocers Association) and both Allen, and later his son, Tom, would chair the organization, and

Whereas, in 1982, the first Mehuron's float appeared in the Warren's Fourth of July parade, in the mid-1980s, an intricately designed Mehuron's tee shirt was introduced, and the store was among the first in the area to accept credit cards and implement item scanning at the checkout counter, and

Whereas, Mehuron's was the first retailer anywhere to sell American Flatbread, which became an immediate success, and

Whereas, in 1989, Tom Mehuron, who assumed leadership of Mehuron's following his father's death in 1987, constructed an 8,000-square-foot addition to the store, including a seafood department and a bakery, and

Whereas, Mehuron family members have served in many civic and community leadership roles, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Mehuron's Supermarket in Waitsfield on its 75th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mehuron's Supermarket.

**H.C.R. 382.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the role of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in the enactment of

Vermont State law and welcoming the organization to Vermont for its 125th annual meeting

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington and LaLonde of South Burlington

Whereas, the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (Uniform Law Commission) was established in 1892 to address the concerns of state governments for the improvement of the laws which govern their jurisdictions, as well as to improve interstate relationships between legislative bodies, and

Whereas, the Uniform Law Commission promotes the principle of uniformity by drafting and proposing specific statutes in areas of the law where uniformity between the states best serves the interests of the states and their citizens, and

Whereas, Vermont has been an active member of the Uniform Law Commission since 1895, and

Whereas, each state appoints its uniform law commissioners who are both public and private sector attorneys serving without compensation, and

Whereas, more than 30 commissioners have represented Vermont, and

Whereas, the current President of the Uniform Law Commission is Richard T. Cassidy, a practicing attorney in Burlington and he is the first Vermonter to serve in this position since George Brigham Young (1925–1927), and

Whereas, Vermont has enacted more than 90 uniform and model acts, including the Uniform Commercial Code, Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, Uniform Partnership Act, and Uniform Trust Code, and

Whereas, the Uniform Law Commission convenes once a year at an annual meeting, and commissioners assemble to study proposed uniform acts that drafting committees have prepared during the past year, and

Whereas, during July 8–14, 2016, at the Stowe Mountain Lodge, the Uniform Law Commission will conduct its 125th annual meeting, its first annual meeting held in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the role of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in the enactment of Vermont State law and welcomes the organization to Vermont for its 125th annual meeting, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richard T. Cassidy, President of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

**H.C.R. 383.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Ken and Nancy Johnson for their civic and religious community service roles in the town of Jamaica

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Londonderry and Branagan of Georgia

Whereas, Ken and Nancy Johnson are model community leaders in the town of Jamaica, and

Whereas, as a team, the Johnsons have been involved in every aspect of the Jamaica Volunteer Fire and Rescue's (JVF&R) operations and

Whereas, as a former police chief and U.S. Navy Vietnam veteran, Ken Johnson brought the skills required to serve JVF&R in key roles, and

Whereas, in 2001, Ken Johnson joined JVF&R as a firefighter, responding to many calls, and, when on the scene, was relied on for his firefighting expertise and willingness to assist as needed, and

Whereas, he served as JVF&R's assistant chief and president, and

Whereas, Ken Johnson has been the organization's lead and successful grant writer and regularly helped maintain the fire and rescue equipment, and

Whereas, both Ken and Nancy Johnson have been active fund raisers and general JVF&R volunteers, and

Whereas, at the Jamaica Community Church, their extensive involvement has been a labor of love and devotion, and

Whereas, they are ushers, fund raisers, and church dinner volunteers, and

Whereas, Nancy Johnson has served as church clerk, on the official board, and on the pulpit committee that called the current pastor to the congregation, and

Whereas, Ken Johnson has volunteered as church auditor, and weekly, he assists in preparing the sanctuary for Sunday worship, and

Whereas, the Johnsons have been church liaisons with the Jamaica-Wardsboro Food Pantry and worked especially on the pantry's fall harvest dinner and Super Bowl Sunday "souper bowl," and

Whereas, Nancy Johnson's invaluable volunteer work at the Jamaica Benefit Association has included service as secretary, vice president, and president, and

Whereas, she is a key participant in the Jamaica Senior Luncheon and a member of the Jamaica Library board, and

Whereas, Ken and Nancy Johnson are moving to Georgia, Vermont, to be closer to their family, and a grateful town of Jamaica is saying thank you and best wishes with a farewell party, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Ken and Nancy Johnson for their civic and religious community service roles in the town of Jamaica, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ken and Nancy Johnson.

#### **H.C.R. 384.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs Division II championship football team

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Londonderry, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Berry of Manchester, Browning of Arlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, and Komline of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Balint, Campbell, Campion, McCormack, Nitka, and Sears

Whereas, the Bulldogs of Burr and Burton Academy last won a State football championship in the 1940s, and the school eliminated the sport for over 20 years before returning to gridiron competition in 1999, and

Whereas, in 2015, the undefeated and top-seeded Bulldogs faced the Bellows Falls Terriers in the Division II championship game in Rutland, and

Whereas, the second half opened with the score tied at 7-7, but the Bulldogs scored three touchdowns in the final 24 minutes of play to win, with a 28-7 victory, the 2015 Division II football championship and finish its first ever undefeated season, and

Whereas, this great football squad included Trajan Artt, Ray Gormley, Bryce Little, Jake Baker, Taber Ameden, Carter Vickers, Connor Simonds, Dylan Little, Luder Flathmann, Jay McCoy, Griffin Stalcup, Sean Apps, Jacob Bayzk, Nikolai Sands, Ryan Duddy, Andrew Smith, Matt Eichhorn, Nicholas Stefanak, Chase Blanchard, Will Tucker, Bill Gormley, Kevin Gormely, Cody Roberts, DJ Mulroy, Neil Thorley, EJ Hazelton, Jack Imperatore, Ciel Sun,



Mark Wade, Remy Albert, Jimmy Lormuscio, Chris Kornaros, Will Baker, John Realmuto, Olivier Cazaudumec, Jacob Pearce, Trevor Casey, Murray Senecal, Will Frank, Dylan Kapusta, Atrou Roberts, Carson Hunter, Cody Goebel, and Obrian Ellis, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jason Thomas and assistant coaches Tom McCoy, Jim Oakman, Bill Henkel, Jim Lind, Nick DeMauro, Dan Mulroy, Richie Pearce, and Rob Little inspired their players to complete a memorable season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs Division II championship football team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Burr and Burton Academy.

#### **H.C.R. 385.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Stowe Performing Arts on its 40th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Scheuermann of Stowe

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, Stowe Performing Arts (SPA) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization presenting high-quality musical performances in Stowe, and many are presented to the public for free, and

Whereas, the organization operates under the governance of a volunteer board of directors and employs an executive director, and its many loyal volunteers are essential to SPA fulfilling its cultural mission, and

Whereas, in 1976, the organization presented its first summer concerts at the former Whisker's Field on Mountain Road, and

Whereas, in the early 1980s, Johannes von Trapp invited SPA to relocate these popular events to a far more inviting venue, the meadow at Trapp Family Lodge, and the move resulted in the birth of the much-loved Music in the Meadow series, probably SPA's most noted musical endeavor, and

Whereas, Music in the Meadow starts with the popular July 4 celebratory Vermont Symphony Orchestra concert that always concludes with a rousing rendition of Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture, including a colorful fireworks display, and, in 2016, this series will also feature a variety of other musical genres, and

Whereas, a combination of sponsorships and proceeds from the Music in the Meadow concerts fund two wonderful free concert series, and

Whereas, Noon Music in May is a series of four concerts performed in the intimate setting of the Stowe Community Church, which houses a restored 1898 Steinway grand piano and a W.B. Simmons tracker organ, and the 2016 schedule features concerts of bluegrass, new tango, classical, and marimba music, and

Whereas, the Gazebo Concerts, performed on summer evenings at the Gazebo in front of the Stowe Free Library, in 2016 includes bluegrass-folk, accordion, brass band, and acoustic music, and

Whereas, raffle sales support professional musicians performing in the Stowe public schools, and

Whereas, in 2016, SPA marks 40 years of contributing to the vibrancy of the community and, on April 25, the Governor issued a proclamation to commemorate this cultural milestone, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Stowe Performing Arts on its 40th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Stowe Performing Arts.

#### **H.C.R. 386.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of University of Vermont professor and debate coach extraordinaire, Alfred Charles Snider III

Offered by: Representatives Young of Glover, Rachelson of Burlington, Baser of Bristol, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Connor of Fairfield, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Jerman of Essex, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Krowinski of Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne, Long of Newfane, McCormack of Burlington, O'Brien of Richmond, Pearson of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Turner of Milton

Offered by: Senators Ashe and Baruth

Whereas, the internationally renowned teacher, scholar, and debate legend, Dr. Alfred "Tuna" Snider, dedicated his life's work to advancing debate as a pedagogical method crucial to the production of an informed citizenry capable of full participation in the democratic process, and

Whereas, according to a *New York Times* obituary, a young Alfred knew he had found his people when, “in seventh grade, he stumbled onto his school debating team and found his vociferous calling,” and

Whereas, Alfred Snider graduated from Brown University, earned a master’s degree at Emerson College and a doctorate from the University of Kansas, and

Whereas, he served as the Edwin W. Lawrence Professor of Forensics at the University of Vermont for 33 years (1982 to 2015) and guided the Lawrence Debate Union, achieving several national and world championships, and

Whereas, Dr. Snider established the World Debate Institute, attracting debaters and coaches from around the world to the University of Vermont for an intensive summer “boot camp for the brain,” and

Whereas, he authored scores of volumes about debate, writing that “my greatest hope is that my work can be a small part of this greater effort. I see debate growing and prospering around the world,” and

Whereas, Dr. Snider represented the University of Vermont in more than 45 nations, teaching the value of civic discourse and debate, finding special pleasure in visiting emerging democracies, and

Whereas, Dr. “Tuna” served as the faculty advisor to WRUV-FM Radio at the University of Vermont and, for 15 years, hosted his weekly radio shows, “The Reggae Lunch” and “The College of Musical Knowledge,” and

Whereas, he co-founded the Vermont Reggae Festival in 1986, which, for 15 years, enriched the cultural diversity and economy of Vermont, and

Whereas, Dr. Snider hosted nearly 500 episodes of the television program “Flashpoint,” covering relevant political and social issues, and he was named 2008 Director of the Year by Vermont Community Access Media, and

Whereas, the State of Vermont lost a true friend and mentor when Professor Alfred Charles “Tuna” Snider died in December 2015, leaving behind his wife, Bojana Skrt; daughter, Sarah; and two grandsons, Jackson and Levi Green, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Alfred Charles Snider III, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 387.**

House concurrent resolution thanking Diane Martin and Rita Buglass Gluck for their combined creative efforts in composing and arranging our State Song, “These Green Mountains”

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, in 1998, the General Assembly adopted Joint House Resolution 102, directing the Vermont Arts Council to initiate a procedure to establish a new State Song, and

Whereas, the opportunity to compose the music and lyrics that might eventually be designated as the State Song enticed over 100 entrants to apply their musical talents and creativity to this challenging task, and

Whereas, among the individuals applying their lyrical and musical skills to this project were Diane Martin and Rita Buglass Gluck, who submitted a rousing anthem entitled “These Green Mountains,” and

Whereas, after an initial review of all the songs, a panel of musical experts, with the input of many Vermonters, reviewed the eight finalists and proposed to the General Assembly that it select “These Green Mountains” for designation as the new State Song, and

Whereas, the General Assembly accepted this recommendation and enacted 2001 Acts and Resolves No. 99 designating “These Green Mountains” as the State Song, and

Whereas, Diane Martin and Rita Buglass Gluck worked tirelessly to introduce and teach the new State Song to Vermonters especially schoolchildren, and

Whereas, their personal commitment in this special educational endeavor is to be commended, and

Whereas, during the 16 years since the legislative designation of “These Green Mountains” as the State Song, it has been heard throughout the State and performed often as a devotional in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, an official legislative expression of appreciation to the creators of our State Song is long overdue, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly thanks Diane Martin and Rita Buglass Gluck for their combined creative efforts in composing and arranging our Vermont State Song, “These Green Mountains,” and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Diane Martin, Rita Buglass Gluck, and the Vermont Arts Council.

**H.C.R. 388.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Elaine Dufresne of Williamstown for her exemplary public service for the State of Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock, Bartholomew of Hartland, Botzow of Pownal, Burke of Brattleboro, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of Montpelier, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Pugh of South Burlington, Ryerson of Randolph, Scheuermann of Stowe, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Balint, McCormack, Nitka, Sirotkin, and Zuckerman

Whereas, on May 3, 1989, after a career in public service, working first with the Vermont Department of Mental Health and then with the Vermont Department of Public Safety, Elaine Dufresne joined the staff of the Vermont Arts Council (the Council), and

Whereas, in the performance of her duties, Elaine Dufresne's colleagues at the Council recognized that she never met a procedure she couldn't master, a deadline she couldn't meet, a report she couldn't complete, nor an auditor who could find anything wrong with her work, and

Whereas, many of those she came in contact with at other agencies, both in Vermont and across the country, described Elaine Dufresne as kind, meticulous, creative, on top of things, a terrific partner to the National Endowment, and—most poignant—unruffleable, and

Whereas, Elaine Dufresne offered kind and patient guidance to others at the Council, especially when she saw potential that no one else could see, and

Whereas, she was always the first one in the office, making sure the lights were on and the water was hot, and

Whereas, Elaine Dufresne has always approached the challenges in her life with honesty, integrity, patience, and good humor; be it a difficult group of weeds in her garden or a difficult group of minds in her professional world, and

Whereas, she served as the financial officer and administrative director of the Council until September 30, 2015, a total of nearly 26-and-one-half years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Elaine Dufresne of Williamstown for her exemplary public service for the State of Vermont and extends to her best wishes in her future endeavors, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 389.**

House concurrent resolution honoring House Journal Clerk Cathleen M. Cameron for her extraordinary dedication to the people's house

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, when Vermonters think of the House of Representatives, they usually focus on the 150 elected members and not the dedicated staff that serves this institution that epitomizes Vermont's representative democracy, and

Whereas, since 1995, Cathy Cameron has served in the indispensable role of House Journal Clerk, assuring that a copy of the prior day's proceedings is available for reading, in print and online, before the Speaker gavel the House into session, and

Whereas, Cathy Cameron began her employment in the Office of the Clerk of the House as the sessional Status Clerk at the start of the 1983–1984 Biennium, and

Whereas, in 1995, she transitioned to her current full-time position, and

Whereas, Cathy Cameron and the late former House Clerk Don Milne were an effective and congenial working team, which had great respect for the Legislative Branch of State government, and

Whereas, although the Office of the Clerk of the House was already computerized in 1995, the technology had not reached its current degree of sophistication, and

Whereas, paper forms were the exclusive means of tallying roll-call votes, and Cathy Cameron needed to then enter each member's vote into the journal document, and

Whereas, members do not always appreciate that when daily adjournment occurs, the staff in the Office of the Clerk of the House often has hours of work before concluding its day, and

Whereas, one of Cathy Cameron's special talents is deciphering member's remarks, often scribbled in haste during a roll-call vote, and

Whereas, throughout the summer, Cathy Cameron works proficiently and systematically to prepare the permanent journal for publication, and

Whereas, after 21 years of outstanding service as House Journal Clerk, Cathy Cameron, a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and an accomplished violinist who plays in two orchestras, will conclude her legislative employment this fall, and all her colleagues will miss her presence in the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors House Journal Clerk Cathleen M. Cameron for her extraordinary dedication to the people's house and extends to her best wishes and a fond farewell, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 390.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont youth baseball team on its historic journey to Havana, Cuba

Offered by: Representatives Pearson of Burlington, Baser of Bristol, Bissonnette of Winooski, Cole of Burlington, Dame of Essex, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Jerman of Essex, Krowinski of Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, McCormack of Burlington, Myers of Essex, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Sharpe of Bristol, Sullivan of Burlington, Webb of Shelburne, and Wright of Burlington

Whereas, baseball was introduced to Cuba approximately 150 years ago and is as much a national pastime in that country as in the United States, and

Whereas, although a team of young New Hampshire and Vermont baseball players journeyed to Cuba in 2008, such trips remain unusual, and

Whereas, the recent reestablishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba has created a more favorable climate for American athletic teams to visit the island nation, and

Whereas, in March, the Major League Tampa Bay Rays played the Cuban national team in Havana in a game that both President Obama and Cuban President Castro attended, and

Whereas, extending this recent precedent to an ad hoc team of 11- and 12-year-old youth baseball players from Burlington, Essex, Shelburne, and Bristol traveled the week of April 17, 2016 to Havana for a series of five games with Cuban youth players, and

Whereas, Jim Carter, the faculty advisor and coach of the University of Vermont club baseball team, organized the trip and served as the Vermont team's manager, and

Whereas, Burlington attorney Tom Simon, one of the assistant coaches, worked with the Cuban American Friendship Society to arrange for the required American legal clearance and to arrange for the team's Havana schedule of games and cultural activities, including meals with Cuban families, and

Whereas, the youngsters brought baseball uniforms and equipment to give to their Cuban counterparts, and

Whereas, in a pre-departure event, Senator and Mrs. Leahy visited the team in Burlington and gave the youngsters an American flag to bring to Cuba, and

Whereas, the Vermonters, whose baseball games are now recorded in American diplomatic history, are Tate Agnew, Eli Bostwick, Andrew Goodrich, William Gumbrell, Anna Jenemann, Ozzie Kost, Carter Monks, Cyrus Perkinson, Ollie Pudvar, August Rinehart, and Nolan Simon, and

Whereas, Dave Bostwick and Jeff Goodrich also served as assistant coaches, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont youth baseball team on its historic journey to Havana, Cuba, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each coach and player honored in this resolution.

### **H.C.R. 391.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the ideal committee staffer, Shirley Adams

Offered by: Committee on Commerce and Economic Development

Whereas, to the casual observer, singing a repertoire ranging from Gilbert and Sullivan operettas to choral masterpieces and ensuring that a legislative committee functions smoothly may seem topics bereft of commonality, and

Whereas, the friends and colleagues of the indomitable Shirley Adams knew each of those roles was one she always performed to rave reviews, and



Whereas, Shirley Adams was born (Shirley Ann Brimblecombe) in Vermont's capital city and graduated from Montpelier High School, and

Whereas, after sampling big city life as a student at Burdett Junior College in Boston, she opted for the potentially less hectic pace of Montpelier's golden dome and the applause of appreciative local Barre Players, Onion River Chorus, and Unadilla Theater audiences, and

Whereas, in November 1970, Shirley signed on as a "committee girl," as the committee assistants were then labeled, and was paid the magnificent sum of \$100.00 per week, and

Whereas, her original legislative staff service lasted for only one session, but her hiatus from State House employment was temporary, and

Whereas, in the ensuing six years, Shirley Adams worked at the Department of Public Safety, the Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, and the Vermont Comprehensive Employment and Training office, and

Whereas, in 1977, Shirley Adams returned to the General Assembly committee staff, working much of the time with the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, and she proved her administrative and organizational skills were impeccable, and

Whereas, in 1987, Shirley Adams was most deservedly promoted to supervise all the committee clerks, a role she maintained until 2010, and

Whereas, Shirley Adams was present for several generations of audio recording and computerization technology advancements, and

Whereas, in May 2016, Shirley Adams is concluding her four decades of legislative staff service and will be moving with her husband, Clinton Adams, to Virginia, to be closer to her daughter and grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the ideal committee staffer, Shirley Adams, and wishes her and her family every happiness in the years ahead, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 392.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Katie Thompson of Franklin on being named the 2016 Vermont Mother of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Branagan of Georgia, Beyor of Highgate, Connor of Fairfield, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fiske of Enosburgh,

Gamache of Swanton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Murphy of Fairfax, Pearce of Richford, and Savage of Swanton

Offered by: Senator Degree

Whereas, the American Mothers, Inc. organization “is dedicated to improving the lives of mothers and children in the US and around the world,” and

Whereas, proudly “MomStrong,” American Mothers is the official sponsor of Mother’s Day and of the Mother of the Year program, which selects, in each state as well as nationally, a woman to honor, whose life exemplifies the best qualities of motherhood, and

Whereas, American Mothers has selected Katie Thompson of Franklin as the 2016 Vermont Mother of the Year, and

Whereas, Katie Thompson is the mother of two daughters and a son and, as a young mother, persevered through many challenges, and

Whereas, she is a loving and caring mom, who has coped with the health issues facing one of her daughters, and

Whereas, in the past year, Katie Thompson has engaged in an independent business venture, dedicating considerable time and effort to maximizing this career opportunity, and

Whereas, because she has focused strongly on the goal of providing a better life for her children, Katie Thompson has risen quickly to the top of the organization associated with her business venture, and

Whereas, Katie Thompson is a mother who inspires and is a wonderful role model for other mothers who confront challenges in their lives, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Katie Thompson of Franklin on being named the 2016 Vermont Mother of the Year, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 393.**

House concurrent resolution honoring public educator and Marlboro Town Moderator Dr. Steven John

Offered by: Representatives Long of Newfane, Olsen of Londonderry, Sibilila of Dover, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Manwaring of

Wilmington, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Stuart of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, Dr. Steven John earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Occidental College, a master's degree in education at Antioch Graduate School New England and, more recently, a doctorate in education leadership, policy, and assessment at the University of Massachusetts, and

Whereas, he started his career as an educator, serving in the Peace Corps as a math and science teacher stationed in Malaysia, and

Whereas, on returning to the United States, his first job was at the Whitingham School, originally from 1973–1990, and later from 1993–1999, and

Whereas, during his years at the Whitingham School, Steven John taught in the classroom, served as the middle school coordinator, then principal, was named the University of Vermont's Outstanding Educator (1985), and implemented an inclusive town meeting form of school governance, and

Whereas, during a three-year hiatus (1990–1993) at the Phillips Middle School in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Steven John taught science and coached the winning team at a regional Science Olympiad, and

Whereas, in 1999, Steven John assumed a new position as the Leland & Gray Middle School's principal, where he supervised curriculum innovations, including the introduction of a course in Chinese, advised on a successful building addition, implemented waste recycling building-wide, improved nutrition in the school's cafeteria, and oversaw the installation of an information system enabling parents to review students' homework, and

Whereas, Steven John served as president of the Vermont Association for Middle Level Education and has many other professional affiliations, and

Whereas, in 2009, after completing his doctoral degree, Dr. Steven John was appointed superintendent of the Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) and has provided expert guidance to all of its schools, and

Whereas, since 2002, Steven John has served ably as Marlboro Town Moderator, having previously held the office of town auditor, and

Whereas, in 2016, Dr. Steven John is concluding his outstanding leadership tenure at WCSU, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors public educator and Marlboro Town Moderator Dr. Steven John, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 394.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Allen Gilbert in recognition of his notable career roles in journalism, education, public service, and civil liberties advocacy

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, Riehle, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Starr, Westman, White, and Zuckerman

Whereas, as an astute journalist, engaging educator, thoughtful elected local school board chair, and for the past 12 years, as the articulate and effective executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont (ACLU-VT), Allen Gilbert has been at the forefront of civic life in the Green Mountain State, and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor's degree in history at Harvard College and a master's in education at the College of William and Mary, and

Whereas, Allen Gilbert became a *Rutland Herald* reporter, progressing to the position of city editor and subsequently assistant editor of the *Sunday Herald-Times Argus*, and in later years, he offered Vermont Public Radio commentaries, and

Whereas, he taught writing at several Vermont colleges and served as a cultural ambassador, teaching American studies at a German university, and

Whereas, Allen Gilbert was a principal in PressKit, a Montpelier communications and public policy research firm, and

Whereas, while chair of the Worcester School Board, it joined the ACLU-VT lawsuit that led to the *Brigham* decision mandating equal educational opportunity for all Vermont K-12 students, and

Whereas, this legal collaboration served as the springboard to ACLU-VT's appointing him as its executive director in 2004 and was the start of an exciting and personally satisfying 12-year tenure, and

Whereas, Allen Gilbert has become a familiar figure at the State House, advocating before legislative committees on behalf of the fundamental rights

and liberties of Vermonters, and he has participated in numerous legal actions and spoken at schools and other forums, and

Whereas, in 2012, the Vermont Press Association presented Allen Gilbert the Matthew Lyon Award in recognition of his commitment to the First Amendment and for his work on public records legislation, and

Whereas, in 2016, Allen Gilbert is concluding his ACLU-VT leadership role, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Allen Gilbert in recognition of his notable career roles in journalism, education, public service, and civil liberties advocacy, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 395.**

House concurrent resolution thanking State House cafeteria assistant manager Bernadette Babin Canas for a decade of friendly service

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, the State House cafeteria is a mainstay in the lives of legislators, legislative staff, and the public, and

Whereas, the quality of the cafeteria's staff influences a person's eagerness to patronize the State House eatery, and

Whereas, Bernadette Babin Canas, known to all as Bernie, is the State House cafeteria's assistant manager, a popular member of its staff, and the first person Ray Wood hired in 2006, when the Abbey Group assumed the cafeteria's management, and

Whereas, each business day, she serves approximately 150 persons who line up to order breakfast, lunch, or a beverage or snack, and

Whereas, when regular customers come through the serving line, Bernie often immediately knows what they will order, and

Whereas, as the cafeteria's assistant manager, Bernie Babin Canas covers for Ray Wood as needed, assists in ordering food and supplies, preps for meals, staffs the grill, and acts as a bartender at the many special events the Abbey Group caters in the State House, and

Whereas, she is a loyal employee who is dedicated to providing the highest quality service and always with courtesy and a smile, and

Whereas, she is married to Jeff Canas, and they are the grandparents of two grandchildren who reside in Arizona, and

Whereas, after a decade of a job well done as the State House cafeteria's assistant manager, Bernie is retiring this spring, and she and her husband will divide their time between Arizona and Maine, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly thanks State House cafeteria assistant manager Bernadette Babin Canas for a decade of friendly service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bernie Babin Canas.

### **H.C.R. 396.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Joshua Kocis on winning the 2016 New England regional Elks Hoop Shoot in the boys' 10–11 years of age group

Offered by: Representatives Lefebvre of Newark, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Higley of Lowell, Lawrence of Lyndon, Marcotte of Coventry, Purvis of Colchester, Quimby of Concord, Shaw of Derby, Strong of Albany, Troiano of Stannard, Viens of Newport City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Benning, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, Joshua Kocis of Brighton loves to practice shooting basketballs and perfecting the accuracy of his shots, and

Whereas, this spring, he took his passion for basketball to new heights, as a competitor in the 44th annual Elks Hoop Shoot, a contest that invites youngsters 8–13 years of age, divided into three gender-based age groups, to demonstrate their shooting prowess, and

Whereas, this exciting event features competition at multiple geographic-based rounds, concluding with the national finals in Chicago, which features young athletes from 12 regions, and

Whereas, the contestant's objective in each round of the Elks Hoop Shoot is to score as high a percentage of baskets as possible in a 25-shot sequence, and

Whereas, the youngster is allotted a maximum of five practice shots, then shoots 10 times for scoring, and, after the other participants in the same age–gender cohort have completed their 10 scoring shots, each contestant then shoots his or her final 15 shots, and

Whereas, the Elks Newport Lodge #2155 hosted its lodge-level competition at North Country Union High School (NCUHS), where Joshua Kocis earned the top score of 18/25 (meaning he was successful on 18 of his 25 shots) in the boys' 10–11 years of age group, and

Whereas, at the district level, also conducted on the NCUHS basketball court, Joshua Kocis improved his score to 22/25, once again the best in his group, and

Whereas, at the State contest, he was a winner with an even better 23/25 result, and

Whereas, at the more challenging New England regional competition, where all the shooters were state champions, Joshua Kocis continued his proficient shooting with another winning 23/25 score, and

Whereas, the national Elks Hoop Shoot showcases the best of the entrants from across the country, and the competition is the most intensive, and

Whereas, even with this added excitement and scrutiny, Joshua Kocis completed his shots with a strong 80 percent success rate of 20/25, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Joshua Kocis on winning the 2016 New England regional Elks Hoop Shoot in the boys' 10–11 years of age group, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 397.**

House concurrent resolution expressing appreciation for Evolve Rutland's honoring of accomplished Rutland area women

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, 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, Evolve Rutland is an organization that promotes the importance of women in the development of a successful Rutland economy, and

Whereas, on March 28, 2016, in commemoration of Women's History Month, the first Evolve Rutland Celebration of the Women of Rutland County was held at the Paramount Theatre at which several Rutland women trailblazers were honored, and

Whereas, Bethany Bosch of Wallingford is one of only 500 women to swim the English Channel alone, and

Whereas, this always challenging swim proved much longer for her because the current continuously pushed her off course, but she completed her athletic mission in 17 hours and 34 minutes, and

Whereas, the audience saw a film of this unusual swim, and Rutland City School Superintendent Mary Moran presented Bethany Bosch with Evolve Rutland's inaugural Trailblazer Award, and

Whereas, the evening continued with the honoring of an extraordinary mother and daughter, Mary Costello Wing and Joan Loring Wing, as posthumous Trailblazer Award winners, and

Whereas, Mary Costello Wing, who died recently at 89 years of age, was politically active for many years, starting with her work on the Gibson for Governor campaign in 1945, continuing with decades of service as a Rutland City Republican Committee member, and including a candidacy for the State Senate, and

Whereas, a proud mother of nine children, she was an avid tennis player who coached the girls' team at Mount St. Joseph Academy, and

Whereas, her daughter, Joan Wing, who died in a 2009 automobile accident, was an attorney who read for the bar, was a two-time recipient of the Vermont Bar Association's (VBA) President's Award for outstanding service, and represented the VBA on the Federal Judicial Nominating Advisory Committee, and

Whereas, several Wing family members, including Katrina Clark, accepted these well-deserved awards on their relatives' behalf, and

Whereas, the Evolve Rutland Celebration of the Women of Rutland County honored women who are community role models, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes Evolve Rutland for its honoring of accomplished Rutland area women, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Evolve Rutland, to Bethany Bosch, and to Katrina Clark.



### **H.C.R. 398.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Milton Rescue on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of South Hero, and Krebs of South Hero

Whereas, for half a century, the goal of Milton Rescue has been to provide “the highest quality of care possible to those that are injured or sick in Milton or in neighboring towns, as requested,” and

Whereas, Milton Rescue was established in August 1966 as Milton Ambulance Service, Eldon Elwood and Norm Potvin were its founders, and approximately 250 persons have served as members, and

Whereas, the then Milton Fire Chief George H. Larcharite served as the organization’s supervisor, and his successors continued in this role, and

Whereas, the service’s original vehicle, a 1963 Pontiac Bonneville station wagon, the gift of a local auto dealer, was housed in Eldon Elwood’s home garage, and

Whereas, in 1973, Milton Ambulance Service relocated to the former Milton Fire Station, and a reorganization enabled the service, operating as a town department, to establish its own leadership, while the fire chief remained the supervisor, and

Whereas, in 1985, the Milton Ambulance Service was renamed Milton Rescue, and

Whereas, on August 27, 1988, a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Milton Rescue headquarters was held, which Governor Kunin attended, and the new building opened early in 1989, and

Whereas, Milton Rescue is now certified at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician level, and has a roster of approximately 50 active members, including six high school cadets, and

Whereas, the members of Milton Rescue, both present and past, and their families that support them, provide an amazing 24 hours a day of dedicated service to the public, often under difficult circumstances, and they deserve the public’s gratitude and thanks, and

Whereas, public awareness activities include child care seat installations and offering CPR instruction, and

Whereas, Milton Rescue is a member of Vermont Emergency Medical Services District #3 and participates in a mutual aid system serving Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Milton Rescue on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 399.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the dedicated volunteers who are central to the success of Camp Daybreak

Offered by: Representative Klein of East Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, since 1961, Camp Daybreak has provided a traditional camping experience to youngsters with social, emotional, and behavioral needs, and

Whereas, established as a joint project of the Northeast Kingdom Mental Health Service and the Vermont Church Council—since 1971, Camp Daybreak has been operated by the Vermont Association for Mental Health in cooperation with the State’s community mental health centers, the Department of Mental Health, and the Vermont Ecumenical Council, and

Whereas, the campers are youngsters who would otherwise be largely unable to enjoy and benefit from a traditional summer camp’s athletic, arts, and community activities, and

Whereas, the organizational factor facilitating the campers’ successful summer adventure is Camp Daybreak’s volunteer program, and

Whereas, each camper is assigned a full-time buddy, a high school or college student, who works exclusively with the camper to assist him or her in every aspect of the Camp Daybreak day, and

Whereas, these volunteers are dedicated and special young adults who recognize the pivotal contribution they are giving to make their camper’s summer experience memorable, and

Whereas, before they begin their Camp Daybreak assignments, the volunteers complete a comprehensive training seminar that provides information about the different types of mental health conditions, developing behavioral interventions, and understanding the impact of abuse on a child’s behavior and relationships, and

Whereas, volunteers often return for several summers, and some decide to pursue careers in either the education or mental health field, and

Whereas, it is not unusual for volunteers to develop friendships with their campers that continue for years after the week together at Camp Daybreak, and

Whereas, in 2016, Camp Daybreak marks the 55th season of this extraordinary partnership between its volunteers and campers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the dedicated volunteers who are central to the success of Camp Daybreak, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Camp Daybreak Director Dan Osman.

**H.C.R. 400.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Lucinda Storz on winning her second consecutive Vermont Scripps Spelling Bee championship

Offered by: Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon, Feltus of Lyndon, and Quimby of Concord

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, Lucy Storz, a seventh grader at the Thaddeus Stevens School in Lyndon Center, has mastered the art of spelling as have none of her peers in the State, and

Whereas, in 2015, as a sixth grader, she won the Vermont Scripps Spelling Bee, outlasting her competitors through a record 43 rounds, and clinching the championship with a correct spelling of ipecac, a shrub or a drug derived from this plant, and

Whereas, as the 2015 State champion, Lucy Storz was honored to represent Vermont at the Scripps National Spelling Bee held in the Washington, D.C. area, and

Whereas, perseverance and Lucy Storz are synonymous, as in 2016 she represented the Thaddeus Stevens School at the Vermont Scripps Spelling Bee for the fifth time, and she has twice represented the Lyndon Town School, and

Whereas, her 2016 adventure deciphering spelling puzzles included encounters with 30 words, some commonly spoken and others hardly known beyond a specialized audience, and

Whereas, musical words included adagio and virtuoso, the human anatomy was considered when Lucy Storz correctly spelled autopsy, physique, and vivisection, and possible international intrigue came to mind if the words subterfuge and saboteur were considered in tandem, and

Whereas, she easily passed the tricky double consonant test with the words barrio, commensurate, odyssey, piazza, saffron, and tariff, and

Whereas, Lucy Storz's 2016 victory was assured when she provided the right letters in the proper sequence for the word mercerize, a treatment that gives fabric a shiny and silky appearance, and

Whereas, as the 2016 Vermont Scripps Spelling Bee winner, Lucy Storz will again participate in the National Scripps Spelling Bee where she will compete against the nation's best student spellers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lucinda Storz on winning her second consecutive Vermont Scripps Spelling Bee championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lucy Storz at the Thaddeus Stevens School.

#### **H.C.R. 401.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Anthony Otis on his outstanding legal career and for his community leadership

Offered by: Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Hooper of Montpelier

Whereas, as a University of Vermont student, Anthony Otis was one of the original John Dewey Fellows and, after his college graduation, he earned a law degree at Willamette University's College of Law in Salem, Oregon, and

Whereas, he returned home to Vermont, passed the bar exam, and was honored to serve as a Vermont Supreme Court clerk and then as the Court's chief clerk, and

Whereas, Anthony Otis remained on the judiciary's staff as deputy clerk of the Court and assistant trial court administrator, and

Whereas, after leaving the judiciary's staff, he engaged in the private practice of law, concentrating on legislative advocacy, most recently as a partner in the law firm Otis & Kennedy, LLC, and

Whereas, for more than three decades, Anthony Otis has represented 70 public and private sector organizations, both local and national, before the General Assembly, and

Whereas, Anthony Otis is known as a knowledgeable and effective advocate for his legislative clients, and

Whereas, his professional activities have included service for the State of Vermont as a special education due process hearing officer, as an assigned counsel for the Office of the Defender General, and as bar counsel for the Professional Conduct Board of the Vermont Supreme Court, and

Whereas, he has a special interest in preserving the capital city's and the State's heritage, serves as a director of the Montpelier Heritage Group, was an incorporator and founding director of the Montpelier Historical Society, chairs the Montpelier Historic Preservation Commission, and was a trustee of the Friends of the Vermont State House, and

Whereas, other community organizations that have benefited from Anthony Otis's leadership include the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the Green Mountain United Way, and the Vermont Rail Advocacy Network, and

Whereas, as a person interested in the arts, Anthony Otis chaired the Montpelier-based Lost Nation Theater's board, and

Whereas, the 2016 legislative session marks the conclusion of Anthony Otis's work as a legislative advocate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Anthony Otis on his outstanding legal career and for his community leadership, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 402.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Robert Lee Hull for his career of public service in the town of Royalton

Offered by: Representative Buxton of Tunbridge

Whereas, Bob Hull was born in South Royalton and is a veteran dairy farmer who has worked in agriculture for over 30 years, and

Whereas, he and his wife, Suzanne Milord, have been married for 32 years, and

Whereas, Bob Hull is the father of two sons, Cole and Christopher, the grandfather of six grandchildren, and the great grandfather of one great-grandchild, and

Whereas, the fourth-graders in South Royalton are acquainted with Bob Hull as their soccer coach, and

Whereas, older residents know him as the skilled weekly bingo caller for the past 13 years at the Royalton Civics Club, and

Whereas, among the town public offices Bob Hull has held are health officer and dog catcher, both roles he served for 18 years, and

Whereas, he served as a Royalton selectboard member for a dozen years, overseeing the broad scope of its municipal jurisdiction, and

Whereas, other panels on which Bob Hull served were Royalton's solid waste alliance and loan fund boards, and

Whereas, public safety has been an area of municipal government of particular interest for Bob Hull, and

Whereas, Bob Hull served as town constable for eight years and has been the Royalton Chief of Police for 10 years, and

Whereas, after successfully supervising the maintenance of law and order in the town of Royalton for an extended period of time, Bob Hull has decided to turn over this important responsibility to a successor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Robert Lee Hull for his career of public service in the town of Royalton, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 403.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Prevent Child Abuse Vermont on its 40th anniversary and recognizing its essential contribution to the improvement of family life in Vermont

Offered by: Representative Dame of Essex

Whereas, in 1976, Helen Parker, a Head Start home visitor, and Laura Smith, a medical social worker at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital, met with a small group of parents seeking to improve parent-child relationships, and

Whereas, this initial conversation resulted in the formation of Parents Anonymous of Vermont, which since 1994 has been known as Prevent Child

Abuse Vermont (PCAV) and serves as the State chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America, and

Whereas, PCAV's mission "promotes and supports healthy relationships within families, schools, and communities to eliminate child abuse," and

Whereas, its goals include ending the generational cycle of abuse, training all who interact with children to prevent child abuse and neglect, and empowering children to be heard, and

Whereas, PCAV's original major project was creating the Nurturing Program for Parents and Children, and it served as a model for the more than 650 similar programs PCAV has since implemented, and

Whereas, in excess of 300,000 copies of PCAV's *Vermont Parents' Home Companion and Resource Directory* have been issued, and the publication includes valuable information and advice on parenting as well as a comprehensive directory of child and family support services, and

Whereas, PCAV works with children, adolescents, and adults to reduce the prevalence of child sexual abuse, the leading form of child abuse in Vermont, through initiatives such as the school based Care for Kids and the Sexual Abuse Free Environment for Teens (SAFE-T), and

Whereas, other important PCAV efforts include the Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma Prevention Program and its work with incarcerated parents, and

Whereas, the Governor has proclaimed April 2016 as Prevent Child Abuse Month, and PCAV is planning a 40th anniversary celebration aimed at making Vermont a child-abuse-free State, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Prevent Child Abuse Vermont on its 40th anniversary and recognizes its essential contribution to the improvement of family life in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont.

**H.C.R. 404.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating and extending best wishes to Elle Purrier of Montgomery on her quest for a place on the 2016 U.S. Summer Olympics team

Offered by: Representatives Fiske of Enosburgh, Beyor of Highgate, and Pearce of Richford

Whereas, Elle Purrier of Montgomery is a superb runner who has earned many laurels, and

Whereas, as a Richford High School student, she won impressive State and national running honors, and

Whereas, Elle Purrier now attends the University of New Hampshire (UNH), where her running career has soared to even greater heights, and

Whereas, she holds the UNH women's running records for the indoor one-mile and 1,000-meter distances and the outdoor 800-meter and 1,500-meter runs, and

Whereas, Elle Purrier has the distinction of being the only female collegiate runner in the nation ranked No. 1 in more than one event, and her record-holding events are the demanding steeplechase, which requires leaping over inflexible hurdles and water hazards, and the 1,500-meter run, and

Whereas, especially exciting was her recent steeplechase victory in Providence, Rhode Island, earning her membership on the U.S. national team for a second consecutive year, and

Whereas, the Providence win also granted her the fantastic opportunity to compete this July in Eugene, Oregon, in the qualifying trials for a coveted place on the 2016 U.S. Summer Olympics team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates and extends best wishes to Elle Purrier of Montgomery on her quest for a place on the 2016 U.S. Summer Olympics team, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 405.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Walking Stick Theatre on winning the 2016 Vermont State Drama Festival

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, a group of talented Otter Valley Union High School thespians, organized as the Walking Stick Theatre (WST), created a play entitled *Inevitable*, and

Whereas, WST developed *Inevitable* based on a series of discussions and workshops, and



Whereas, the drama’s plot centered on a teenager’s inevitable questioning of his or her place in society and specifically on the question of sexual identity, and

Whereas, the play served as Otter Valley Union High School’s entry in the 2016 Vermont State Drama Festival, held at St. Johnsbury Academy April 8–9, and

Whereas, one judge described *Inevitable* as “the most amazing student/adult event piece I have seen,” and

Whereas, other judges also offered high praise, and *Inevitable* was declared the Vermont State Drama Festival’s winning play, and

Whereas, WST was also the honored recipient of the Excellence in Acting and Excellence in Stage Management and Lighting awards, and

Whereas, WST proudly performed *Inevitable* at the New England Drama Festival, which occurred April 20–22 in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, and

Whereas, the Otter Valley students who created this memorable theatrical presentation included cast members Jacob Miner, Sierra Norford, and Ben Francoeur and the ensemble, consisting of Henry Bart, Alexander Bunker, Madi Coombs, Grace Euber, Calysta Hayes, Elijah Keane, Jonna Keith, Alexis Lape, Niko Moriglioni, Isaiah Nelson, Katelynne Patten, Lennon Philo, Ghislaine Robin, Michaela Ross, and Maxwell Williams, and

Whereas, the student production staff and crew responsible behind the scenes included Jeffrey Hull, Anita Hughes, Owen Kulp, Evelyn Bart, Wesley Smith, and Amber Moriglioni, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Walking Stick Theatre on winning the 2016 Vermont State Drama Festival, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 406.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Northfield Observances on their 40th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Lewis of Berlin

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, each Labor Day weekend, the Northfield Observances feature a cornucopia of events to mark the approach of the fall season, and

Whereas, the genesis of the Northfield Observances was a parade held in 1975 in commemoration of the upcoming U.S. Bicentennial, although that event was not intended as the start of an annual Labor Day celebration, and

Whereas, the next year, booths featuring local vendors and organizations were introduced on the town common, but the now-Labor Day-connected festivities were limited to a single day, and

Whereas, in 1977, the three-day schedule that thousands of visitors now anticipate each Labor Day weekend was initiated, and

Whereas, also in 1977, the Quilt Festival, which has since evolved into a large, separate event, was introduced—a welcomed artistic attraction, and

Whereas, David Freeman served as the Northfield Observances first president, and

Whereas, the Northfield Savings Bank inaugurated its Saturday 5k footrace in 1978, bringing an athletic component to the weekend's event, and a shorter kids' race has since been added, and

Whereas, the Northfield Observances include free family-friendly entertainment, and sponsorships and donations provide financial support for the weekend, and

Whereas, many local nonprofit organizations establish food or game booths to serve as fundraisers, and long-time vendors include Rick Lansing, Jack Baroffio of the Northfield High School rifle team, and Rubber Bubbles, and

Whereas, in 2009, a car show brought a new dimension to the weekend, and

Whereas, except for 2011, when Tropical Storm Irene struck, and neighbors focused on helping each other through the critical recovery effort, the Northfield Observances have taken place each Labor Day weekend for 41 years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Northfield Observances on their 40th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Northfield Observances President Lori Bussiere.

#### **H.C.R. 407.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Rob Reiber for his creative and innovative video production leadership at the Center for Media and Democracy in Burlington

Offered by: Representatives O’Sullivan of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Brennan of Colchester, Cole of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Dakin of Colchester, Dame of Essex, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Head of South Burlington, Jerman of Essex, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, McCormack of Burlington, Myers of Essex, O’Brien of Richmond, Pearson of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Purvis of Colchester, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Webb of Shelburne, Wright of Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Sirotkin and Zuckerman

Whereas, the Center for Media and Democracy (CMD) in Burlington is a video gateway to community public access media programming in Chittenden County, and

Whereas, CMD, via its cable television Channel 17 and the Web, produces and transmits public affairs shows, special election coverage, documentaries, and on-site coverage of local meetings, hearings, and forums, and

Whereas, organizing and producing this unique video montage is an important responsibility, and

Whereas, for over three decades, Rob Reiber has enthusiastically and energetically fulfilled these duties at CMD, most recently as Channel 17’s production coordinator, and

Whereas, Rob Reiber works his media magic on both sides of the camera, having appeared on screen as early as 1985, and

Whereas, his documentary work included a 2015 documentary on the restoration of the “Lost Shul Mural” that is now on display at the Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, and

Whereas, Rob Reiber brought many outstanding and complementary personal qualities to his CMD work, including diligence, kindness, organization, patience, and thoughtfulness, and

Whereas, if anyone has participated in a live or recorded Channel 17 program, there is a strong possibility Rob Reiber was on the scene, and

Whereas, Rob Reiber is a gifted media production instructor, and he trained many individuals who now contribute to CMD programming, and

Whereas, his presence at CMD has been essential to the emergence of cablecasts and Webcasts that compare favorably with programs produced throughout the country, and

Whereas, to the regret of his many colleagues in the media community, Rob Reiber has decided to conclude his remarkable tenure at CMD and take the opportunity to live at a less hectic pace and enjoy life's simple pleasures, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Rob Reiber for his creative and innovative video production leadership at the Center for Media and Democracy in Burlington, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 408.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Green Mountain Valley School Headmaster and former U.S. Olympic Ski Coach Dave Gavett

Offered by: Representatives Jewett of Ripton, Grad of Moretown, and Greshin of Warren

Whereas, Dave Gavett grew up in southern Vermont, skiing at the Haystack Mountain, and is truly at home on Vermont's snowy mountain slopes, and

Whereas, he is a graduate of Middlebury College, where he majored in history and economics, and

Whereas, in 1978, Dave Gavett joined the coaching faculty of Green Mountain Valley School (GMVS), a ski racing academy in Fayston, and he was designated the women's head coach in 1979, and

Whereas, for nearly two generations at GMVS, Dave Gavett's real gift to the school has been a unique ability to use the students' athletic skill, in combination with academics and the arts, to maximize these student athletes' human potential, and

Whereas, an excellent teacher and administrator, Dave Gavett served as GMVS's assistant headmaster during the years 1980–1983, and

Whereas, another interest of Dave Gavett's is musical theater, which he introduced to GMVS, and he has brought in professional theatrical coaching, resulting in superb theatrical productions, and

Whereas, from 1986–1989, Dave Gavett left GMVS to coach the U.S. Women's World Cup Speed Team (skiing), as well as coaching at the world championships in 1987 and 1989 and at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta, and

Whereas, in 1989, Dave Gavett returned to GMVS as the new headmaster, and

Whereas, at the GMVS campus on Bragg Hill in Fayston, he oversaw the construction of an 18,000-square-foot world-class training facility and the expansion of the site's original farmhouse to include a student center and library, and

Whereas, in both 2015 and 2016, the Niche Rankings of Schools "Best Outcomes" listed GMVS as the best private high school in Vermont, and

Whereas, nearly four decades after the start of his GMVS career, Dave Gavett will be concluding his tenure as headmaster after this spring's graduation and will have ample time to devote to his other passion, maple sugaring, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Green Mountain Valley School Headmaster and former U.S. Olympic Ski Coach Dave Gavett, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 409.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Castleton Village School team on winning the 2016 3D Vermont Architecture and History Olympiad's middle school division's first-place award

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Helm of Fair Haven, and Eastman of Orwell

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, the second annual 3D Architecture and History Olympiad, held on March 25th at Vermont Technical College, invited high school and middle school students to use 3D architectural design technology to create models of historic structures in their communities, and

Whereas, sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students at the Castleton Village School formed two teams to develop entries for this exciting competition, and

Whereas, one team selected the Federated Church as its building, and the other team chose the former medical college in Castleton, and

Whereas, using the computer software program Sketch-Up, each team created a cyber 3D model of its building on a 1/200th scale of actual size, and

Whereas, the teams then produced the tangible models using the school's 3D printer, and

Whereas, the Olympiad's judges selected the medical college team as the middle school division's first-place award winner, and

Whereas, the winning team earned five new Chromebook computers for the Castleton Village School, and

Whereas, every team's tangible model was placed on a large Vermont map that includes computer codes directing viewers to multimedia online explanatory presentations, and the map is on a statewide tour, and

Whereas, the Castleton students are sharing another copy of one of their models with the Castleton Historical Society, in order for the community to see the model, and

Whereas, the Agency of Education's technology director invited the Castleton students and their teachers, Jackie McKinstry and Lisa Cacciatore, to spend a day at the State House to display their impressive work and explain to interested spectators the process used for the model's creation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Castleton Village School team on winning the 2016 3D Vermont Architecture and History Olympiad's middle school division's first-place award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Castleton Middle School and to the Castleton Historical Society.

**H.C.R. 410.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Proctor Gas, Inc. on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Burditt of West Rutland, Potter of Clarendon, 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, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, Proctor Gas’s history is also the story of three generations of the Taranovich family, and

Whereas, in 1947, Match Taranovich accepted a job at the Proctor Coal Company, and

Whereas, in 1966, he purchased the gas and appliance showroom side of the business with financial help from family members, and

Whereas, Match Taranovich and his wife, Ella, ran the business as a team, with Ella—a full-time administrator elsewhere—maintaining the books as her second, weekend job, and

Whereas, even as a youth, their son, Jimmy Taranovich, assisted his father and knew he wanted to enter the family business, and

Whereas, Jimmy Taranovich earned a degree in accounting and retailing at Castleton State College, graduating in 1973 and, in the early 1980s, assumed full managerial responsibility at Proctor Gas, and

Whereas, his business mindset sparked major growth at the company, and

Whereas, one of his first moves was to acquire the company’s first bulk delivery truck for propane sales, and

Whereas, a few years later, Jimmy Taranovich decided to end an affiliation with Suburban Propane, and he acquired Proctor Gas’s own bulk facility for the newly independent distribution system, and

Whereas, he exited the appliance business and opted to sell gas hearths, and

Whereas, Jimmy Taranovich held leadership roles in regional and national propane gas organizations, and

Whereas, his wife, Judy, introduced a line of gift items at the showroom, and

Whereas, on September 27, 2010, Jimmy died from injuries suffered the prior day in a motorcycle crash and, despite her grief, Judy Taranovich rose to the necessity and assumed leadership of the company, and

Whereas, Judy has proven to be most capable of continuing the family tradition, and her son, Joshua Taranovich, is preparing to become the third generation to take the helm of Proctor Gas, and

Whereas, in April 2016, Proctor Gas proudly celebrated its 50th anniversary as a thriving family enterprise, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Proctor Gas, Inc. on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 411.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Peter Deslauriers for his civic, educational, and athletic leadership

Offered by: Representatives Parent of St. Albans Town, Keenan of St. Albans City, and Dickinson of St. Albans Town

Offered by: Senator Degree

Whereas, first and foremost, Peter Deslauriers is an educator and 42-year veteran science faculty member at the St. Albans City School, and

Whereas, in the classroom and, most recently, as a member of the grades 7–8 Team USA Learning Community, Peter Deslauriers has focused on providing each child the best possible learning experience, and

Whereas, he has taught an estimated 3,500–4,000 students, and

Whereas, Peter Deslauriers’s St. Albans City School colleagues admire his pedagogic talent, and

Whereas, educating youth is a special joy for Peter Deslauriers that is not limited to the classroom, and

Whereas, he has coached many sports, such as basketball, baseball, softball, hockey (including coaching youngsters as young as the one-half ice mite level), and soccer, and

Whereas, for a number of summers, he was a co-supervisor at the St. Albans City pool, and

Whereas, further afield, for 26 years, Peter Deslauriers has worked at the Vermont Soccer School, conducted at Middlebury College, coaching or serving as a division director or administrative director, and

Whereas, away from the classroom and sports venues, for 12 years (1994–2006), Peter Deslauriers served as St. Albans City’s exemplary mayor, and

Whereas, he brought the same passion and commitment to his city leadership that has marked his role as a public school teacher and coach, and

Whereas, the *Burlington Free Press* and *St. Albans Messenger* praised his mayoralty, and



Whereas, subsequently, Peter Deslauriers chaired the St. Albans City Crime Task Force, and

Whereas, in 2016, after 42 years of introducing students to the wonders of science, Peter Deslauriers, the father of Dan, Adam, Katie, and Jacob, and the proud grandfather of 10 grandchildren, is concluding his teaching career at the St. Albans City School, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Peter Deslauriers for his civic, educational, and athletic leadership, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 412.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy for its important work

Offered by: Representative McCormack of Burlington

Whereas, economic growth, as the term is broadly used, means an increase in the production and consumption of goods and services, and

Whereas, economic growth occurs when there is an increase in human population or per capita consumption, or both, and

Whereas, a key indicator of economic growth is an increase in the gross domestic product, and

Whereas, the economies of Vermont, the nation, and the world grow as an integrated whole consisting of agricultural, extractive, manufacturing, and services sector activities all requiring natural resources, and

Whereas, economic growth occurs in a finite and depletable biophysical context, and

Whereas, many leading scientists and economists have recognized the need to modernize the present economic paradigm to reconcile the imbalance of our rate of consumption of resources and the rate of pollution of ecosystems with the rate of replenishment of natural resources and the earth's capacity to absorb pollution, and

Whereas, a steady state economy is an economy consisting of at most a mildly fluctuating population and per capita consumption, and it represents a viable local, national, and global economic model, and

Whereas, the long-term stability of a steady state economy requires its establishment at a size small enough to avoid the breaching of ecological and economic capacity, especially during supply shocks such as droughts and energy shortages, and

Whereas, a steady state economy fosters economic development and an increase in human welfare through strategic changes in the relative prominence of economic sectors, specific techniques, such as renewable energy usage, and an emphasis on social goals other than material production and consumption, and

Whereas, the mission of the Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy is to promote an economic development model that respects the ecological sensitivity of the planet and to achieve broad public support for this objective, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy for its important work, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy.

#### **H.C.R. 413.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots Division I championship softball team

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

Offered by: Senators Champion and Sears

Whereas, with the graduation of key senior players from the 2014 Mt. Anthony Union High School Division I championship softball team, the Patriots' potential for success in 2015 became uncertain, and

Whereas, despite this challenge, the Patriots lost only one game during the regular season and none against a Vermont opponent, and

Whereas, this powerful and skilled softball squad was assigned the second seed for playoff competition, and to no one's surprise batted and fielded its way into the championship game against BFA-St. Albans, and

Whereas, in an exciting contest that kept both teams alert until the final out, the Patriots defeated BFA-St. Albans 1–0, as Mt. Anthony clinched its second consecutive Division I championship and finished 2015 with a great 19–1 record, and

Whereas, the Patriots who clinched the 2015 Division I championship included Julie Elwell, Keira Goodell, Morgan Hewitt, Emily Hutton, Baylee Ports, Kori Bow, Cheyenne Guetti, Lauren Woodcock, Marleigh Greene, Jamie Boyle, Taylor Dicranian, Kaidin Gauthier, Kaity O'Brien, and Brooke Young, and

Whereas, the always supportive staff consisted of Head Coach Katie Contrada, assistant coaches Brooke Remington and Taylor Congdon, and athletic trainer Jeff Wood, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots Division I championship softball team, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 414.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial anniversary of Pierce Hall in Rochester

Offered by: Representative Haas of Rochester

Whereas, Julia and Ellen Pierce of Rochester commissioned the construction of Pierce Hall for the town as a community center and as a memorial to Chester Pierce Sr. and his son, Edward L. Pierce, and

Whereas, local architect Charles Kinsman designed Pierce Hall, with a large and fully equipped auditorium and meeting rooms, which opened in 1916, and over 600 persons attended the dedication, and

Whereas, in 1932, Mason Rural Lodge #29 F&AM became the building's owner, although it still hosted town meetings, theater events, movies, and roller skating, and

Whereas, in 1971, the Masons deeded the building to the Rochester school district, and it was used for kindergarten and shop classes, and

Whereas, the State Fire Marshall condemned the building in 1973, and, in 1974, the school district deeded Pierce Hall back to the Masons, who renovated it for their limited use, and

Whereas, in 2001, a group of local residents, including the late Charlie Biederman, Ken Landis, Dean Mendell, Ann Mills, Dick Robson, Nancy Sanz, Midge Scanlan, Kathryn Schenkman, and Bill Zucca created the nonprofit Pierce Hall Community Center organization (PHCC) to begin a discussion

with the Masons about a comprehensive restoration of the structure, which is listed with the Vermont Division of Historic Sites, and

Whereas, during 2005, PHCC launched a fundraising campaign under the tireless leadership of Dr. Valerie Levitan and secured federal and private grants as well as individual donations, and, on November 1, 2005, the PHCC board of directors, in consultation with the Preservation Trust of Vermont, authorized architect Robson Bilgen to proceed with drawings for the restoration of the building, and

Whereas, beginning in 2006 and extending for a number of years, PHCC completed a five-stage project costing approximately \$1.35 million that restored all elements of the building, added an elevator tower to provide full public access, and opened a new and exciting era for the Pierce Hall, and

Whereas, 2016 marks Pierce Hall's centennial anniversary, and this especially joyous occasion will be celebrated on July 3rd and again November 25–26, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial anniversary of Pierce Hall in Rochester, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Pierce Hall Community Center President Nancy Esteban Sanz.

#### **H.C.R. 415.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Collective-the art of craft gallery in Woodstock on its 10th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Whereas, in 2006, six craftspersons, each with a special artistic talent and unique specialty, decided to establish a cooperatively managed gallery in Woodstock, and

Whereas, they searched for an artistic home for their new venture and settled on a large 19th-century stone structure, located adjacent to the Kedron River, in Woodstock, and

Whereas, the building they chose was originally used to mill flax into linseed oil and may have included a water wheel for a power source, and

Whereas, the six founding artists decided to invite additional colleagues into this new cooperative enterprise, to be named "Collective-the art of craft," and

Whereas, the founding artists, who are the cooperative's managing members, and their artistic specialties, businesses, or both, include Lynn Adams (jewelry design-metalsmith), Deirdre Donnelly (jewelry art with inspiration from Irish symbols), Marcia Hammond (chenille weaving), Nick Kekic (Tsuga Studios, glassblower), Kathy Myers (pottery), and Nicholas Seidner (Rising Meadow Pottery), and

Whereas, the general members, and their artistic specialties, businesses, or both, are partners Trenny Robb and Bob Michaud (Highbeams, lamps—copper, brass, mica, and botanicals), Scott Duffy (Rockledge Farm, woodworking), Chris Eaton (Kingfisher Forge, blacksmithing), Deborah Ellis (Three Sheep and a Donkey, nuno felting), Nobu Fujii (photography), and Wanda Huff (upcycled sweaters), and

Whereas, each of the member artists take turns working in the gallery, making certain that one of them is present to assist customers whenever the gallery is open, and

Whereas, the Collective-the art of craft has become a popular Woodstock gallery whose members and guest artists create exquisite artistic works for appreciative buyers and the enjoyment of casual visitors, and

Whereas, 2016 marks the gallery's 10th anniversary, which will be celebrated in July, and the Collective-the art of craft remains an innovative and successful artistic collective, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Collective-the art of craft gallery in Woodstock on its 10th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy to the gallery and each artist named in this resolution.

**H.C.R. 416.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Polly Nichol for her exemplary leadership in regional, State, and municipal housing and community development

Offered by: Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Hooper of Montpelier

Whereas, Polly Nichol began her career in housing and community development with the town of Randolph, and

Whereas, as the Director of Multifamily Housing Development at the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, she worked on new federal Section 8 construction funding, and

Whereas, Polly Nichol is the only person to serve as the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board's (VHCB) housing director, and

Whereas, at VHCB, Polly Nichol has overseen the investment in the development and rehabilitation of more than 12,000 housing units, and

Whereas, Polly Nichol has worked to create more than 1,300 homes with housing supports for Vermont's most vulnerable citizens, and

Whereas, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, VHCB has successfully promoted the construction of more than 108 homes, and

Whereas, under Polly Nichol's leadership, VHCB has been focused on the revitalization of Vermont's downtowns, village centers, and historic properties, and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development has twice recognized VHCB's housing programs with national awards, and

Whereas, Polly Nichol has led Vermont's Preservation Council and, at VHCB, directed important preservation work, and

Whereas, she initiated and developed an Americorp program that has now sponsored the community service of over 500 individuals at housing-centered nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, Polly Nichol volunteers at the Montpelier Housing Task Force, and

Whereas, she is a founder of the Vermont Community Loan Fund, and

Whereas, Polly Nichol helped establish the New England Housing Network, and

Whereas, she will be concluding her VHCB employment this June, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Polly Nichol for her exemplary leadership in regional, State, and municipal housing and community development, and be it further

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

#### **S.C.R. 44.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Vermont Planners Association's honorees from central Vermont.

*Whereas*, annually, the Vermont Planners Association (VPA) honors individuals and planning organizations that have made distinguished contributions to the planning process in Vermont, and

*Whereas*, at a State House reception on April 28, 2016, two local individuals and a central Vermont planning organization will be among the honorees, and

*Whereas*, Robert Vasseur will be honored as the Citizen Planner of the Year, and

*Whereas*, he is the recipient of this honor in recognition of his 57 years (1959–2016) as a Fayston Selectboard member, and

*Whereas*, in this role, Robert Vasseur and his fellow board members performed many planning functions that improved Fayston's townscape, and

*Whereas*, his ideas on municipal plans and planning were thoughtful and carefully considered, and

*Whereas*, the VPA is honoring Brian Shupe, the Executive Director of the Vermont Natural Resources Council, in recognition of his recent designation as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), and

*Whereas*, an AICP Fellow is a planner "who has made significant contributions to planning and society," and has displayed professional excellence and leadership, and

*Whereas*, Brian Shupe's career as Executive Director of the Mad River Valley Planning District, Director of Planning and Zoning for the town of Stowe, and Executive Director of Smart Growth Vermont exemplifies the excellence in planning that the AICP requires for recipients of this special recognition, and

*Whereas*, the Mad River Valley Economic Study and Vitality Series, 2014/15 was a comprehensive examination, using the best planning tools available, to define community goals and explore a pathway to economic vitality, and

*Whereas*, the VPA is naming the Mad River Valley Economic Study and Vitality Series, 2014/15 as its Project of the Year, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Vermont Planners Association's honorees from Central Vermont, *and be it further*

**Resolved:** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the honorees named in this resolution.

**S.C.R. 45.**

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Joel D. Cook for his four decades of exemplary legal advocacy and administrative leadership in the nonprofit and public sectors.

*Whereas*, Joel Cook has devoted his legal and administrative career to causes in which he passionately believed, and

*Whereas*, he earned his undergraduate degree at Haverford College, graduate degrees in education at Columbia University's Teachers College, and a law degree from the University of Oregon, and

*Whereas*, Joel Cook has spent his entire professional career in Vermont starting as a VISTA attorney at Vermont Legal Aid, and

*Whereas*, at the conclusion of his VISTA-funded position, Joel Cook remained at Vermont Legal Aid as a staff attorney, working on the types of economic-related matters with which he was well acquainted, and

*Whereas*, Joel Cook's duties at Vermont Legal Aid would subsequently include directing the mental health law project, attorney and paralegal training, and finally the senior citizen law project, and

*Whereas*, this last role segued nicely into his next position as Director of the Vermont Office on Aging, which eventually led to Governor Kunin's appointing him as Commissioner of Aging and Disabilities, and

*Whereas*, starting in 1992, Joel Cook's career shifted from advocating for older Vermonters and those with disabilities to seeking the best possible educational opportunities for the State's K-12 students as general counsel for the Vermont-NEA, and

*Whereas*, in his new job, Joel Cook represented the Vermont-NEA in the court room, at the bargaining table, and in the General Assembly, and he served as in-house counsel for internal operations, and

*Whereas*, the leadership of Vermont-NEA was so pleased with Joel Cook's performance as general counsel that, in 2000, it promoted him to the role of executive director of the 12,000-member organization, and

*Whereas*, after serving as a leading public education advocate, Joel Cook is concluding his tenure as the Vermont-NEA's Executive Director, and



*Whereas*, Joel Cook has brought wise counsel and skilled leadership to all of his legal and administrative positions, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors Joel D. Cook for his four decades of exemplary legal advocacy and administrative leadership in the nonprofit and public sectors, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joel Cook.

**S.C.R. 46.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Good Beginnings of Central Vermont on its 25th anniversary.

*Whereas*, since its establishment in 1991, Good Beginnings of Central Vermont (GBCV) has assisted expectant and new parents and newly born infants, and

*Whereas*, the mission of GBCV is to “create a caring community where all families with newborns have adequate support, connections, and resources to build stable homes in which children thrive,” and

*Whereas*, the GBCV’s mission is fulfilled in large part through trained volunteers who provide primarily home-based support services, and

*Whereas*, these services include home visits for the first three months of an infant’s life, support for pregnant women in need of bed rest, parental education, early literacy and awareness support, and nurturing father programs, and

*Whereas*, GBCV’s volunteers also participate in the music together program for parents and newly born infants, and

*Whereas*, aside from support from volunteers, GBCV also provides new parents with infant carriers, baby clothing, and other essential supplies, and

*Whereas*, the GBCV’s website offers many useful information resources for new parents, and

*Whereas*, in 2016, GBCV is marking a quarter-century of serving newly born infants and their families in ways that make their lives easier and happier, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly congratulates Good Beginnings of Central Vermont on its 25th anniversary, *and be it further*

**Resolved:** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Good Beginnings of Central Vermont.

**S.C.R. 47.**

Senate concurrent resolution honoring April D. Hensel for her exemplary service as the District 2 Environmental Commission Coordinator.

*Whereas*, the district environmental commissions are the first stop for parties involved in an Act 250 proceeding, and

*Whereas*, the commissions rely on the expertise and experience of their coordinators for background information and for guidance, as they prepare for hearings and draft opinions, and

*Whereas*, starting in 1984, April Hensel served as the District 2 Environmental Commission Coordinator, and

*Whereas*, as a respected professional, April Hensel always worked fairly and impartially with all parties involved in a matter pending before the commission, and

*Whereas*, April Hensel developed an in-depth expertise on all aspects of land and water public policy that a district environmental commission might consider, and

*Whereas*, she worked cooperatively and effectively with her colleagues at the Windham Regional Planning Commission, and

*Whereas*, after 32 years of serving the citizens of Vermont with a dedication to excellence, April Hensel has concluded her role as the District 2 Environmental Commission Coordinator, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors April D. Hensel for her exemplary service as the District 2 Environmental Commission Coordinator, *and be it further*

**Resolved:** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to April Hensel.