

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE AND SENATE  
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**Text of House and Senate  
Concurrent Resolutions**

**of**

**March 23, 2017**

## **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. 76.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Milton High School Yellow Jackets Division II championship girls' soccer team

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

Whereas, recent Milton High School Yellow Jackets girls' soccer teams have established a superb record, appearing in five of the last seven Division II championship games prior to the 2016 season, and

Whereas, the Yellow Jackets' talent on the soccer field was confirmed when they brought home the Division II championship in two of the past three years, and

Whereas, the 2016 squad was once again a talented group of young soccer players as they earned the top seed in the Division II playoffs and proceeded to secure a championship game berth against the sixth-seeded Montpelier High School Solons, and

Whereas, the pivotal 2016 contest was played in South Burlington and included predominately midfield action, but the Yellow Jackets scored the sole goal five minutes into the game, securing a 1-0 victory, the 2016 Division II title, and Milton's 13th girls' soccer championship, and

Whereas, this year's outstanding team roster featured Kaleigh Goulette, Carlie Reen, Taylor Quintin, Haley Raftery, Kate Rowley, Megan Reilly, Marissa Brill, Jessica Wells, Sydney Shappy, Tatum Shappy, Brooke Caragher, Emily Pallas, Madison North, Carol Fagan, Katie Desranleau, Madison Chalmers, Katerina Desranleau, Aina Alcubierre, Lucy Vestrand, Jordan Bean, Marcelline Dockham, Olivia King, Morgan Bushey, and Rachel Clark, and

Whereas, Head Coach Cory Payson and assistant coaches Katherine Lee and Elijah Boardman provided outstanding direction and support to the Yellow Jackets, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Milton High School Yellow Jackets Division II championship girls' soccer team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 77.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 St. Johnsbury Academy girls' indoor track and field team on winning a third consecutive Division I indoor championship

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Martel of Waterford, Quimby of Concord, and Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, the 2017 St. Johnsbury Hilltoppers girls' track and field team continued the tradition of superb athleticism and sportsmanship it has developed in recent years, and

Whereas, at the 2017 indoor track and field State championship meet, conducted at Norwich University, the Hilltoppers placed first in 10 of the 16 events including the dashes at the 55, 300, 1,000, and 1,600 meter distances; the 55-meter hurdles; the 4×400 and 4×800 meter relays; the high jump; the pole vault; and the weight throw, and

Whereas, these dazzling athletic performances across the spectrum of events enabled the Hilltoppers to win their third consecutive girls' indoor track and field Division I title with a 72-point margin, 206–134, over second-place Essex High School, and

Whereas, these outstanding Hilltopper athletes were Lauren Green, Athena Hendrick, Molly Moore, Quinnae Outerbridge, Hannah Ryan, Katherine Cowen, Celeste Lehoe, Alaura Rich, Bridget Webber, Hannah Wescott, Siniah Yates-Moses, Callahan Beck, Breanna Fearon, Lizzy Gilmartin, Riley Higgs, Emily Langham, Katie Neuharth, Lia Rotti, Jen Rotti, Taryn Tremblay, Rory Young, Sadie Chapman, Morgan Eames, and Lilly Leach, and

Whereas, Head Coach Chip Langmaid and event coaches Adam Kennedy, Steve Badgley, and Richard Boisseau were superb instructors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 St. Johnsbury Academy girls' indoor track and field team on winning a third consecutive Division I indoor championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to St. Johnsbury Academy.

### **H.C.R. 78.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the TRIO academic programs in Vermont and designating March 17, 2017 as TRIO Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Giambatista of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Bissonnette of Winooski, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Forguites of Springfield, Gage of Rutland City, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Brookfield, Houghton of Essex, Joseph of North Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, McCoy of Poultney, Miller of Shaftsbury, Myers of Essex, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sabilia of Dover, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Toleno of Brattleboro, Troiano of Stannard, Webb of Shelburne, and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, students and administrators representing the federal TRIO programs in Vermont are visiting the State House today, Friday, March 17, 2017, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the TRIO academic programs in Vermont and designates March 17, 2017 as TRIO 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 Briana Martin at the Student Support Services program at the University of Vermont.

#### **H.C.R. 79.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots championship wrestling team

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

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, during the 2016–2017 season, the amazing saga of Mt. Anthony Union High School wrestling continued under the mentorship of first-year Head Coach Brian Coon, and

Whereas, at the 2017 State championship wrestling meet held in Vergennes, the Patriots totally outmatched their opponents in five weight classes for individual first-place performances, and

Whereas, these great efforts, in combination with strong results from the entire squad, culminated in Mt. Anthony's capturing its 29th consecutive State championship with an overwhelming team victory of 289.5 points over second-place Essex which turned in a commendable showing at 172 points, and

Whereas, in Providence, Rhode Island, the Patriots represented their school with honor, earning a respectable third-place finish at the 2017 New England regional wrestling tournament, and

Whereas, the 2017 State champion Patriots were Tyler Burgess, Dennis Burnell, Noah Call, Keegan Coon, Colin Crowley, Calvin Hayford, Chris Mayer, Gage McLaughlin, Austin Prendergast, Sebastian Rocher, Dylan Ross, Ashdin Schaefer, Keenan Taylor, Sam Wilkins, and AJ Wright, and

Whereas, Head Coach Brian Coon, assistant coaches Frank Gaudette and Jeremy Burns, and team managers Anna Jacobs and Lorena Onorato were all essential contributors to the great Patriot 2016–2017 wrestling season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots championship wrestling 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. 80.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I championship baseball team

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Lawrence of Lyndon, Martel of Waterford, and Quimby of Concord

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, the 2016 baseball Hilltoppers constituted a team with considerable depth in the field and at the plate, and

Whereas, after compiling a 13–3 regular season record and being seeded second in the Division I tournament, St. Johnsbury Academy entered the playoff competition optimistically, and

Whereas, on winning their third consecutive post-season game, the Hilltoppers earned a berth in the championship contest at Centennial Field in Burlington where they played the fifth-seeded Burr & Burton Academy Bulldogs for the Division I title, and

Whereas, in a game featuring solid St. Johnsbury Academy pitching and defensive performances, the Hilltoppers emerged victorious, outscoring the Bulldogs 3–1 and clinching their first championship since 2006, and

Whereas, the talented 2016 Hilltoppers were Eamonn McCabe, Patrick Greenan, Jake Choiniere, Jake Cady, Garret McDonald, Jake Johnson, Matt Graciano, Burke Hughes, Aaron Morrison, Shane Alercio, Joe Smith, Austin

Wendell, Patrick Amadon, Isaac Nurko, Gabriel Salomon, and Yonatan Attie, and

Whereas, Head Coach Marc Choiniere and assistant coaches Dave Cady and Chris Kendall provided the team valuable support, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I championship boys' baseball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to St. Johnsbury Academy.

### **H.C.R. 81.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers girls' track and field team on winning a second straight Division I outdoor championship

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Martel of Waterford, Quimby of Concord, and Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, at the 2016 State outdoor girls track and field competition, the defending Division I champions, the St Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers, won first place honors in both the 200 and 800 meter runs, the 100 and 300 hurdles, and the 4×400 and 4×800 meter relays, and

Whereas, the Hilltoppers set a State record in the 4×400, multiple school records, and qualified in several events for either regional or national competition, and

Whereas, overall, the Hilltoppers outpaced second-place Essex High School 154.7–120.2 to gain a second consecutive Division I championship, and

Whereas, Head Coach Chip Langmaid described this group of track and field athletes, consisting of Kristin Baldauf, Jessica Brink, Bettina Hammer, Bailey Hudson, Allie Peck, Chelsea Waldner, Julia Ash, Lauren Green, Emily Green, Quinnae Outerbridge, Hannah Ryan, Grace Cooke, Katherine Cowan, Annie Cunningham, Bridget Webber, Hannah Wescott, Siniah Yates-Moses, Callahan Beck, Neva Bostic, Lizzy Gilmartin, Rebecca Green, Riley Higgs, Jen Rotti, Lia Rotti, and Rory Young, as having more depth than he has ever coached in 27 years at St. Johnsbury Academy, and

Whereas, the essential event coaches were Adam Kennedy (sprints), Steve Badgley (throws), Annabelle Hicks (jumps), and Michael Zahner (pole vault), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates 2016 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers girls' track and field team on winning a second straight Division I outdoor championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to St. Johnsbury Academy.

### **H.C.R. 82.**

House concurrent resolution designating the month of March 2017 as Professional Social Workers Month

Offered by: Representatives Cina of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Briglin of Thetford, Christensen of Weathersfield, Colburn of Burlington, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Haas of Rochester, Houghton of Essex, Jickling of Brookfield, Keefe of Manchester, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lippert of Hinesburg, McFaun of Barre Town, Mrowicki of Putney, Noyes of Wolcott, Rosenquist of Georgia, Troiano of Stannard, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senator Ingram

Whereas, professional social workers have the education and experience to guide individuals, families, and communities through complex issues and choices, and

Whereas, these highly trained and compassionate individuals enable people to help themselves and to build on existing strengths to improve their lives, and

Whereas, professional social workers work in hospitals; mental health centers; public, private, and nonprofit agencies; veterans and military facilities; and corporations, and

Whereas, they strive to achieve social justice and to improve the quality of life for everyone, and

Whereas, the National Association of Social Workers has over 132,000 members who follow a professional code of ethics, and nationally, professional social workers provide more mental health support than all other licensed professionals combined, and

Whereas, in Vermont, there are 880 active master's level social workers of whom 290 are in solo practice, and



Whereas, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the need for professional social workers is expected to grow in the coming years, and

Whereas, social work is a profession with a social purpose and a broad range of career possibilities and, due to retirements as well as an increased need, Vermont is likely to face a shortage of professional social workers within a decade, and

Whereas, Vermont's professional social workers deserve recognition for their commitment and dedication to individuals, families, and communities through service delivery, research, education, and legislative advocacy, and

Whereas, today, March 23, 2017, members of the Vermont chapter of the National Association of Social Workers are visiting the State House to increase legislative awareness of the importance of social workers for Vermont's families and individuals, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 2017 as Professional Social Workers Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

### **H.C.R. 83.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the outstanding municipal service of Stowe Town Clerk and Treasurer Alison Kaiser and expressing best wishes as she continues her rehabilitation process

Offered by: Representative Scheuermann of Stowe

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, Alison Kaiser graduated from Stowe High School and within five years began working in the Stowe municipal office, and

Whereas, in 1993, soon after beginning the job, a note was placed in Alison Kaiser's personnel file praising her superb financial management and communications skills, and

Whereas, on Town Meeting Day 2000, the Stowe electorate, having experienced seven years of Alison Kaiser's undeniable effectiveness, consistently cordial demeanor, and outstanding professionalism, elected her as the municipality's town clerk and treasurer, and

Whereas, Alison Kaiser has repeatedly exceeded the voters' expectations, becoming a highly appreciated and reliable resource for the citizenry, town staff, and selectboard in Stowe on all matters under her jurisdiction, and

Whereas, in 2006, her colleagues statewide named Alison Kaiser the Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association's Clerk of the Year, and

Whereas, both in the State and regionally, Alison Kaiser is a superb professional role model who has served on the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Board and as vice president of the New England Association of City and Town Clerks, and

Whereas, recognizing the increasing administrative responsibilities and subject expertise required of a 21st century town clerk and treasurer, Alison Kaiser initiated the idea of a Stowe charter change, approved in 2013, to change her combined position from elected to appointed, and

Whereas, most tragically, on March 11, 2016, Alison Kaiser was driving to work on Route 100 in Stowe when a driver, with multiple drugs in her bloodstream, smashed her car directly into Alison Kaiser's vehicle, leaving the clerk and treasurer with severe physical and mental injuries that, despite her determination to resume working full time, necessitated her resignation on March 15, 2017, prematurely ending the career of an esteemed municipal official, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Stowe Town Clerk and Treasurer Alison Kaiser and expresses its best wishes as she continues her rehabilitation process, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alison Kaiser and to the Town of Stowe.

**H.C.R. 84.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Holton Home Inc. on its 125th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senators White and Balint

Whereas, on September 19, 1892, *The Vermont Phoenix* published C.F. Thompson's article supporting an old ladies home in Brattleboro and announcing the convening of a public meeting "to consider the subject and if possible, to take some definitive action," and

Whereas, on November 19 of that year, the General Assembly adopted 1892 Acts and Resolves No. 213, incorporating the Brattleboro Home for the Aged and Disabled, and

Whereas, the organization purchased the Esterbrook farmhouse that was dedicated as the home's headquarters on December 29, 1897, and

Whereas, Mrs. Celestia Nash served as the organization's first matron, the forerunner of the current executive director, Cindy Jerome, and

Whereas, in 1903, a large stone Greek revival structure with modern amenities was built to replace the bythen inadequate farmhouse, and

Whereas, a Visiting Committee was established, leading to the formation of Donation Days later renamed Harvest Days, and

Whereas, in 1975, the organization's name was changed to Holton Memorial Home (now Holton Home, Inc.) in honor of its influential first president, the prominent physician and civic leader Dr. Henry D. Holton, and

Whereas, despite the willingness of the home's residents to supplement their original admission fees, threatening bankruptcy in 1979 became unavoidable, but Chapter 11 status was overcome in part in 1982 through a new relationship with the Thompson Trust, and

Whereas, since the 1980s, incremental building modernization and expansion have enabled Holton Home to meet the needs of its more frail residents and offer all residents new activities and support services, and

Whereas, Holton Home was an early participant in the State's Choices for Care program, and it is now a Level III Residential Care Home, and

Whereas, in 2015, Holton Home Inc. and the Bradley House merged, and in 2017, a major expansion and restoration of the Bradley House's historic mansion facility is coinciding with the Holton Home's 125th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Holton Home, Inc. on its 125th anniversary, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 85.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs championship girls' snowboarding team

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Londonderry, Keefe of Manchester, Browning of Arlington, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Sibilias of Dover, and Sullivan of Burlington

Whereas, the Burr and Burton Academy (BBA) Bulldogs girls' snowboarding team has repeatedly exhibited command and expertise on Vermont's snow-laden slopes, and

Whereas, the BBA girls nearly won the 2016 championship and prepared this winter with the focused objective of clinching the 2017 State title at the two-day Killington championship meet, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, Bellows Free Academy, the 2016 champion, once again proved the Bulldogs' chief rival for the championship, and

Whereas, after tying on the first day of competition with equal points in the halfpipe competition, and BBA claiming the slopeside title, the concluding giant slalom became the decisive event, and BBA in a closely contested competition won this third event and the 2017 championship, and

Whereas, the Bulldogs returned home to Manchester to a boisterous welcome, consisting of a Manchester Fire Department escort and climbing the steps of BBA Seminary Building to the belfry to ring the school bell, and

Whereas, the winning Bulldog snowboarders were Una Langran, Allie Nowicki, Suni Johnson, and Azurah Booth-Gage, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jason Thomas and assistant coach Tyler Emond were ideal supporters of the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs championship girls' snowboarding 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. 86.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Rylee Field of Montpelier on her being crowned Miss Vermont 2016

Offered by: Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Hooper of Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, a primary activity of the Miss Vermont Scholarship Organization is the sponsorship of the annual Miss Vermont competition through which a young woman is chosen to represent our State at the Miss America pageant, and

Whereas, qualified entrants compete in five competitive categories, talent (35 percent), interview (25 percent), evening wear (20 percent), lifestyle and fitness (15 percent), and a question posed to the contestant on stage (five percent), and

Whereas, for her talent presentation, Rylee Field recited “Mockingbird,” a poem by American poet and storyteller Rives, and

Whereas, at the conclusion of the 2016 competition, held at the Barre Opera House, the judges chose Rylee Field of Montpelier as the new Miss Vermont, and

Whereas, Rylee Field grew up in Vermont’s capital city, graduated from Montpelier High School in 2010, and in 2014 earned a bachelor’s degree in creative writing from Colby-Sawyer College, and

Whereas, Rylee Field represented Vermont enthusiastically at the 2016 Miss America competition, and

Whereas, for the past year, she has traveled throughout Vermont, speaking on her platform “Find a Happy Place: Positive Mental Health and Wellness,” an activity she considers “giving back to the wonderful State that gave me so much,” and

Whereas, as she completes her memorable year as Miss Vermont 2016, Rylee Field is beginning a new career at the Skinny Pancake group with a focus on event planning, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Rylee Field of Montpelier on her being crowned Miss Vermont 2016 and wishes her the best of success in her future endeavors, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 87.**

House concurrent resolution designating March 23, 2017 as Vermont Nonprofit Legislative Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Belaski of Windsor, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Donovan of Burlington, Fields of Bennington, Forguites of Springfield, Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, Head of South

Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Howard of Rutland City, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, Morris of Bennington, Ode of Burlington, Olsen of Londonderry, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans Town, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Smith of Derby, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Dorset, Tate of Mendon, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Walz of Barre City, Weed of Enosburgh, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wright of Burlington, and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Balint, Baruth, Clarkson, and Ingram

Whereas, nonprofit organizations help build and sustain healthy vibrant communities throughout Vermont, and

Whereas, Vermonters enhance the well-being of their communities through contributions of volunteer time and commitment of financial resources to nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, the nonprofit sector helps numerous individuals and families in the United States sustain lives, and

Whereas, more than 4,100 Vermont nonprofits serve all corners of the State, and with health care and education driving sector revenue, public charities generated \$5.9 billion in revenue in 2014, and

Whereas, Vermont nonprofits pay over \$1.9 billion in wages, which translates into an estimated \$33.7 million of personal income tax revenue for Vermont's State and local governments and over \$333.8 million in federal tax revenues, and

Whereas, nonprofits employ one in seven Vermont workers, making the nonprofit sector the largest industry in the State after governmental employment, and

Whereas, Vermont nonprofits contribute \$5.7 billion per year to the economy through wages paid, retail and wholesale purchases, and professional service contracts, and

Whereas, this contribution equals nearly 20 percent of the State's gross State product, exceeding the manufacturing and construction industries combined, and

Whereas, nonprofit organizations serve a vital role in facilitating charitable giving and social action, and

Whereas, Common Good Vermont helps these organizations to be more effective and efficient through its delivery of resources, training, partnerships, and events, and

Whereas, today, March 23, 2017, under the auspices of Common Good Vermont, nonprofit organizations are gathered in the State House to educate legislators concerning the activities of the nonprofit sector, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 23, 2017 as Vermont Nonprofit Legislative 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 Common Good Vermont.

#### **H.C.R. 88.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Montpelier Senior Activity Center on its 50th Anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Montpelier and Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, the Montpelier Senior Activity Center (the center) was established in 1967 and operates as a municipal department of the Montpelier city government, and

Whereas, the center's mission is to enhance the quality of life for older adults in greater Montpelier, offering programs focusing on the cultural, economic, mental, physical and social well-being of the participants in a welcoming and flexible environment, and

Whereas, more than 1,000 seniors enroll annually in the center's programs, including over 20 percent of seniors residing in Montpelier, and

Whereas, services providing for healthy aging and lifelong learning enhance the quality of life for seniors in central Vermont, and

Whereas, weekly, the diverse programs offered at the center range from foreign language to yoga classes and are designed to promote both healthy minds and bodies, and

Whereas, during 2016, the center provided seniors more than 17,000 nutritious home-delivered and community meals, and

Whereas, more than 80 percent of the center's program participants reported feeling healthier as a result of their involvement in the center's activities, and

Whereas, a gala celebration commemorating the center's half century of brightening and improving the lives of area seniors will occur on June 10, 2017 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, and

Whereas, as a further indication of the center's importance in the community, the Montpelier City Council has designated June 10 as Montpelier Senior Activity Center Day, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Montpelier Senior Activity Center on its 50th Anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Montpelier Senior Activity Center.

#### **S.C.R. 10.**

By Senators Kitchel, Benning, Rodgers, Starr, and Westman,

By Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Conquest of Newbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Higley of Lowell, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Quimby of Concord, Smith of Derby, Strong of Albany, Toll of Danville, Troiano of Stannard, Viens of Newport City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, and Young of Glover,

**S.C.R. 10.** Senate concurrent resolution designating Friday, March 24, 2017 as Northeast Kingdom Day in Vermont.

*Whereas*, the three most northeasterly Vermont counties—Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans—represent a distinctive region of the Green Mountain State, and their extensive forest tracts, mountain vistas, enduring dairy farms and cropland, thriving maple sugaring operations, and small towns that have remained scenic and pastoral into the 21st century, and

*Whereas*, referring to the region as the Northeast Kingdom was a practice that prominent Lyndon resident W. Arthur Simpson and Newport newspaper publisher Wallace Gilpin popularized in the 1940s, and

*Whereas*, this regionally descriptive phrase received its official seal of approval when, on March 24, 1949, U.S. Senator George Aiken incorporated it into a speech at the Darling Inn of Lyndonville delivered to a newly established tri-county development commission, and



*Whereas*, some of Vermont's and New England's best outdoor recreational opportunities are found in abundance among its majestic mountains and lakes, within its State parks, in the Nulhegan Basin Division of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, and in the more than 100,000 acres of the Kingdom Heritage Lands, and

*Whereas*, the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium in St. Johnsbury hosts the state-of-the-art Lyman Spitzer Jr. Planetarium and is also the home of one of the nation's oldest private weather observation services, and

*Whereas*, historic educational institutions include the Old Stone House in Brownington, part of the county's first high school in 1823, and the Concord Normal School that became the nation's first public school teacher training institute; and in 2017, there are the prestigious Lyndon Institute and St. Johnsbury Academy, Lyndon College, known for its electronic journalism and meteorology programs, and Sterling College in Craftsbury Common where ecology and environmental humanities courses are offered, and

*Whereas*, the Haskell Free Library and Opera House, located in Derby Line and Stanstead, Quebec, is a unique border-straddling cultural institution, and

*Whereas*, musically, the Northeast Kingdom boasts superb community bands, including the historic St. Johnsbury Band and the Lyndonville Military Band, the classical Craftsbury Players, and local ensembles of all genres, and

*Whereas*, the Northeast Kingdom has much to celebrate, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly designates March 24, 2017 as Northeast Kingdom Day in Vermont, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce.