

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**HOUSE AND SENATE
CALENDAR**

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

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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. 107.

House concurrent resolution designating April 2017 as Financial Capability Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Ancel of Calais, Dakin of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Hooper of Montpelier, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Mrowicki of Putney, Sheldon of Middlebury, Toll of Danville, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, basic financial capability is a prerequisite for all Vermonters, and in 2014, President Obama proclaimed April as National Financial Capability Month "to renew our drive to give all Americans the tools to navigate the financial world," and

Whereas, financial independence can be measured in terms of life cycle events, including universal experiences (childhood or aging), expected or recurring experiences (events that happen for many, such as getting a job or having children), and unexpected experiences (losing a job or a medical crisis), and

Whereas, the importance of increasing the number of Vermonters who are financially capable is evident on many fronts, and

Whereas, the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity reports that 27 percent of Vermont households are only one layoff or major medical incident away from falling below the poverty line, 14.3 percent of Vermonters are either unbanked or underbanked, and nearly 50 percent of Vermonters do not have an employment-related retirement plan, and

Whereas, according to Champlain College's National Report Card on financial literacy, 65 percent of college graduates carry student loan debt averaging \$29,000.00, and

Whereas, despite these alarming statistics, there are positive developments on the personal financial front, and

Whereas, since 1997, over 1,000 Vermonters have participated in the Individual Development Account Program and have invested \$2.5 million in their future lives, and

Whereas, \$1.1 million is invested annually in the Microbusiness Development Program that has assisted Vermonters with low or moderate income to either start or expand businesses, and

Whereas, one hour of financial education increases average monthly net savings by \$1.16 monthly and ten hours yields \$1,390.00 annually, and

Whereas, Vermonters can learn important lessons and practices if they are financially capable, and today, April 6, 2017, individuals and organizations dedicated to promoting financial capability are visiting the State House to remind everyone of its importance, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 2017 as Financial Capability Month, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Financial Literacy Commission and to each of the State's community action agencies.

H.C.R. 108.

House concurrent resolution designating Thursday, April 6, 2017 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: Senators Balint, Benning, Degree, MacDonald, and Pollina

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is currently the fifth leading cause of death in Vermont, the sixth nationally, and nationwide, a new Alzheimer's case is documented every 66 seconds, and

Whereas, by 2050, the cost of Alzheimer's disease to the nation's economy is projected to rise from the current \$259 billion to \$1.1 trillion, and

Whereas, 12,000 Vermonters are living with Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia, a figure projected to increase to 17,000 by 2025, and

Whereas, nationally, 82 percent of persons with Alzheimer's disease are 75 years of age or older, and

Whereas, since 2000, in Vermont, there has been a 99 percent increase in deaths attributed to Alzheimer's disease, and

Whereas, it is estimated that Vermont Medicaid expenses for persons with Alzheimer's disease are estimated to equal \$98 million in 2017, and this amount is projected to increase nearly 45 percent by 2025, and

Whereas, 30,000 Vermonters are providing an estimated 34 million hours of unpaid care to persons with Alzheimer's or related dementia, and

Whereas, if compensated, this care would be worth \$430 million, and

Whereas, nationally, 15,975,000 Americans are providing an estimated 18,192,000,000 hours of uncompensated care with an estimated value of \$230.1 billion, and

Whereas, throughout the country, 35 percent of caregivers for persons with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia report their own health has deteriorated since assuming this role, and their additional health care costs nationally total \$10.85 billion, and

Whereas, today, April 6, 2017, health care professionals, families with members who suffer from Alzheimer's disease and caregivers are gathered at the State House to inform legislators about the problems caregivers must confront and the status of efforts to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 6, 2017 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the State House, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 109.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Alison Bechdel of Bolton on being named the third Vermont Cartoonist Laureate

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Wood of Waterbury, Buckholz of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, and Lucke of Hartford

Offered by: Senator Clarkson

Whereas, cartooning is a creative and colorful form of artistic expression appearing in newspapers, magazines, graphic novels, on the Internet, or as stand-alone works that can convey a cultural, political, or philosophical idea, or simply a lighthearted thought, and

Whereas, Alison Bechdel, one of America's most praised contemporary cartoonists, is originally from Pennsylvania and earned a degree in studio art and art history from Oberlin College, and

Whereas, after graduation, her first cartooning initiative was a series of single drawings that evolved into the multi-panel strip *Dykes to Watch Out For*, featuring a lesbian perspective on the American scene that was serialized in 50 alternative newspapers, and

Whereas, her graphic novel *Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic*, published in 2006, chronicled her childhood and realistically portrayed the unique idiosyncrasies of her parents, especially her father, and

Whereas, *Are You My Mother?*, a second graphic novel published in 2012, centered on her relationship with her mother, and

Whereas, both novels received wide praise in the literary press, including *Fun Home*'s listing as a National Book Critics Circle Award finalist, and

Whereas, the academic, literary, and publishing communities have bestowed many honors on Alison Bechdel, including her serving as a Mellon Residential Fellow for Arts and Practice at the University of Chicago, the Comics Alliance's citing her as one of 12 women cartoonists deserving of lifetime recognition, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and in 2014, a prestigious MacArthur Fellowship, and

Whereas, in 2015, the Broadway musical based on *Fun Home* won multiple Tony Awards, including best musical, and

Whereas, the Center for Cartoon Studies originated the post of Vermont Cartoonist Laureate, and James Kochalka and Ed Koren have been so honored, and

Whereas, today, Thursday, April 6, 2017, Alison Bechdel is being appointed as Vermont's third Cartoonist Laureate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Alison Bechdel of Bolton on being named the third Vermont Cartoonist Laureate, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alison Bechdel and to the Center for Cartoon Studies.

H.C.R. 110.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Essex High School State championship Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl team

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dunn of Essex, Giambatista of Essex, and Houghton of Essex

Whereas, students who enjoy expanding their scope of knowledge in a broad range of subjects and the challenge of responding to detailed questions in a rapid-fire manner excel in the Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl, and

Whereas, high school teams compete in exciting tournaments leading to the multi-round State Tournament, held in March at the University of Vermont, that culminates in the decisive State championship match, and

Whereas, in recent years, one of the best-performing teams has been Essex High School, and

Whereas, in the 2017 State championship match, Essex opened with an 80–15 lead over a talented Mt. Mansfield Union High School team that then impressively rebounded and surged ahead 210–195 before Essex reclaimed the lead to win a seventh championship, 430–310, and

Whereas, Essex's fourth Vermont-NEA Scholarship championship in the past five years entitles the team to represent Vermont, expense free, at the

National Academic Quiz Tournament's high school championship in Atlanta on Memorial Day weekend, and

Whereas, Nick Norton, Alex He, Sam Feehan, Henry Wu, Grace Lu, and Nathan Wu are proud to have won this academically challenging event for Essex High School, and their coach, Dave Rome, was delighted with his students' success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Essex High School State championship Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl team and extends best wishes for its upcoming national competition in Atlanta, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 111.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Junior Iron Chef championship teams

Offered by: All Members of the House

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

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

Whereas, VT Feed, a partnership of Shelburne Farms and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont, organizes this interscholastic cooking extravaganza, and

Whereas, the 2017 edition of this unique food festival occurred on March 24 at the Champlain Valley Exposition Center with 55 teams representing 44 schools or community organizations competing for three categories of awards, and

Whereas, the Crowd Pleaser Award recognizes teams that best incorporated color, texture, and taste for a true crowd-pleasing dish, and the 2017 winning teams, their schools, and their recipes were the Cougars (Crossett Brook Middle School, FR Ramen); the Flood Brook Tigers (Flood Brook School, Samosa from Madhur Jaffrey's Indian Cookery); the Kindle Farmers (Kindle Farm School, Tofu Lo Mein); and the Thunderchefs (Missisquoi Valley Union High School, Quinoa spicy stuffed peppers), and

Whereas, the Lively Local Award was awarded to the teams that best highlighted Vermont foods, and the honorees this year were Turnip the Beet (Green Mountain Middle School, Open-faced Taco-VT Style, Sweet Potato Bean Kale Pesto); Skillet

Takes (Green Mountain Union High School, Around the World with Stuffed Pretzels); Chef Jackets (Milton Middle School, Winter Vegetable Curry); and School Chef'd (South Burlington High School, Wasabi Farfalle with Pickled Vegetables), and

Whereas, wrapping up the categories of awards was Mise En Place, an honor granted to teams that showed exemplary teamwork, order, and professionalism, and this year's recipients were Fork in the Roof (Burlington High School, Tofu and Paneer Tikka Masala); CVU Chefhawks (Champlain Valley Union High School, Butternut Squash Lasagna); Pawtastic Chefs (St. Albans Town Educational Center, Roasted Beet Hummus Sandwiches); and Vergennes Jalapeño Hotties (Vergennes Union Middle School, Vegetable Pot Pie with Mashed Potatoes), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Junior Iron Chef championship teams, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 112.

House concurrent resolution honoring Alexander L. Aldrich for his two decades of exemplary leadership in the furtherance of the arts in Vermont

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Alex Aldrich's proclivity for arts administration and advocacy is undeniable, and after graduating from Harvard and the Yale School of Management, he embarked on an interesting career, and

Whereas, several positions followed in the Washington, D.C. area, including serving as the assistant director of the music program at the National Endowment for the Arts, and then in Atlanta, a stop that included Olympic and Paralympic adventures, and

Whereas, in January 1997, Alex Aldrich moved to Vermont to serve as the executive director of the Vermont Arts Council (VAC), and

Whereas, as the VAC is the nation's only state arts agency not a part of state government, Alex Aldrich assumed managerial responsibilities that his 49 other peers need not address, and he has been an ardent legislative advocate for the VAC and the arts community, and

Whereas, Alex Aldrich's innovative leadership of the VAC has benefited artists, arts organizations, and arts education programs, and

Whereas, as a board member of the Vermont Council on Rural Development, he promoted a creative economy that emphasizes the arts, and

Whereas, in collaboration with the Vermont Department of Marketing and Tourism, Alex Aldrich helped develop Vermont's Heritage Tourism Kit, and

Whereas, he played a major role in the VAC's headquarters enhancements, including the addition of a new building wing and the creation of a sculpture garden, and

Whereas, the Camel's Hump design on the Vermont Quarter and the selection of *These Green Mountains* as the State Song owe much to his constructive input, and

Whereas, other significant initiatives he fostered were the Palettes of Vermont project, the Art of Action project, and the Animating Infrastructure program, and

Whereas, Alex Aldrich has announced his VAC leadership will conclude on April 14, 2017, ending an outstanding 20-year tenure, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Alexander L. Aldrich for his two decades of exemplary leadership in the furtherance of the arts in Vermont and wishes him well in his future endeavors, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alexander L. Aldrich.

H.C.R. 113.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Lise Gates of Enosburg Falls on being named a 2017 Mother of Achievement

Offered by: Representative Weed of Enosburgh

Whereas, in 2017, American Mothers, Inc. chose Lise Gates of Enosburg Falls as one of only four National Mothers of Achievement, and

Whereas, she is a native of Enosburg Falls and a graduate of Enosburg Falls High School, and

Whereas, Lise Gates is the mother of Lesha, Luc (deceased), and Lynn, the stepmother and primary care provider for Israel, Isaac, and Irissa, and the grandmother of seven grandchildren with an eighth anticipated later this year, and

Whereas, when Lise Gates's son, Luc, died in 1996, she established the Luc Gates Foundation that has financed nearly \$400,000.00 in grants to area sports programs, to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and for scholarships to attend Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, a summer camp for children with cancer, and

Whereas, in 1986, she purchased from her father, Ralph Demers, the Dairy Center in Enosburgh, a complex consisting of a restaurant, a motel, a bowling

center that hosts children's birthday parties, and a banquet center that is the site for weddings and other events, and

Whereas, Lise Gates is proud to be the first woman member of the Enosburg Falls Lions Club, and the organization's board of directors wrote of its "wholehearted unanimous approval" for her nomination to be named a Mother of Achievement, and further stated that "Lise is a walking, talking, living, and breathing example of a woman whose entire life has been spent helping and serving others," and

Whereas, her broad civic leadership has included chairing the Dairy Day Scholarship Pageant and Dairy Day Parade, serving as the executive producer of the Miss Vermont Scholarship Pageant, serving on the Enosburgh Ambulance Service, and working as the Enosburgh Human Services Secretary for the Salvation Army, and

Whereas, Lise Gates exemplifies the term Mother of Achievement and truly merits this special recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lise Gates on being named a 2017 Mother of Achievement, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 114.

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont Air National Guard Chief Master Sergeant John W. Felix III for his distinguished military service

Offered by: Representative Bissonnette of Winooski

Whereas, John Felix's service in the Vermont Air National Guard-158th Fighter Wing (VANG) started in 1985 as a munitions systems specialist, and

Whereas, early in his career, John Felix made an award-winning recommendation to the Air Force Suggestion Program, and

Whereas, in 1989, John Felix began a five-year tenure as a production recruiter, attracting the most new recruits during three of those years, and

Whereas, that same year, the base for his leadership future was strengthened when he completed the Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course, winning the program's Desiree Loy Award, and

Whereas, his educational credentials were further enhanced through his attendance at several advanced noncommissioned officer courses, his earning of two associates

degrees in human resource management and education and training, and his participation in numerous other academic programs, and

Whereas, from 1994–1998, John Felix served as a VANG personnel specialist before transitioning into the more senior role of personnel systems manager in 1998, and

Whereas, starting in 2000, as a recruiting supervisor, he increased the VANG’s membership for five consecutive years, and

Whereas, seeking to broaden his work experience, in 2005, John Felix left the VANG to work as a health professions recruiter at Air National Guard Headquarters in Crystal City, Virginia, and

Whereas, since returning to the VANG in 2009, his roles have included base education and training manager, human resource systems manager, and since May 2012, force support superintendent, and he now also serves as a survivor advocate, and

Whereas, John Felix earned his current military rank in May 2014, has won many national and State military awards and honors and is a veteran of domestic and international assignments, including support efforts following hurricanes and several military campaigns in the Middle East, and

Whereas, Chief Master Sergeant John Felix is now concluding his service as a member of the Vermont Air National Guard and our nation’s Armed Forces, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont Air National Guard Chief Master Sergeant John W. Felix III for his distinguished military service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chief Master Sergeant John W. Felix III.

H.C.R. 115.

House concurrent resolution honoring Christine Brock of St. Albans for her professional and personal dedication to helping others improve their lives

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

Offered by: Senators Branagan and Degree

Whereas, Christine Brock is a woman whose caring compassion for improving the lives of other Vermonters is evident in both a professional and personal context, and

Whereas, for the past dozen years, she has served as the business account manager at the Agency of Human Services’ Creative Workforce Solutions (CWS), and

Whereas, CWS serves as an employment gateway for individuals whose personal background may pose a challenge in obtaining employment, and

Whereas, among the persons who avail themselves of facilitation support from CWS are individuals with disabilities or chronic mental illness, veterans, immigrants, former prisoners, and Reach Up participants, among others, and

Whereas, in her role as CWS business manager, she oversees a team of community partners, assisting individuals to find work and encouraging businesses to become future employment sites for the program, and

Whereas, CWS not only facilitates job opportunities and internships but also provides expert assistance and guidance to both its clients and the businesses in meeting the many challenges that arise in developing a successful employer-employee relationship, and

Whereas, Christine Brock has a heartfelt belief that anyone desirous of working can find a suitable job and has stated that “working has the power to change people’s lives,” and

Whereas, in a recent newspaper interview, Christine Brock related the story of helping a young man on the autism spectrum whose prospects of employment appeared dubious, but he persevered and today is a warehouse manager, and

Whereas, the CWS success stories are only one aspect of Christine Brock’s busy life, and

Whereas, for many years, Christine and her husband followed a tradition her parents started and brought many foster children into their home, adopting three, and offering a loving home environment to many more, and

Whereas, Christine Brock is now concluding her career at CWS, and her husband and she are intending to take many long road trips in a newly purchased recreational vehicle, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Christine Brock of St. Albans for her professional and personal dedication to helping others improve their lives, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 116.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 University of Vermont Catamounts America East championship men’s basketball team

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, from late December 2016 into March 2017, the University of Vermont (UVM) Catamounts men's basketball team tallied 21 consecutive victories, creating a winning streak that at its conclusion was the nation's longest in men's intercollegiate basketball competition, and

Whereas, at the America East Conference championship, played before an enthralled hometown crowd at Patrick Gymnasium, top-seeded UVM, trailing 47-38 with 8:45 remaining in regulation play, bounced back to defeat the State University of New York at Albany Great Danes 56-53 to win the conference title and earn the Catamounts its sixth berth since 2003 in the NCAA men's basketball championship tournament (March Madness), and

Whereas, at their first round NCAA game in Milwaukee, the 13th-seeded Catamounts kept pace for much of the game, trailing the fourth-seeded Purdue Boilermakers 37-36 at halftime, and although finishing on the low side of an 80-70 score, the team can take enormous pride in this season's amazing accomplishments, and

Whereas, these impressive Catamounts were Ben Shungu, Josh Hearlihy, Trae Bell-Haynes, Anthony Lamb, David Urso, Sam Dingba, Darren Payen, Cam Ward, Kian Dalrymple, Ernie Duncan, Everett Duncan, Dre Wills, Drew Urquhart, Josh Speidel, Kurt Steidl, Payton Henson, and Nate Rohrer, and

Whereas, Head Coach John Becker; assistant coaches Kyle Cieplicki, Ryan Schneider, and Hamlet Tibbs; and strength coach Marc Hickok were savvy team advisors, and the help of team managers Andrew Gale, Derryk O'Grady, Earle Brown, and Caleb Breslin was always appreciated, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 University of Vermont Catamounts America East championship men's basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 117.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Enosburg Falls High School Hornets Division II championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representative Weed of Enosburgh

Whereas, the Enosburg Falls Hornets had never won a divisional boys' basketball championship, and

Whereas, the 2016–2017 school year marked an historic turning point as a strong and united Hornet squad proved unstoppable, defeating every regular season opponent, and

Whereas, in the playoffs, second-seeded Enosburg continued its stellar on-court performance, advancing to the Division II championship game at the Barre Auditorium against the fifth-seeded Mt. Saint Joseph Academy Mounties, and

Whereas, the Hornets’ pivotal moment of glory arrived with only 3.4 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter when Enosburg scored two successive foul shots breaking a tie, sealing a memorable 56–54 victory, and capturing its first Division II boys’ basketball title, and

Whereas, the 24–0 Hornets, who wrote a new page in the annals of Enosburg Falls High School athletics, were Mahlik Franklin, Calvin Carter, Wade McAllister, Matt Perley, Noah Swainbank, Caleb Laroche, Casey Caforia, Cole Goodhue, Evan Doe, and Jakob Delas-Hansen, and

Whereas, Head Coach Matt Luneau and assistant coaches Jordan St. Pierre, Ben Cote, and Zach Gervais savored the team’s long-dreamed-for special victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Enosburg Falls High School Hornets Division II championship boys’ basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 118.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the 3–4–50 chronic disease resource as a valuable preventative health care guide

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, according to the Vermont Department of Health (the Department), three behaviors: lack of physical activity, poor nutrition, and tobacco use, contribute to four chronic diseases: Type 2 diabetes, lung disease, heart disease and stroke, and cancer, which cause 50 percent of the deaths in Vermont, and

Whereas, the Department also reports that 36 percent of adults are either overweight or obese, 14 percent of high schoolers are in one of these two categories, and over three-quarters of the younger group are not sufficiently physically active, and

Whereas, tobacco use is the number one preventable cause, which in Vermont leads to approximately 1,000 smoking-related deaths each year and \$348 million in medical expenses, and

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

Whereas, the tenets of 3–4–50 can help VTAAC and Vermont achieve these prevention goals, and

Whereas, according to the most recent data from the National Center for Health Statistics, cancer is the leading cause of death in Vermont, a status that cancer shared with heart disease from the 1960s until 2007, and

Whereas, according to the American Cancer Society's most recent tally, annually, approximately 4,000 Vermonters are diagnosed with cancer and over 1,400 die of the disease, and

Whereas, the Department has documented that chronic disease deeply impacts quality of life for Vermonters, and the estimated medical costs in Vermont related to cancer and other chronic diseases are roughly \$2 billion, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the value of the 3–4–50 chronic disease resource as a preventative health care tool, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 119.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Bennington

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Morris of Bennington, and Devereux of Mount Holly

Offered by: Senators Sears and Campion

Whereas, in the summer of 1777, two brigades of British forces, under the command of British General John Burgoyne, were seeking to isolate New England militarily from the rest of the United States, and

Whereas, Burgoyne's forces, having suffered a tactical loss to American forces at the Battle of Hubbardton, were marching southbound toward Saratoga, New York, and a decisive defeat to come in October 1777, and

Whereas, more immediately, in need of military stores and general supplies, the British, who had support from German mercenaries, American Indians, and loyalists, learned of a supply depot in Bennington and headed in that direction, and

Whereas, the Council of Safety of the newly established Republic of Vermont sought to halt this British advance and solicited military support from the State of New Hampshire, and

Whereas, Continental Army Brigadier General John Stark lead local independence forces in this effort, and

Whereas, on August 16, 1777, General Stark led a combined contingent of soldiers from Vermont, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire that twice defeated the British, the second time with the welcomed assistance of Vermonters Seth Warner and the Green Mountain Boys, and

Whereas, the Battle of Bennington, an important milestone on the road to American independence, is commemorated as an annual State holiday, and 2017 marks this battle's 240th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Bennington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Historical Society, the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, and the Bennington Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 120.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Ludlow Rotary Club on its 90th birthday

Offered by: Representative Devereux of Mount Holly

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, the Rotary International motto “Service Above Self” is the central operating principle of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), and

Whereas, the origins of Rotary International date to 1905 when Paul Harris, who attended Ludlow’s Black River Academy, organized the Rotary Club of Chicago, and at the Black River Academy Museum, the academy’s former home, the LRC maintains a Rotary exhibit, and

Whereas, on December 4, 1926, a group of Ludlow residents, representing businesses, the professions, and the trades, in accordance with Rotary’s tenets, met in the dining room of the Okemo Tavern, establishing the Ludlow Rotary Club and electing Olin Gay as the local club’s first president, and

Whereas, a month later, on January 13, 1927, Rotary International granted the Ludlow Rotary Club an official organizational charter, and

Whereas, high ethical standards in the conduct of business and personal relationships, community service, and the fostering of international goodwill are fundamental to the Ludlow Rotary Club, and

Whereas, the awarding of scholarships, having now totaled nearly \$200,000.00, to eligible graduating high school seniors from Cavendish, Mount Holly, Ludlow, and Plymouth is central to the LRC’s mission, and

Whereas, the LRC conducts a number of fundraising events for worthy causes, and among these fun activities are the Okemo Bike Hill Climb, the Ludlow Rotary Chili Cook-off, and the Ralph Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race, and

Whereas, the LRC supports Rotary’s international projects, including the fight to eradicate polio, support for areas sustaining natural disaster damage, and its own special solar installation project at a Ugandan orphanage, and

Whereas, 2017 marks the LRC’s 90th birthday, and in celebration, the club’s first 2017 luncheon meeting, held at DJ’s Restaurant in Ludlow with LRC President Tesha Buss presiding, featured a festive birthday cake to mark the historic occasion, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Ludlow Rotary Club on its 90th birthday and extends best wishes for its future success, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Ludlow Rotary Club.

H.C.R. 121.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Proctor High School Phantoms Division IV championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, Howard of Rutland City, McCoy of Poultney, Norris of Shoreham, Sullivan of Dorset, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, the members of the Proctor High School boys' basketball team's starting lineup entered the 2016–2017 season proud of their two consecutive Division IV championships, and

Whereas, trying to bring a third consecutive championship home to Proctor was the team's prime mission during the just-concluded basketball season, and

Whereas, with their strong regular-season performance, the Phantoms earned a second-place post-season ranking and a berth in the Division IV championship game at the Barre Auditorium where they met the top-seeded Twinfield Trojans, and

Whereas, the high caliber of both squads was in evidence as the score was tied 23–all at halftime, but the second half of play belonged to the Phantoms as they quickly pulled ahead and emerged victorious, 53–41, and clinched their coveted third consecutive Division IV title, and

Whereas, the 17–3–0 Phantoms who earned this special distinction were Gannon McKearin, Joe Parker, Andre Greb, Nick Ojala, Logan Landon, Matt O'Kerman, Derek Almond, Nate Greb, Jacob Plucin, Joe Valerio, and Solomon Parker, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jake Eaton and assistant coach Rick Eaton contributed to this great season of Proctor boys' basketball, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Proctor High School Phantoms Division IV championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 122.

House concurrent resolution designating April 13, 2017 as Drug Overdose Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, substance use disorder and addiction is a lifelong, chronic illness, and opioid-related deaths in Vermont, including overdoses, have reached alarming levels, and

Whereas, a life cut short by an opioid overdose death is devastating for the family and loved ones left behind, and is a tragic reminder of the significant and complex challenges we face in communities throughout the State, and

Whereas, in Vermont, from 2010 to 2016, the total number of accidental and undetermined-manner opioid-related fatalities involving either a prescription drug, heroin, fentanyl, or a combination thereof rose from 41 to 106, and

Whereas, at the other end of the life spectrum, from 2009–2015, the rate per 1,000 live births to Vermont residents in Vermont hospitals of infants exposed to opioids rose from 22.6 to 34.0, and

Whereas, Vermont has a multifaceted, statewide approach that involves multiple State and community partners, including local governments, police and public safety officials, first responders, educators, nonprofit and faith-based organizations, and individuals, working to address opioid addiction and to reverse the increase in the incidence of opioid overdoses, and

Whereas, the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs within the Vermont Department of Health, in conjunction with partner organizations, has adopted SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment), “an evidence-based public health approach for identifying patients who use alcohol and other drugs at risky levels with the goal of reducing and preventing related health consequences,” and

Whereas, Vermonters working to reduce the incidence of opioid overdosing in the State are gathered at the State House today, April 13, 2017, to remind everyone of this important objective, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 13, 2017 as Drug Overdose Awareness Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Department of Health’s Division of Alcohol and

Drug Abuse Programs, the Governor's Opiate Coordination Council, and the Vermont Recovery Network.

S.C.R. 13.

By Senators Starr, Ashe, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Branagan, Bray, Brooks, Campion, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Degree, Flory, Ingram, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pearson, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Westman, and White,

S.C.R. 13. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont Technical College on its 150th anniversary and designating April 13, 2017 as Vermont Tech Day.

Whereas, in 1866, the General Assembly enacted 1866 Acts and Resolves No. 1 "An Act to Establish A State Normal School," constituting and establishing the Orange County Grammar School at Randolph Centre as the Normal School for the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1910, the General Assembly established the Vermont State School of Agriculture at the Randolph location to educate students specializing in agricultural studies, and

Whereas, in 1957, the addition of technical subjects to the curriculum resulted in the school's designation as the Vermont Agricultural and Technical Institute, and

Whereas, in 1962, after becoming a unit of the new Vermont State Colleges system in 1961, the school was renamed Vermont Technical College (VTC), and

Whereas, today, VTC offers diverse curriculums, including advanced manufacturing, aviation, computer science fields, construction management, entrepreneurship, first responder services, health and dental care, renewable energy, sustainable design and construction, transportation, and veterinary care, and

Whereas, the school's enrollment includes full-time students while simultaneously serving adults and employers through continuing education and workforce development programs, and

Whereas, the majority of the students are Vermonters, one-half are Pell Grant eligible, and 45 percent are first-generation college attendees, and

Whereas, VTC graduates experience high job placement rates, graduate with low debt, and earn high salaries, and

Whereas, the faculty provides a practical education and its profession-based experience contributes to the students' long-term success, and

Whereas, the VTC staff fosters a caring community, and

Whereas, the public benefits from VTC services such as the Vermont Small Business Development Center and the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vermont Technical College on its 150th anniversary and designates April 13, 2017 as Vermont Tech Day, *and be it further*

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