

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**HOUSE AND SENATE
CALENDAR**

**Text of House 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. 123.

House concurrent resolution designating Thursday, April 13, 2017 as Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs and the Vermont Youth Development Program Awareness Day

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Gamache of Swanton, Haas of Rochester, Keefe of Manchester, McFaun of Barre Town, Mrowicki of Putney, Noyes of Wolcott, Rosenquist of Georgia, and Troiano of Stannard

Whereas, the youths of Vermont will determine the future strength of our country and be the bearers of our democracy, and

Whereas, youths need safety, permanent connections, stable housing, and educational and employment opportunities to support their well-being so they are able to fill their roles as vital community members, and

Whereas, over 600 Vermont youths seek housing services every year through the Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs, and

Whereas, there are over 300 youths 15–18 years of age in foster care every day, and 500 youths are supported by the Vermont Youth Development Program to transition successfully into young adulthood each year, and

Whereas, youths 12–25 years of age represent a vital stage of adolescent development and deserve resources that are appropriate for their unique needs, and

Whereas, youths can teach us what works best to support them, and it is vital to create opportunities for them to influence programming designed for them, and

Whereas, effective programs supporting youths who have run away, experienced homelessness, been housed precariously, or are aging out of Vermont's foster care system are a vital resource for our State's most vulnerable youths, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Thursday, April 13, 2017 as Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs and the Vermont Youth Development Program Awareness Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs and the Vermont Youth Development Program.

H.C.R. 124.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Elizabeth Ainsworth of Bellows Falls on being chosen the 2017 Vermont Mother of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Balint, Branagan, and White

Whereas, American Mothers, an organization that “champion[s] women by honoring, educating and serving mothers, at home, at work and in the world,” selects one woman from each state as that jurisdiction’s Mother of the Year, and

Whereas, the required criteria for this special recognition are being “the mother of one or more children ... exemplify[ing] the qualities of being a great mom ... and displaying the ability to strengthen family relationships,” and

Whereas, the 2017 Vermont Mother of the Year, whom the Vermont American Mothers nominated, is Elizabeth Ainsworth of Bellows Falls, and

Whereas, the United Church of Bellows Falls women’s group helped sponsor her candidacy, and

Whereas, she works from home as a vacation planner and is part of a strong family unit, and

Whereas, Elizabeth Ainsworth’s community activities, an important consideration in naming a Mother of the Year, include active membership in her children’s school Parent Teacher Organization, serving on the board of the Bellows Falls Community Alliance, and serving on the council for the Westminster-based Head Start Alliance, and

Whereas, at the United Church of Bellows Falls, Elizabeth Ainsworth serves as a deacon, works as an administrative assistant, and is active in the women’s group, and

Whereas, Elizabeth Ainsworth has met the challenges of 21st century motherhood, including co-parenting with her former partner, the father of her two older children and with her current partner, the father of her two younger children, and for a period of time was a single working mom, and

Whereas, being flexible and having a good sense of humor are qualities she cites as being important for successful motherhood, and

Whereas, Elizabeth Ainsworth was honored at the United Church on April 3 and hopes to attend the American Mothers National Conference in late April, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Elizabeth Ainsworth on being chosen the 2017 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 Elizabeth Ainsworth.

H.C.R. 125.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Norwich University Cadets NCAA Division III championship men's ice hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, Lewis of Berlin, and Poirier of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, for the 18th outing in the past 19 years, the New England Hockey Conference concluded its regular season with the Norwich University Cadets in the top slot, certainly an encouraging omen for the Cadets' NCAA Division III playoff aspirations, and

Whereas, the resurgent Cadets surprised many spectators unfamiliar with the squad's true potential, and

Whereas, Norwich secured a place on the championship game ice in Utica, New York against the Trinity College Bantams, and

Whereas, the Cadets broke a scoreless tie early in the middle frame, and although the Bantams soon tied the game at 1-all, Norwich regained the lead just over three minutes later and at the final buzzer emerged with a 4-1 victory, the 2017 NCAA Division III championship, the team's fourth, and the extension of a school record 25 consecutive-game unbeaten streak, and

Whereas, these persevering Norwich Cadets were Braeden Ostepchuk, David Robertson, Cody Smith, Connor Evangelista, Alec Brandrup, Brian Rowland, Cam Beecy, Taeron Lewis, Jack Griffin, TJ Dockery, Ian Williams, Todd Jackson, Paul Russell, Kevin Salvucci, Christian Thompson, Anthony Flaherty, Trent Dillinger, William Pelletier, Tyler Piacentini, Jake Erickson, Nick Pichette, Dmitry Ermakov, Payton Baldillez, Austin Surowiec, Josh Cronin, Ty Reichenbach, and Tom Aubrun, and

Whereas, Head Coach Mike McShane and assistant coaches Steve Mattson, Alec Thieda, and Bryce Currier deserve special acknowledgment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Norwich University Cadets NCAA Division III championship men's ice hockey team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 126.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks on winning their school's eighth consecutive Division I girls' cross-country championship

Offered by: Representatives Yantachka of Charlotte, Brumsted of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Ingram and Lyons

Whereas, the Champlain Valley Union High School girls' cross-country program began the 2016 season as the owner of the past seven Division I championships, and this year's team wish to extend this record, and

Whereas, four of the top ten runners in the decisive State championship race, run on the Thetford Academy course, wore the Redhawks' uniform as CVU out-paced second place Mt. Mansfield 26–89 and clinched the school's eighth consecutive Division I crown, and the team continued on to win the 2016 New England championship, and

Whereas, the Redhawks runners who clinched the Division I title were Sophia Gorman, Ella Whitman, Jennifer Ireland, Rosalie LaCroix, Willow Bertrand, Meara Heininger, and Chloe Andrae, and

Whereas, Head Coach Scott Bliss and assistant coaches Cari Causey, Cory Coffey, and Justin Newton served as outstanding advisors for the runners, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks Division I championship girls' cross-country running team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 127.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks on winning their school's second-consecutive Division I boys' cross-country championship

Offered by: Representatives Yantachka of Charlotte, Brumsted of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Ingram and Lyons

Whereas, the CVU boys' cross-country runners began the 2016 fall season eager to repeat the program's Division I 2015 championship status, and

Whereas, the team's performance at the pivotal State championship meet held at Thetford was outstanding as CVU runners crossed the finish line in first, eighth, and ninth place, enabling the Redhawks to achieve their goal of bringing home a second Division I crown, and

Whereas, the Division I champion runners were Tyler Marshall, Baxter Bishop, Calvin McClellan, Harken Spillane, Justin McAuliffe, Jared Leonard, Patrick Gooley, and Dylan Gooley, and

Whereas, Head Coach Scott Bliss and assistant coaches Cari Causey, Cory Coffey, and Justin Newton guided the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks on winning their school's second-consecutive Division I boys' cross-country championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 128.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks on winning a fifth consecutive Division I girls' basketball championship

Offered by: Representatives Yantachka of Charlotte, Brumsted of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Ingram and Lyons

Whereas, having captured the prior four Division I crowns, the 2016–2017 Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) Redhawks focused on equaling the record for consecutive Division I girls' basketball championships, and

Whereas, their strong regular season play, combined with a second seeding for the playoffs, boded well for CVU's achieving this special goal, and

Whereas, the Redhawks' undefeated playoff record blazed their pathway into the Division I championship game against the top-seeded St. Johnsbury Hilltoppers at the University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium, and

Whereas, in a contest that concluded on a dramatic note, the Redhawks, who held a one-point lead with 9.1 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, successfully hit two shots from the free throw line to secure a 36–33 victory and their school's fifth straight Division I title, and

Whereas, the jubilant 21–3 Redhawks, who also tied a Division I basketball record, for either gender, for a school's most consecutive wins at Patrick Gymnasium were Maryn Askew, Nicole Eaton, Mekkena Boyd, Jaime Vachon, Meghan Gilwee, Harper Mead, Marlee Gunn, Julia Neeld, Lindsey Albertelli, Abby Thut, Katie Usher, Shannon Loiseau, and Kaylee Beyor, and

Whereas, Head Coach Ute Otley and assistant coaches Dick Carlson, Ann Durkee, Cathy Kohlasch, and Katie Kuntz were also thrilled, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks on winning a fifth consecutive girls' Division I basketball championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 129.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Mount St. Joseph Academy Lady Mounties Division IV championship girls' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Howard of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, McCoy of Poultney, Norris of Shoreham, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, Sullivan of Dorset, and Tate of Mendon

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, as the Division IV girls' basketball champions for the last two consecutive seasons and fielding a strong squad of players for 2016–2017 competition, the Mount St. Joseph (MSJ) Lady Mounties had the potential for great success this past fall and winter on the basketball court, and

Whereas, MSJ did not disappoint its Rutland area fans as the team lost only one regular season game and secured the top seed for the playoffs, and

Whereas, staying true to form, the Mounties continued to play superbly, securing a berth in the Division IV championship game against the second-seeded West Rutland Golden Horde, a team MSJ had defeated in their preceding seven consecutive games, and

Whereas, when the two squads tipped off at the Barre Auditorium, MSJ took the first quarter lead but trailed 19–15 at halftime, however, the Mounties soon surged ahead to clinch a commanding 50–36 victory, their third consecutive Division IV title, and they have now compiled an impressive four-season 86–6 record, and

Whereas, Mounties Jenna Eaton, Olivia Corbett, Gabby Giancola, Bryn McClallen, Izzy Harvey, Angela Perry, Shannon Elms, Lyndsey Elms, Katelyn Schutt, Sophia Duffy, Bethany Garrow, Emily Rappeno, Sophia Tedesco, and Kristen Elliott created a true team effort in their championship drive, and

Whereas, Head Coach Dan Elliott and assistant coaches Aaron Eaton, Bill Brusco, Rob Harvey, and GJ Garrow provided strategic advice that was much appreciated, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Mount St. Joseph Academy Lady Mounties Division IV championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 130.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016-17 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks Division I championship boys' Nordic skiing team

Offered by: Representatives Yantachka of Charlotte, Brumsted of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Ingram and Lyons

Whereas, the 2016-17 Nordic ski season was assisted with a generous supply of snow, and

Whereas, the boys Nordic skiers at Champlain Valley Union High School took advantage of the more plentiful powder to perfect their mastery of the cross-country courses, and

Whereas, the two-day 2016-17 Nordic State championship tournament featured the classic events at the Rikert Touring Center in Ripton and, the following day, skate races at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center, and

Whereas, the Redhawks dominated Division I competition, winning the morning individual races and the afternoon relays each day to secure the 2016-17 Division I title, and

Whereas, the confident CVU Nordic boy skiers responsible for this great success were Baxter Bishop, Tyler Marshall, Jared Leonard, Jack Koskinen, Harken Spillane, Justin McAuliffe, Patrick Gooley, Clark Schmitt, and Matthew Silverman, and

Whereas, Head Coach Sarah Strack and assistant coaches Eli Enman and King Milne cheered the Redhawks on to victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016-17 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks Division I championship boys' Nordic skiing team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 131.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks State championship boys' volleyball team

Offered by: Representatives Yantachka of Charlotte, Brumsted of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Ingram and Lyons

Whereas, volleyball is a sport that observers may perceive as one in which enjoyable camaraderie dominates play, but success requires close team coordination and alertness to the opposition's every maneuver, and

Whereas, as keen observers of all the action occurring on the volleyball court, the Redhawks excelled against their opponents, losing only once during the regular season, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) was seeded first in the playoffs and continued to amass victories, earning entry into the State championship game at St. Michael's College against the second-seeded Essex High School Hornets, and

Whereas, though the squads were closely matched, the higher ranked Redhawks prevailed, winning the game 3–1, completing the 2016 season with a 12–1 record, and bringing home the State crown, and

Whereas, the skilled CVU volleyballers were Liam Freeman, Baker Angstman, Kevin Devine, Garrett Dunn, Will Burroughs, Kyle Gorman, Noah Allen, Jacob Boliba, Alden Randall, Elias Sturim, Jeffrey Boliba, Spencer Snipes, and Storm Rushford, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jeff Boliba and assistant coach Robyn Davis were proud of their team's achievement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks State championship boys' volleyball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 132.

House concurrent resolution honoring Norwich University ice hockey coach extraordinaire Mike McShane

Offered by: Representatives Lewis of Berlin, Donahue of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, and Poirier of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, as the third-leading scorer in the history of the University of New Hampshire Wildcats' varsity ice hockey, Mike McShane was a natural to embark on a coaching career, and following graduation, he polished his teaching skills, earning a master's degree in education at Boston University, and

Whereas, Mike McShane accepted his first coaching job at New Hampton Prep School in New Hampshire, securing three Division I prep championships, and

Whereas, as an assistant coach at Dartmouth College, Mike McShane helped the Big Green win two Ivy League titles and advance to the semifinals of the NCAA Division I ice hockey championships, and

Whereas, after success coaching at St. Lawrence University and Providence College, including 1989 New England Coach of the Year recognition, Mike McShane arrived at Norwich University to coach the 1995–1996 season, and

Whereas, his 22-season Norwich record of 478–123–36 has far surpassed anyone’s grandest expectations and represents an astounding .778 winning percentage, and his 36 seasons overall have resulted in a tally of 722–341–67, equaling an impressive .669 winning percentage, and

Whereas, among Mike McShane’s many achievements are 24 coach of the year awards, including for the 2016–2017 NCAA Division III championship season being named the American Hockey Coaches Association’s Ed Jeremiah National Division II–III Coach of the Year for a record fifth time and similar accolades from the New England Hockey Conference, USCHO.com, and the New England Hockey Writers Association, and

Whereas, Norwich, under his ice hockey stewardship, has won 18 of the last 19 New England Hockey Conference regular season titles and 12 post-season conference championships, and

Whereas, most demonstrative of Mike McShane’s success as an ice hockey coach is his NCAA post-season record while at Norwich, featuring 16 appearances, including 12 in the decisive Frozen Four semifinals, and of course the four Division III championships in 2000, 2003, 2010, and 2017, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Norwich University ice hockey coach extraordinaire Mike McShane, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Coach Mike McShane at Norwich University.

H.C.R. 133.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Williamstown High School Blue Devils on winning the Division III boys’ basketball championship

Offered by: Representatives Graham of Williamstown and Frenier of Chelsea

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, as the new season began, memories of the 2016 Division III championship game loss to Hazen Union High School, ending the Blue Devils’ quest for a fifth consecutive boys’ basketball crown, remained with the Williamstown players, and

Whereas, the Blue Devils strove to resume their winning ways as they lost only one 2016–2017 regular season game and were seeded first for the playoffs, and

Whereas, Williamstown’s prize for its continued tenacity on the court was a championship rematch at the Barre Auditorium against its rival, second-seeded Hazen Union High School, and

Whereas, unlike in 2016, the Blue Devils’ impressive offense and pressure defense enabled Williamstown to score a 71–48 victory with minimal difficulty and clinch the 2017 Division III title, and

Whereas, Blue Devils Caleb Sweet, Ben Bristow, Nathan Poulin, Brandon Carrier, Jacob Tassie, Brandon Covey, Devin O’Neill, Cameron Flinn, Eric Hulbert, Jared Dwinell, and Garrett Metcalf played a great season and appreciated the encouragement of team manager TJ DeRose and statistician Dan Robinson, and

Whereas, the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association awarded Division III Coach of the Year honors to Head Coach Jack Carrier who had great support from assistant coaches Jordan Bergeron, Tony Matz, and Adam Wheatley, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Williamstown High School Blue Devils on winning the Division III boys’ basketball championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 134.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the U-32 High School Raiders on winning the school’s fourth consecutive Division II boys’ outdoor track and field championship

Offered by: Representatives Jessup of Middlesex, Ancel of Calais, Lewis of Berlin, Nolan of Morristown, and Yacovone of Morristown

Whereas, the U-32 boys’ outdoor track and field athletes had clinched Division II championships for each of the prior three years and anticipated another memorable season in the spring of 2016, and

Whereas, as they trained and participated in track and field regular season events, they were also thinking ahead to the State championship meet that in 2016 was being held at the friendly confines of the U-32 campus, and

Whereas, the Raiders tried their best throughout the decisive day but so did the athletes from the other participating schools, and

Whereas, although U-32 and Lyndon Institute were tied midway through the State meet, the overall U-32 day's record, including top scores in the 100-, 200-, and 1500-meter runs, as well as the high jump, resulted in the Raiders clinching their fourth consecutive Division II title as they comfortably topped Lyndon Institute 163–111, and

Whereas, the persevering Raiders were Jacob Bradley, Garret Carr, Jalen Carter, Andrew Compton, Ben Davis-Noe, Amariah DiGiovanni, Basil Humke, Jacob Kellet, Ellis Landry, Stephen Looke, Martin McMahon, Gus Obeldobel, Eli Pandolfo, Trevor Patterson, MacKinley Shaffer, Nathan Smoller, Dashiell Vermilya, Ian Voyer, and Alex Warner, and

Whereas, coaches Mark Chaplin, Robert Dunkle, George Olson, Andrew Tripp, and Jeric Tyler each offered superb instruction, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the U-32 High School Raiders on winning the school's fourth consecutive Division II boys' outdoor track and field championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 135.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 U-32 High School Raiders on winning consecutive Division II girls' outdoor track and field championships

Offered by: Representatives Jessup of Middlesex, Ancel of Calais, Lewis of Berlin, Nolan of Morristown, and Yacovone of Morristown

Whereas, after winning the Division II title in 2013 and 2015, the U-32 girls' track and field athletes looked forward to a strong showing in the spring of 2016, and

Whereas, the Raiders entered the 2016 State championship meet with the special advantage of competing at their home school with many local fans in attendance and rooting for the team's success, and

Whereas, the road to another Division II crown was not a foregone conclusion as U-32 encountered strong competition from Rice Memorial High School in particular, and

Whereas, the Raiders’ top placement in the 800- , 1,500- , and 3,000-meter runs, along with commendable performances in other events, ultimately enabled U-32 to earn a second consecutive title, narrowly outscoring Rice 106–101, and

Whereas, the skilled Raider track and field athletes were Lydia Bohn, Jesse Colnes, Kaylyn Compton, Emma Churchin, Jenna Jerome, Maggie Kirby, Andrea Kroll, Ruby Lamb, Molly McCreedy, Eliza Merrylees, Caitlin O’Kelly, Rena Schwartz, Krista Towne, Rebecca Thompson, and Judith Witke-Mele, and

Whereas, coaches Mark Chaplin, Robert Dunkle, George Olson, Andrew Tripp, and Jeric Tyler inspired all the U-32 athletes to perform their best, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 U-32 High School Raiders on winning consecutive Division II girls’ outdoor track and field championships, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 136.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Peter Gould on winning the 2016 Ellen McCulloch-Lovell Award in Arts Education

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Belaski of Windsor, Deen of Westminster, Gannon of Wilmington, Long of Newfane, Murphy of Fairfax, Olsen of Londonderry, Sibia of Dover, and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, the Vermont Arts Council (VAC) presents the Ellen McCulloch-Lovell Award to a Vermonter who is engaged in arts education as a teacher, teaching artist, or administrator, or a person “whose work has substantially improved student engagement in the arts,” and

Whereas, the recipient must reside in the State; have a great reputation in arts education, based on third-party acclaim or independent reviews; be considered highly among his or her peers; have developed a significant body of work or record of service that the VAC can evaluate; and have a person who is not a VAC member nominate the individual, and

Whereas, the 2016 recipient is Peter Gould of Brattleboro, and

Whereas, Peter Gould's arts career has extended over 45 years and has focused on acting, directing, teaching, and writing, and

Whereas, he holds both bachelor's and doctoral degrees from Brandeis University, and

Whereas, Peter Gould founded Get Thee to the Funnery, a youth Shakespeare program that in 2017 celebrates two decades of theatrical activity, and

Whereas, as one-half of Gould & Stearns, a touring youth theater company, he has traveled both domestically and internationally, appearing in more than 3,000 performances featuring physical comedy, story theater, and residencies with young students, and

Whereas, over the course of his career, Peter Gould has directed over 80 plays, and

Whereas, in his teaching role, Peter Gould is on the faculty of the New England Youth Theater and serves as an adjunct professor at Brandeis University, and

Whereas, he is the author of four books, including *Write Naked*, the winner of the 2009 Green Earth Book Award, and

Whereas, Peter Gould is an exemplary arts educator, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Peter Gould on winning the 2016 Ellen McCulloch-Lovell Award in Arts Education, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 137.

House concurrent resolution honoring Gary Wheelock for his dedicated service on behalf of the New England dairy industry

Offered by: Representative Ainsworth of Royalton

Whereas, the New England Dairy & Food Council (NEDFC) is a dairy farmer supported nonprofit educational organization that develops professionally researched nutritional guidelines, and its partner nonprofit organization, the New England Dairy Promotion Board (NEDPB), creates promotional activities on behalf of the region's dairy industry, and

Whereas, Gary Wheelock is one of the true stalwarts of the New England dairy industry who has been a staff member at NEDFC-NEDPB for 27 years, and for the past two decades has served as their chief executive officer, and

Whereas, although he grew up in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, Gary Wheelock's ancestors were from Calais where they resided on a farm, and

Whereas, throughout his tenure at NEDFC-NEDPB, Gary Wheelock has worked diligently to improve New England consumers' understanding and appreciation for the economic and nutritional value of dairy products, and

Whereas, he has spearheaded a successful initiative to increase dairy farmers' participation in the school breakfast program, and

Whereas, educational efforts to inform academics on the nutritional benefits of dairy products has been a major focus for Gary Wheelock, and

Whereas, the continued availability of milk in school cafeterias has been one of his important priorities, and

Whereas, serving as an invaluable liaison between dairy farmers and retail stores is a role that Gary Wheelock has recognized is a primary concern for the region's dairy farmers, and

Whereas, Gary Wheelock's wise counsel has extended beyond our region's borders as he is a major participant in the deliberations of the United Dairy Industry Association (UDIA), and

Whereas, after a fulfilling career advocating, educating, facilitating, and serving on behalf of Vermont's dairy farmers, Gary Wheelock is concluding his career at NEDFC-NEDPB and looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Karen, and

Whereas, both Agri-Mark and St. Albans Cooperative, the regional dairy farmers' cooperatives, and the UDIA have expressed formally their appreciation for Gary Wheelock's major contributions to the vitality and continuity of the nation's dairy commerce, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Gary Wheelock for his dedicated service on behalf of Vermont's and New England's dairy farmers, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 138.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Maureen Eddy on graduating from the Team IMPACT program and the Saint Michael's College Purple Knights women's field hockey team for its devotion to this worthy endeavor

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, and Townsend of South Burlington

Whereas, Maureen Eddy of South Burlington and her sister, Kelly Eddy, were born with Cystic Fibrosis (CF), and

Whereas, CF is a life-threatening genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States and nearly 70,000 children and adults worldwide, over 150 of whom live in Vermont, and

Whereas, the nonprofit Team IMPACT partners with collegiate sports teams to facilitate the inclusion of children facing life-threatening and chronic illnesses as honorary teammates, providing a vital life learning experience for the athletes and increasing awareness of such illnesses, and

Whereas, the child is officially drafted onto the team at a draft day event and then participates in many activities, including practices and meals with the team, and

Whereas, in 2012, the Saint Michael's College Purple Knights women's field hockey team drafted Maureen Eddy, now 17 years of age, to be its youngest team member, and

Whereas, during the past five years, the Saint Michael's students have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the Team IMPACT program, both in welcoming Maureen Eddy to numerous activities and participating in events to raise awareness and funds for the Northern New England chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and

Whereas, medical and patient support teams are an integral part of maintaining and improving the lives of individuals living with CF, and

Whereas, Maureen Eddy has received invaluable medical care from Dr. Thomas Lahiri and the dedicated staff of the University of Vermont Medical Center, and is proud to be graduating from the Team IMPACT program, and

Whereas, the Eddy Family has benefited from the tremendous support of Brian Callanan, the Cystic Fibrosis Lifestyle Foundation's executive director, and of Jim Gilbert and the staff of the Northern New England Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Maureen Eddy on graduating from the Team IMPACT program and the Saint Michael's College Purple Knights women's field hockey team for its devotion to this worthy endeavor, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Maureen Eddy and to St. Michael's College.

H.C.R. 139.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 North Country Union High School Falcons Division II championship boys' hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Smith of Derby, Batchelor of Derby, Higley of Lowell, Lefebvre of Newark, Marcotte of Coventry, Strong of Albany, Viens of Newport City, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Rodgers and Starr

Whereas, as the fourth-seeded team in the unusually competitive 2017 Division II boys' ice hockey playoffs, the talented North Country Union High School Falcons were aiming to achieve championship glory, and

Whereas, dispelling any doubts about their hockey prowess, the Falcons defeated the top-seeded Hartford Hurricanes 6–3 in the semifinal game and eagerly anticipated their championship face-off against the second-seeded Harwood Union High School Highlanders at the University of Vermont's (UVM) Gutterson Fieldhouse, marking North Country's first appearance at UVM since 2006, and

Whereas, in the decisive contest of the 2016–2017 season, the Falcons established a 3–0 lead, and despite the Highlanders closing the scoring gap, the Falcons persevered and scored a 4–3 victory, proudly clinching the 2017 Division II crown, and

Whereas, the Falcons who played superbly were Arne Bonnach, Mitchell Gonyaw, Brandon Starr, Zach Hamblett, Dylan Harlow, Dawson Cote, Alex Fletcher, Evan Wilkie, Caleb Lanoue, Brady Perron, Chad Dupuis, Mitchell Austin, Jordan Cote, Conor Ducan, Patrick Gaudreau, Tyler Smith, Alex Giroux, Riley Fletcher, Zach Abbott, and Dana Marsh, and

Whereas, Head Coach Ryan Jacobs, Assistant Coach Jimmy Jacobs, and team manager Reid Burke served as great Falcon ice hockey supporters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 North Country Union High School Falcons Division II championship boys' hockey team, and be it further

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