

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. 140.

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.

H.C.R. 141.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Sam Lloyd of Weston

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, Sam Lloyd played many roles on the Broadway stage; in regional theaters, especially the Weston Playhouse where he appeared in over 1,000 performances and served on its board; and on the silver screen, and

Whereas, his outstanding theatrical career was only one facet of a life in which business and civic roles were of at least equal magnitude, and

Whereas, born in New York City, Sam Lloyd served with distinction as a U.S. Marine in World War II, including at the invasion of Iwo Jima, and trained at New York's Feagin School of Drama and Radio, and

Whereas, his first Weston Playhouse appearance in 1951 was so satisfying that in 1960, Sam Lloyd permanently located to Weston for what became a diverse and fulfilling life, and

Whereas, for three decades, Sam Lloyd ran the Weston Bowl Mill, a manufacturer of wooden kitchenware and accessories, and

Whereas, the voters of Weston elected him to sit on the selectboard, and he served on the town's planning commission, and

Whereas, undoubtedly his most enduring municipal office was serving as Weston Town Moderator, and he presided at town meetings fairly and faithfully for nearly four decades, and

Whereas, with an interest in the quality of the local public school, Sam Lloyd served on the Flood Brook Schoolboard, and he also donated computers and funds to the school to promote digital literacy, and

Whereas, beginning in January 1973, Sam Lloyd served as the member from Weston in the House of Representatives, developing a special interest in environmental issues while serving on the Committee on Natural Resources and rising to the posts of vice chair and chair, and

Whereas, after leaving the House, this interest continued as he served on the Environmental Board, and

Whereas, Sam Lloyd, a leader of many passions, a philanthropist, and a respected figure in the town of Weston, died on March 25 at 91 years of age, and his surviving family members include his wife, Barbara; his children, Sam, Laurel, Robin, and Sandra; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three step children; three step grandchildren; one step great-grandchild; and three siblings, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the members of former Representative Sam Lloyd's family, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of former Representative Sam Lloyd's family and the Weston Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 142.

House concurrent resolution honoring skiing photographer and photojournalist extraordinaire Hubert Schriebl

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Londonderry

Offered by: Senators Balint, Clarkson, McCormack, Nitka, and White

Whereas, in 1964, Hubert Schriebl accepted a teaching position at the Stratton Ski School where he established a presence that has lasted for over half a century, and

Whereas, Hubert Schriebl is not only an expert skier and mountain guide but also an experienced photographer whose first camera was a Voigtländer 35 millimeter, and

Whereas, in the early 1960s, before arriving at Stratton, he journeyed on mapping expeditions to some of the highest peaks of the Himalayan Mountains as well as to remote Ellesmere Island north of the Arctic Circle, developing an eye for the ideal photograph, and

Whereas, on the Stratton slopes, Huber Schriebl would typically carry a camera in his pack, ever ready to capture a photographic scene or event, and

Whereas, Stratton Corporation soon noticed his photographs and began using them in promotional materials for the mountain and in 1968 named Hubert Schriebl as its official photographer, and

Whereas, the photographic side of his career reached an important milestone when, in 1972, he was introduced to the Austrian photographer Ernst Haas whom he subsequently accompanied on photographic expeditions from the North Sea to the American Southwest, and

Whereas, his background of skiing expertise, including serving as a coach of the Greek ski team, and photographic mastery made him an ideal photographer to cover the Winter Olympics on four occasions, and

Whereas, his work has appeared in *GEO*, *Newsweek*, *SKI*, *Skiing*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Time*, and *Vermont Life Magazine* as well as prominently in Stratton's publications and throughout the ski area's facilities, and

Whereas, in 2009, the Vermont Ski Museum honored Hubert Schriebl, presenting him the Paul Robbins Ski Journalism Award for his outstanding promotion of skiing in Vermont and beyond through his photojournalism, and

Whereas, in 2010, *Stratton: The First 50 Years: A Visual History* by Hubert Schriebl was published, and

Whereas, Hubert Schriebl is truly one of the greats in the world of ski photography and photojournalism, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors skiing photographer and photojournalist extraordinaire Hubert Schriebl, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hubert Schriebl in South Londonderry.

H.C.R. 143.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Leland Kinsey, the poet laureate of the Northeast Kingdom

Offered by: Representatives Young of Glover, Strong of Albany, and Lefebvre of Newark

Offered by: Senators Rodgers and Starr

Whereas, born in Barton and raised on his family's dairy farm in South Albany, Leland Kinsey, a seventh-generation Vermonter, whose Scottish ancestors were among the early settlers of the towns of Albany, Craftsbury, Glover, and Greensboro, was the unofficial poet laureate of the Northeast Kingdom, and

Whereas, he was educated at Craftsbury Academy, where he met his wife, Lesley; Lake Region Union High School, where the Northeast Kingdom novelist Howard Frank Mosher, later a close friend, was his honors English teacher; the University of Vermont; and finally Syracuse University, where Leland Kinsey earned a masters' degree in writing, and

Whereas, eschewing a full-time out-of-state position in academia, Leland Kinsey returned home to Barton, and

Whereas, Leland Kinsey devoted part of his life to working in myriad occupations, as is true for many of his neighbors, such as carpentry, farming, Morgan horse training, logging, sugarmaking, and teaching astronomy and birding, and

Whereas, these jobs, however, did not prevent him from a prolific career as a poet whose work was published in eight volumes, and he participated in the Vermont Arts Council's Artists in Schools program, teaching poetry to students at more than 100 high schools, and

Whereas, Leland Kinsey's writing was hardly esoteric as he mused mostly about the beauty, challenges, joy, and realities of living in the Northeast Kingdom as well as conveying thoughts on his Scottish heritage, and

Whereas, among his published compilations are *Family Drives*, *The Immigrant's Contract* (a book length narrative), *Not One Man's Work*, *Winter Ready*, and most recently *Galvanized: New and Selected Poetry*, and his final posthumous volume, *The Long Correspondence*, is scheduled for publication this April, and

Whereas, Leland Kinsey, who wrote with great style and poetic mastery and truly loved his Northeast Kingdom home, died at 66 years of age on September 14, 2016 in his native Barton, and his survivors include his wife, Lesley, his best friend for 51 years; four children; and three grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its deepest sympathies to the family of Leland Kinsey, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Leland Kinsey's family.

H.C.R. 144.

House concurrent resolution designating the second full week of May 2017 as Women's Lung Health Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Wood of Waterbury, Briglin of Thetford, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Dakin of Colchester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dunn of Essex, Fields of Bennington, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, Howard of Rutland City, Jessup of Middlesex, Joseph of North Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krowinski of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Long of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Rosenquist of Georgia, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Dorset, Taylor of Colchester, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka of Charlotte

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

Whereas, lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of women and men in the U.S. and Vermont, and

Whereas, the number of women dying from lung cancer has nearly doubled over the past 35 years, and

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2014 in Vermont, 397 persons (209 male and 188 female) died of lung cancer for a rate of 55.4 persons per 100,000 population, and

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

Whereas, LUNG FORCE is a fast-growing initiative of the American Lung Association intended to unite the women and their loved ones in the fight against lung cancer and to eradicate this disease, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives: .

That the General Assembly designates the second full week of May 2017 as Women's Lung Health Week, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 145.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the New England Center for Circus Arts on its 10th anniversary and its cofounders, Elsie Smith and Serenity Smith Forchion, on winning the 2016 Walter Cerf Medal for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Belaski of Windsor, Deen of Westminster, Gannon of Wilmington, Long of Newfane, Mrowicki of Putney, Olsen of Londonderry, Sibilias of Dover, Trieber of Rockingham, and Young of Glover

Whereas, in 2003, twin sisters and Cirque de Soleil alumnae, Elsie Smith and Serenity Smith Forchion, established Nimble Arts in Brattleboro, offering acrobatic performances and circus arts classes, and

Whereas, in 2006, Nimble Arts won the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation's first business plan competition, and

Whereas, in 2007, the sisters established the New England Center for Circus Arts (NECCA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, and

Whereas, in 2008, NECCA established the Circus in the Neighborhood outreach program, and

Whereas, NECCA continued to expand its facilities, and NECCA's first Circus Spectacular premiered at Brattleboro's Latchis Theater, and

Whereas, NECCA serves over 2000 individuals in a range of programs, including recreational community classes, professional level training, and outreach programs serving at-risk and disadvantaged youth, and

Whereas, more recently, NECCA launched a capital campaign to build a new 8,600-square-foot circus arts center in Brattleboro known as a trapezium, using the Integrated Project Delivery building process, and the much-anticipated, spacious and accessible circus arts facility is scheduled to open this summer, and

Whereas, NECCA is a vital part of the Brattleboro arts community, and

Whereas, Elsie Smith and Serenity Smith Forchion were the 2016 recipients of the Vermont Art Council's Walter Cerf Medal for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the New England Center for Circus Arts on its 10th anniversary and its cofounders, Elsie Smith and Serenity Smith Forchion, on winning the 2016 Walter Cerf Medal for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to NECCA and to Elsie Smith and Serenity Smith Forchion.

H.C.R. 146.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks on a winning a fourth consecutive girls' volleyball State 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, in recent years, girls' volleyball at Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) has gained much praise as the Redhawks clinched State titles in 2013, 2014, and 2015, and

Whereas, the only-once-defeated 2016 Redhawks sought to prove that the volleyball prowess associated with CVU had not abated, and

Whereas, as the second-seeded playoff team, the Redhawks met their fans' expectations, earning a berth in the championship game at St. Michael's College against the top-seeded and until-then-undefeated Essex High School Hornets, and

Whereas, although the lower ranked of the State's two best interscholastic girls' volleyball squads, the Redhawks played superbly, winning the game 3–2 and securing the 2016 State championship, and

Whereas, this skilled CVU team consisted of Olivia Werner, Lauren Johnson, Paige Thibault, Shannon Loiseau, Shea Stirewalt, Mya Rendall, Gabby Booth, Tori Bergstein, Rayona Silverman, Rachel Hoar, Makenzie Detch, Natalie Senior, Elise Osbahr, Alexis Meyer, and Julia Daggett, and

Whereas, Coach Gino Johnson and assistant coaches Chris Meyer and Dana Poulson have inspired the Redhawks to achieve great success, 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 fourth consecutive girls' volleyball State 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. 147.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the occupational therapy profession

Offered by: Representatives Sullivan of Burlington, Deen of Westminster, McCullough of Williston, O'Sullivan of Burlington, and Squirrell of Underhill

Whereas, in 1917, the Society for the Promotion of Occupational Therapy (now the American Occupational Therapy Association) was formed, establishing the new profession of occupational therapy, and

Whereas, occupational therapy is a wholistic health care profession, deeply rooted in science, that employs therapeutic occupations to restore functional independence for clients with developmental or acquired disabilities, and

Whereas, it addresses the cognitive, physical, psychosocial, sensory-perceptual, and other aspects of occupational performance for the purpose of promoting the physical and mental well-being of the client, and

Whereas, this type of therapy serves children, youths, and adults in many settings, including acute care and rehabilitation hospitals, clinics, individual homes, mental health facilities, schools and colleges, and the workplace, and

Whereas in fiscal year 2016, the Office of Professional Regulation's biennial renewal reported almost 400 licensed occupational therapists who practice in Vermont, and

Whereas, occupational therapy is a related service under Part B of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and

Whereas, Medicare and Medicaid both offer coverage for occupational therapy, and

Whereas, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 27 percent increase in the growth of occupational therapy positions between 2014 and 2024, and

Whereas, occupational therapists serve clients who have disabilities related to many physical and mental illnesses, and

Whereas, these therapists are pioneers in assisting in the modification of homes, schools, and work environments and in teaching new movement and adaptive skills to their clients, and

Whereas, occupational therapists enable persons of all ages to live life to its fullest, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 100th anniversary of the occupational therapy profession, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the American Occupational Therapy Association and to the Vermont Occupational Therapy Association.

H.C.R. 148.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Edward E. Steele of Waterbury

Offered by: Representatives Wood of Waterbury, Stevens of Waterbury, and Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, Ed Steele's leadership and dedication to the Waterbury community can be traced to his roles as both student council and class president at Waterbury High School, and

Whereas, at Norwich University, from which Ed Steele graduated as a member of the class of 1959, he was an outstanding skier and basketball player, and he later served as a general officer in Norwich's Partridge Society, as a member of the alumni association, and was always an avid fan and supporter of Norwich athletics, and

Whereas, on completing his military obligation, Ed Steele joined the family business, Steele's, Inc., a provider of heating, propane, and plumbing services that grew under his watch before he sold the company to Green Mountain Power, and

Whereas, aside from his primary business, Ed Steele was a local developer who specialized in rehabilitating properties in Waterbury, including most significantly the former Anderson Industrial Area that became the home of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, and

Whereas, the citizens of Waterbury best remember Ed Steele as the chair of the town's selectboard, a role he filled conscientiously for 26 years, and

Whereas, highlights of his leadership tenure included the successful merger of the town's and village's highway and fire departments, the attraction of major new businesses, including Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, and securing from the State of Vermont a payment in lieu of taxes agreement regarding the State Hospital and a financial settlement for the Lincoln Street Park and Ride, and

Whereas, in recognition of his superb civic leadership, the town of Waterbury dedicated the municipal highway facility in his name and presented him the Keith Wallace Community Service Award, and

Whereas, the recipients of Ed Steele's generous philanthropy included Norwich University and the town of Waterbury, especially funding for the new municipal complex where the community room is named in his honor, and

Whereas, Ed Steele, a true leader in the town of Waterbury, died on April 1, 2017, and his survivors include his wife, former Representative Karen Steele; his daughter, Gretchen; his son, Shawn; and two granddaughters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Edward E. Steele of Waterbury, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Edward Steele's family.

H.C.R. 150.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Helmut Lenes on being named the 2017 David K. Hakins Inductee into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame

Offered by: Representatives Brumsted of Shelburne, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Webb of Shelburne, Batchelor of Derby, Browning of Arlington, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Fields of Bennington, Hooper of Brookfield,

Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Miller of Shaftsbury, Myers of Essex, Poirier of Barre City, Rachelson of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Till of Jericho, Troiano of Stannard, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame (VSHF) was established to recognize those individuals whose achievements and efforts have enhanced sports, athletics, and recreation in the Green Mountain State, and

Whereas, selection for membership in the august institution is reserved for persons “judged to have brought lasting fame to Vermont” and whose “accomplishments in sports and recreation ... generate a great source of pride to the State,” and

Whereas, the VSHF honors Helmut Lenes as its 2017 David K. Hakins Inductee in recognition of his “contributions as a business leader in exceptional promotion and development of sports, athletics and recreation in the state of Vermont,” and

Whereas, Helmut Lenes was a respected mountain guide and ski instructor in his native Austria, and

Whereas, in 1968, Helmut Lenes moved to Vermont and subsequently established the Climb High retail store, specializing in mountain and rock climbing and other outdoor sports, and

Whereas, an unusual feature that Helmut Lenes introduced at Climb High was a 28-foot rock climbing wall that he made available for public use at no charge and the store also offered free rock climbing classes, and

Whereas, Helmut Lenes’s own climbing accomplishments are worthy of special praise as he twice summited Denali, North America’s highest peak; ascended to the top of the Himalayas; and reached the summits of major European mountains, including setting a one-day record for reaching the top of the North Face of the Eiger in Switzerland, a dangerous 13,000-foot vertical climb of a mountain that has been characterized as the most notorious in the world, and

Whereas, through his leadership at Climb High, Helmut Lenes invigorated mountaineering in Vermont and displayed outstanding entrepreneurship, and the VSHF induction ceremony will occur in South Burlington on April 22, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Helmut Lenes on being named the 2017 David K. Hakins Inductee into the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 151.

House concurrent resolution honoring Tom Connor for his dynamic educational leadership and as director of the Journey East curriculum at Leland & Gray Middle and High School

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Londonderry, Long of Newfane, and Partridge of Windham

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, until his third and final retirement in 2016, Tom Connor's involvement in public education was broad in scope, entailing professional experiences that few of his peers might ever envision, and

Whereas, he graduated from Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Rutland, the University of Vermont, and initially taught at the former Newbury High School and Black River Academy in Ludlow, and

Whereas, in 1970, he earned a master's degree from the Antioch University campus in Putney, and a field project at Leland & Gray Seminary (now Middle and High School) in Townshend resulted in a job offer, and

Whereas, Tom Connor taught a catalog's worth of traditional social studies courses, coached varsity baseball and girls' basketball teams to divisional finals, and chaired the Jamaica School Board, and

Whereas, Tom Connor's true legacy to public education in Vermont is Leland & Gray's Journey East curriculum, a unique Asian Studies intercultural exchange program conducted in association with the Asian Studies Outreach Program at the University of Vermont (UVM), and with generous financial support from the Freeman Foundation, and

Whereas, the genesis of Journey East was a UVM teachers' recertification trip Tom Connor took to China and a subsequent excursion that he and then Windham Central Supervisory Union Superintendent Holden Waterman co-led, and

Whereas, over 300 Leland & Gray students, teachers, and community members have traveled to China, and an approximately similar number of Chinese and Mongolian nonEnglish-speaking college students have visited Vermont's West River Valley, and

Whereas, Tom Connor, who also directed the Governor's Institute on Asian Cultures, is the recipient of numerous honors from the University of Vermont recognizing his leadership in secondary school Asian studies, including a Fulbright Scholarship that facilitated his studying in Japan, and an honorary professorship granted him in 2016 from the Art College of Inner Mongolia University, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Tom Connor for his dynamic leadership as an educator and as director of the Journey East curriculum at Leland & Gray Middle and High School, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tom Connor

H.C.R. 152.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Erwin Mattison on the 60th anniversary of his exemplary Bennington Fire Department service

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

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, for six decades, Erwin Mattison has always been at the ready to respond to the Bennington Fire Department's call for assistance, and

Whereas, his volunteer firefighting career began in 1957 with the H.W. Putnam Hose Company No. 3, and

Whereas, from 1957 to 1979, Erwin Mattison held several company leadership roles, including first and second foreman, company foreman, and as a company trustee, and

Whereas, for a number of years, he was president of the Bennington County Mutual Aid Association, and

Whereas, in 1964, Erwin Mattison was a member of the original Bennington Fire Department Battle Day Committee, and

Whereas, during the years 1966 to 1970, he was the Department's assistant chief while simultaneously serving as the Bennington representative to the Vermont State Fire Fighters Association, and

Whereas, in 1971, Erwin Mattison became the Department's first assistant chief, and

Whereas, subsequently, in 1974, he was designated as the Bennington Fire Department Chief and served in this role until 1977, and

Whereas, in 1979, Erwin Mattison joined Eagle Hose Company No. 4, and for the last 38 years has remained an active member of the company, and

Whereas, 2017 marks Erwin Mattison's 60th anniversary as a Bennington Fire Department member, and this is truly a momentous accomplishment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Erwin Mattison on the 60th anniversary of his exemplary Bennington Fire Department service, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 153.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Richard Knapp on a half-century of outstanding firefighting service and leadership with the Bennington Fire Department

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

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Richard Knapp's association with the Bennington Fire Department has been enduring and much appreciated, and

Whereas, he first responded to a call for assistance in 1967 as a member of the Putnam Hose Company, and

Whereas, through the decades, Richard Knapp has moved up through the ranks with stops on the firefighting side of the company as second and first lieutenant and captain, and

Whereas, in 1986, he assumed a leadership role as the company's second assistant chief, moving on to serve as first assistant chief in 1988, and then chief in 1990 for a two-year term, and

Whereas, in 1992, Richard Knapp was honored as the first recipient of the Vermont State Fire Fighters Association's "Fire Chief of the Year," and

Whereas, in addition to his leadership in the field for the Putnam Hose Company, Richard Knapp has served in administrative posts, including as the company's secretary, vice president, president, and trustee, and

Whereas, in 2017, he is serving as the company's treasurer, and

Whereas, the Bennington Battle Day Committee has put Richard Knapp's volunteer services to good use in a variety of roles, and he currently serves as the annual parade's chairman, and

Whereas, in another capacity, Richard Knapp is now serving as vice president of the Bennington County Mutual Aid Association, and

Whereas, 2017 marks 50 years that Richard Knapp has donned a fire fighter's uniform, and he continues to douse blazes and work as a dispatcher, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Richard Knapp on a half-century of outstanding firefighting service and leadership with the Bennington Fire Department, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 154.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Vermont Prudential Spirit of Community Award honorees and distinguished finalists

Offered by: Representatives Johnson of South Hero, Joseph of North Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, McCoy of Poultney, Parent of St. Albans Town, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Shaw of Pittsford, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Branagan, Campion, Collamore, Degree, Flory, Mullin, and Sears

Whereas, Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals present the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards to high school and middle school students whose volunteer service is meritorious, and

Whereas, one high school and one middle school student, from each state and the District of Columbia, are recognized as state honorees, earning an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to compete for national recognition, and two students, one from each school level, are named the jurisdiction's distinguished finalists, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the 2017 high school honoree is Gabrielle Metz of St. Albans, a Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans senior, who serves as a Special Olympics Unified Sports partner, volunteering as a leader, coach, and friend for Special Olympics athletes who compete in five sports, and

Whereas, the 2017 middle school honoree is Riley Callen of Pawlet, an eighth grader at Dorset Elementary School, who founded the Be Brave for Life annual hike-a-thon, which with associated events has raised over \$250,000.00 for research on brain tumors, a condition that has affected her for five years, and

Whereas, the 2017 high school distinguished finalist is Maria Wiles of Brandon, a Middlebury Union High School senior and a Girl Scout, who led a project to construct a learning center in her church hall's basement and a drive that collected 700 books for underserved children, and created a website listing volunteer opportunities for young people, and

Whereas, the 2017 middle school distinguished finalist is Victoria Reed of Alburg, a seventh grader at the Alburg Community Education Center, whose fundraising team Victoria led through a series of events, raising over \$95,000.00 for the University of Vermont Children's Hospital, the medical center that helped her with a series of surgeries after she was born with a cleft lip and palate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Vermont Prudential Spirit of Community Award honorees and distinguished finalists, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 155.

House concurrent resolution honoring Henry Broughton of Vergennes for his half century of outstanding leadership of the Vergennes Memorial Day Parade

Offered by: Representatives Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh and Lanpher of Vergennes

Whereas, Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) originated in the aftermath of the Civil War to pay tribute to and remember the soldiers who had fallen in that military conflict, and over the ensuing decades, Memorial Day evolved into a holiday to commemorate the bravery of all U.S. military veterans who sacrificed their lives in defense of our nation, and

Whereas, American Legion Post 14 in Vergennes (the Post) conducts the largest Memorial Day commemorative parade in Vermont, and

Whereas, the parade is both a somber reminder of the nation's fallen war heroes and a festive community celebration, and

Whereas, one of the Post's most distinguished members is Vergennes resident Henry Broughton, a U.S. Army Korean War veteran and 59-year member, who has served as the Post's Adjutant, Service Officer, Finance Officer, 1st Vice Commander, and Commander, and

Whereas, Henry Broughton's most enduring role at the Post is his volunteering to organize the annual Vergennes Memorial Day Parade, an important community responsibility he dutifully exercises with great pride, and

Whereas, parade management requires collaborating with many participating organizations and Vergennes municipal officials to ensure that the event is conducted safely, on time, and with minimal difficulty, and

Whereas, Henry Broughton has been a civic leader of many stripes, having served as a Vergennes Alderman and Auditor and as the Vergennes Rotary Club President, and

Whereas, Saint Peter's Catholic Church counts Henry Broughton as a parishioner and one of its lectors, and

Whereas, he is married to Lucille Broughton, and

Whereas, 2017 marks 50 years that Henry Broughton's superb organizational skills have caused the Vergennes Memorial Day Parade to be an eagerly anticipated annual event, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Henry Broughton of Vergennes for his half century of outstanding leadership of the Vergennes Memorial Day Parade, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 156.

House concurrent resolution honoring the invaluable public safety service of K9 Casco and Vermont State Police Corporal Michelle LeBlanc

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

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, both the dog and human members of K9 law enforcement teams are integral for the work of the Vermont State Police (VSP), and

Whereas, the decade-long partnership between VSP Corporal Michelle LeBlanc and K9 Casco represented a much-praised law enforcement duo, and

Whereas, Michelle LeBlanc is a Norwich University graduate, served as a member of the U.S. Army's military police force, and worked briefly for the Bennington County Sheriff's Department before joining the VSP, and

Whereas, she served on the VSP's elite corridor team that primarily patrols the northern segment of Interstate 89, and she also provided instructional support at the Vermont Police Academy, and

Whereas, in 2005, Michelle LeBlanc entered a new phase of her law enforcement career, graduating, along with her new canine work partner K9 Casco, from the basic patrol school, and becoming only the third female VSP canine handler, and

Whereas, the illustrious crime-fighting LeBlanc-K9 Casco team was deployed in over 1,550 instances, saved several lives, and assisted in the confiscation of over \$250,000.00 worth of cash and drugs, and

Whereas, the Vermont Police Canine Association twice named the team the Tracking Team of the Year and the K9 Team of the Year, and presented it with the K9 Lifesaving Award, the K9 Apprehension of the Year Award, the K9 Public Service Award (twice), and the Dedicated Service Award (four times), and

Whereas, an unidentified Vermonter nominated both Michelle LeBlanc and K9 Casco (the only dog ever nominated) for Vermonter of the Year recognition, and

Whereas, K9 Casco was medically retired after being injured during an armed robbery track on October 6, 2015, but remained with Corporal LeBlanc until his death in June 2016, and

Whereas, K9 Casco was the longest-serving and possibly most successful VSP K9 and was cremated with honor and dignity, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the invaluable public safety service of K9 Casco and Vermont State Police Corporal Michelle LeBlanc, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 157.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the University of Vermont's 2017 Race to Zero participating teams

Offered by: Representatives Jickling of Brookfield, Hooper of Brookfield, Townsend of South Burlington, and Weed of Enosburgh

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Energy sponsors the annual Race to Zero Student Design Competition as a showcase for college students aspiring to be energy-conscientious design and construction professionals, and

Whereas, for the past six months, two teams of University of Vermont students, including one team from the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences (CEMS) and the second from the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, prepared for this exciting event held April 22–23 at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado, and

Whereas, the CEMS team, consisting of civil engineering majors Jacob Sprague, Rachel Lombard, Louisa Deering, Jack Barfuss, and advisor John Lens survived a preliminary elimination round and competed in the single-family suburban design category, with a home proposed for construction in Randolph on a budget that is based on the average Vermont family income, and

Whereas, the jurors assessed the home's architecture, constructability, envelope performance and durability, financial liability, indoor air quality and ventilation, interior design, lighting and appliance usage, overall energy efficiency, and on the team's presentation and document quality, and

Whereas, the team from the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, consisting of students Adam Wechsler, Victoria Kushner, Alex Schoedler and Harrison Myers, and advisors Marc Companion and Gary Hawley, entered in a

different design category, with a project to improve the Vermod, an innovative mobile home developed in the wake of Tropical Storm Irene, of which 50 are already in use around the State, and

Whereas, the students worked in partnership with Vermod's original developers—the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, and the High Meadows Fund of the Vermont Community Foundation—to modify the Vermod in order that it exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act's access standards and become LEED energy- efficient certified, and

Whereas, these industrious students deserve special recognition for their innovative and meticulously designed proposals, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the University of Vermont's 2017 Race to Zero participating teams, and be it further

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