

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE 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. 198.

House concurrent resolution honoring Jane Williamson for her exemplary administrative and curatorial leadership of the Rokeby Museum

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, and Devereux of Mount Holly

Whereas, in 1793, Thomas Robinson purchased the Rokeby, a farmstead in Ferrisburgh that served as the Robinson family's residence for four generations until 1961, when, in accordance with Elizabeth Donoway Robinson's direction, it became a museum, and

Whereas, in the early 19th century, the Rokeby farm featured Merino sheep raising before its conversion to a dairy operation, and

Whereas, Rowland Thomas Robinson (1796–1879) and his wife, Rachel Gilpin Robinson (1799–1862), were prominent Vermont abolitionists who welcomed fugitive slaves into their home, making the Rokeby a major stop on the Underground Railroad, and

Whereas, Jane Williamson, who holds both masters' degrees in library science and historic preservation, arrived at the Rokeby as a volunteer in 1989, organized the museum's archives, and became its director in 1995, and

Whereas, her first directorship achievement was the National Park Service's 1997 designation of the Rokeby as a National Historic Landmark, and

Whereas, she spearheaded an approximately decade-long one-million-dollar-plus fundraising campaign and construction effort that in 2013 culminated in the opening of the Underground Railroad Education Center, a modern multi-gallery exhibition building placing the Rokeby's role as an Underground Railroad stop center stage, and

Whereas, the new building has increased the Rokeby Museum's attendance and is the home for both the permanent "Free & Safe" exhibit as well as temporary exhibits such as 2017's "Yours in the Cause: Faces of Radical Abolition," and

Whereas, Jane Williamson has organized complementary educational programs related to the exhibits, the museum's collections, and the site's historic structures, as well facilitated forums focused on contemporary social justice issues, and

Whereas, after nearly three decades, Jane Williamson has concluded her role as the director of the Rokeby Museum, having enhanced the institution in all respects, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Jane Williamson for her exemplary administrative and curatorial leadership of the Rokeby Museum, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jane Williamson and to the Rokeby Museum.

H.C.R. 199.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Russian author, historian, and former Cavendish resident Aleksandr Isayevich Solzhenitsyn

Offered by: Representative Christensen of Weathersfield

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, one of Russia's most distinguished intellectuals and noted dissidents during the Soviet era, was born in Kislovodsk, Russia, on December 11, 1918, and

Whereas, although a decorated artillery officer during World War II, his criticism of Joseph Stalin's leadership and the Soviet Army's conduct resulted in Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's imprisonment from 1945 to 1953, and

Whereas, in 1962, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's description of his imprisonment, *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, became his only book published in the former Soviet Union, and

Whereas, he was the recipient of the 1970 Nobel Prize for Literature, but he only accepted this honor in 1974, following the publication in the west of *The Gulag Archipelago* and his expulsion from the Soviet Union, and

Whereas, in 1975, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn visited Norwich University, and in 1976, he and his family moved to an isolated estate in Cavendish, where the sign placed outside the general store reading "No Directions to the Solzhenitsyn Home" epitomized the town's protection of his privacy, and

Whereas, the respect Cavendish afforded Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn enabled him to finish his multi-volume Russian history novel, *The Red Wheel*, and

Whereas, in March 1994, prior to his return to post-Soviet Russia, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn attended the Cavendish Town Meeting and thanked the town's citizens for their wonderful welcome and support, and

Whereas, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn resided and worked in Russia until his death in Moscow on August 3, 2008 at 89 years of age, and

Whereas, the Cavendish Historical Society, in association with the Vermont Historical Society, the Vermont Humanities Council, the Russian studies program at the University of Vermont, and members of the Solzhenitsyn family, is conducting a series of commemorative programs, including an exhibit at the Vermont Historical Society Museum, local presentations, and its highly praised permanent exhibit honoring Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn located at the Cavendish Stone Church, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Russian author, historian, and former Cavendish resident Aleksandr Isayevich Solzhenitsyn, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's son and Cavendish resident Ignat Solzhenitsyn and to the Cavendish Historical Society.

H.C.R. 200.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Otter Valley Union High School Otters Division II championship baseball team

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, as the fifth-ranked team in the 2017 Division II baseball playoffs, Otter Valley Union High School was not the overwhelming favorite to capture the divisional championship, and

Whereas, nonetheless, the talented Otters advanced to the 2017 Division II championship game played at Burlington's Centennial Field, where they met the fourth-seeded U-32 Raiders on the baseball diamond, and

Whereas, the lead rotated, but in the bottom of the seventh and final regular play half-inning, the Otters broke a 2-all tie, scoring the decisive run with an exciting bases-loaded single, enabling them to win the game 3-2, bring home

the 2017 Division II baseball championship, and achieve an overall 14–6 record, and

Whereas, the victorious Otters were Nathaniel Blake, Nathaniel Hudson, Colby McKay, Dominic McCullough, Daniel Allen, Jack Adams, Payson Williams, Patrick McKeighan, Kollin Bissette, Zachary Bruce, Reilly Shannon, Logan Trombley, Joshua Beayon, Marcus McCullough, Derek Aines, and Angelo McCullough, and

Whereas, coaches Mike Howe, Kevin Bedard, Mike Fredette, and Shane Quenneville provided great support throughout the 2017 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Otter Valley Union High School Otters Division II championship baseball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 201.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Linda Cloutier-Namdar on being selected as the 2018 Vermont Teacher of the Year

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

Whereas, Linda Cloutier-Namdar teaches English in the Essex High School 9th grade core program, serves as a mentor teacher, and is continuously extending her own educational horizons, and

Whereas, ideally suited for the teaching profession, she earned degrees from the University of Vermont and St. Michael's College, including a master's degree in education, and

Whereas, she believes that public school teachers serve as a daily model of responsible and involved citizenship, “while working to uphold the democratic ideal of a public education,” and

Whereas, Linda Cloutier-Namdar engages in many professionally related activities, exemplifying her belief in the role of a teacher as a citizen educator, and

Whereas, within the Essex-Westford School District, these roles include serving as a class adviser, participating in school literacy initiatives, sitting on a variety of committees, and being a member of the district's English

Language Arts (ELA) Vertical Team, and

Whereas, in collaboration with the Great Schools Partnership and the Vermont Agency of Education, Linda Cloutier-Namdar helped edit and pilot an ELA Transferable Skills Task, and

Whereas, she is a writer for the Essex Westford Education Association, and

Whereas, as a member of the Vermont Writing Collaborative, she has taught workshops at the organization's summer institutes and copresented a seminar at the 2017 New England Secondary School Consortium's School Redesign In Action event, and

Whereas, Linda Cloutier-Namdar's English language education expertise is appreciated at the Flynn Theater, where she serves as teacher-leader, and

Whereas, the Vermont Agency of Education has recognized that Linda Cloutier-Namdar is an outstanding teacher and has selected her as the 2018 Vermont Teacher of the Year, and

Whereas, she will represent Vermont at the Council of Chief State School Officers' 2018 National Teacher of the Year competition to be held in the spring of 2018 in Washington, D.C., now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Linda Cloutier-Namdar on being selected as the 2018 Vermont Teacher of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Linda Cloutier-Namdar.

H.C.R. 202.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Essex High School Hornets State championship girls' volleyball team

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

Whereas, despite a common misconception that volleyball is a mere beach day frolic, players must execute a team strategy and direct the ball as carefully as possible, and

Whereas, having reached, but not won, the State championship in 2016, the Essex High School Hornets girls' volleyball team rebounded with a great 2017 season, including a first-seed playoff ranking, and

Whereas, the Hornets prevailed in each succeeding playoff round, earning a berth in the State championship contest at St. Michael's College, where they

faced third-seeded and the reigning champion, Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU), and

Whereas, although the Hornets lost the championship game's opening set 25–21, they were not deterred, beating CVU in the second, fourth, and fifth sets to win the 2017 State championship with a strong performance, and

Whereas, Essex volleyball players Jessica Rose, Anna Ursiny, Amelia Duffy, Tia Kane, Rachel Yadow, Sarah Knickerbocker, Kaitlyn Schels, Megane Hamel, Valerie Bessette, Elizabeth Goodrich, Michaela Compo, Kylie Acker, Molly Kenny, Madeline Folsom, and Charlotte Frivoll were thrilled with their exciting victory, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jen Liguori was proud of her team, and team manager Montia Peart was always ready to assist as needed, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Essex High School Hornets State championship girls' volleyball team, 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. 203.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Drake Hull of Rutland on winning the Vermont Golf Association's 2017 Vermont Amateur Golf Championship

Offered by: Representative Juskiewicz of Cambridge

Whereas, as a four-year, lettered Rutland High School golfer, Drake Hull exhibited a passion for the sport and established a high playing standard for his team and for his peer golfers statewide, and

Whereas, while a member of the Rutland High School Raiders' Division I boys' golf team, he contributed to its winning the championship title in both 2012 and 2014, and

Whereas, a highlight of Drake Hull's 2014 championship tournament performance was a record six under par, 66 round, an important factor in his winning a second Division I individual title, an honor he first earned in 2013, and

Whereas, aside from his school-based golfing achievements, Drake Hull was named to the 2013–2014 First Team All-Future Collegians World Tour

and qualified for the 2014 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, and

Whereas, after his high school graduation, Drake Hull enrolled at the University of Kansas as a Jayhawk golfer, earning placement on the Fall Athletic Director's and the Big 12 Commissioner's honor rolls as a business and sports management major, and

Whereas, Drake Hull earned a new place in Vermont's golfing annals, winning the 2017 Vermont Amateur Golf Championship at the Dorset Field Club, becoming the first Rutland Country Club representative since 1993 to garner this victory, and

Whereas, despite temporarily losing his two-shot, final-round lead as a result of a triple bogey on the eighth hole, Drake Hull rebounded, birdieing the 17th hole, breaking a leadership tie, and he then proceeded to birdie the 18th hole as well to conclude the round with a two-shot win, two under par (68), compiling an excellent overall tournament score of seven under par (273), and

Whereas, his impressive victory was a welcomed return to New England as Drake Hull is continuing his collegiate career closer to home as a University of Connecticut Husky, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Drake Hull of Rutland on winning the Vermont Golf Association's 2017 Vermont Amateur Golf Championship and wishes him every future success in his athletic and academic pursuits, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 204.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III championship girls' soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford and Briglin of Thetford

Offered by: Senators MacDonald, Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, for the Thetford Academy Panthers girls' soccer team, the fall of 2017 was exciting, as its strong performance merited a second seed in the Division III playoffs, and

Whereas, Thetford continued to shine on the field and was rewarded with a berth in the Division III championship game, and

Whereas, with second-seeded Thetford and first-seeded Green Mountain

Chieftains as the Division III championship contenders, a great soccer match was assured, and

Whereas, within two minutes of the match's start, the Panthers scored the opening goal, then scored again twice in the second half and withstood a late game Chieftains' goal to win the contest 3–1 and bring home Thetford's first girls' soccer crown in 23 years, and

Whereas, Panthers Emma Berard, Geneva Horster, Emily Vaughan, Becca Wells, Arwen Clayton, Grace Davis, Georgia Flynn, Casey MacVeagh, Lily MacVeagh, Emma Thorburn, Ellen Veracka, Sophie Williams, Abby Berard, Lily Brown, Alexis Gaetz, Rilee Wadsworth, Hannah Davis, Brooke Horniak, Jordan Mousley, Danielle Robinson, and Kate Vaughan worked hard for this special victory, and

Whereas, Head Coach Dave Williams and assistant coach Ted MacVeagh were always supportive, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III championship girls' soccer team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 205.

House concurrent resolution designating Saturday, June 2, 2018 as Neighbors Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Houghton of Essex and Giambatista of Essex

Whereas, neighbors are the persons who reside in our immediate vicinity and whom we encounter on a daily basis, and

Whereas, although contact with our neighbors may be frequent, we often remain unacquainted, perhaps not even knowing their names, and

Whereas, Neighbors Day is intended to develop bonds of friendship between neighbors, and

Whereas, the goals of Neighbors Day include: developing a stronger sense of belonging, mutual support, safety, and security in neighborhoods; establishing connections with neighbors that can be helpful in a time of crisis; creating families of choice; and promoting opportunities for enjoyable neighborhood events, and

Whereas, in the late 1990s, an elderly woman died in the 17th

arrondissement of Paris, and her body was not discovered for months, and

Whereas, as a result of this tragic occurrence, in 1999, the deputy mayor of the 17th arrondissement, Atanase Périfan, established Neighbors Day on the first Saturday in June with the hope of fostering a sense of belonging and lessening the likelihood of a similar occurrence, and

Whereas, that first year, 10,000 neighbors in Paris participated, and

Whereas, in 2000, the geographic scope of Neighbors Day grew as it was celebrated in 30 French municipalities, and in the ensuing years, the observance has expanded across Europe and eventually to five continents, and

Whereas, by 2017, 30 million persons across the globe participated in Neighbors Day celebrations, including groups of neighbors in Essex Junction, and

Whereas, Neighbors Day events might include neighborhood potlucks, barbecues, pancake breakfasts, picnics, pizza parties, or events not involving food such as the outdoor screening of a film, a book and plant exchange, or a game of whiffle-ball or kickball, and

Whereas, although variations of Neighbors Day exist in the United States, no American jurisdiction has designated it as an official observance, and

Whereas, the camaraderie of the Essex Junction events justifies encouraging Neighbors Day observances throughout Vermont, making our State the first to designate Neighbors Day officially, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Saturday, June 2, 2018 as Neighbors Day in Vermont and urges Vermonters to organize Neighbors Day celebrations.

H.C.R. 206.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship boys' cross-country team

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

Whereas, having won 15 season championships from 1986 through 2016, the Essex High School Hornets boys' cross-country program can take great pride in its record of racing accomplishments, and

Whereas, this legacy serves as a strong incentive for the Hornets to strive for continued success, and

Whereas, among the Division I teams running at the 2017 State cross-

country championship held at Thetford Academy, Essex was again a leading contender for top honors, and

Whereas, in the exciting Division I competition, the five top Hornet placements were 2nd, 3rd, 12th, 14th, and 21st, resulting in an average per-runner course time of 17 minutes and 34 seconds and a team score of 49 points, five points lower than runner-up Burlington High School, and enabling Essex to return home with the 2017 Division I cross-country crown, and

Whereas, Hornets Peter Alden, Henry Farrington, Connor Goodrich, Liam Mack, Brady Martisus, Jake Moran, Justin Poulin, Ben Stewart, and Jake Wagner ran speedily and steadily throughout the 2017 cross-country season, and

Whereas, the team was inspired by seeing Head Coach Eric Langevin wearing his own Hornets' championship jacket, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship boys' cross-country team, 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. 207.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Georgia Selectboard Chair Christopher M. Letourneau

Offered by: Representative Rosenquist of Georgia

Offered by: Senator Branagan

Whereas, Chris Letourneau's leadership in the town of Georgia spanned both the athletic and civic arenas, and

Whereas, after graduating from Missisquoi Valley Union High School, he earned his master electrician's license, and in 1997, established his own electrical contracting firm, and

Whereas, since 2014, Chris Letourneau had worked as a State electrical inspector, and

Whereas, on the home front, Chris Letourneau met Cheryl Cote at Gaudette's Market in Georgia, and they were married in October 1988, and

Whereas, Cheryl and Chris Letourneau settled in Georgia, where they resided for the past 29 years, and

Whereas, Chris Letourneau's enthusiasm for watching his four children, Andrew, Jessica, Kyle, and Hannah, play sports coincided with his role as a youth athletic coach, on both the soccer field and the Little League Baseball diamond, and

Whereas, recognizing the satisfaction he had derived as a resident of Georgia, in 2012, Chris Letourneau decided to serve the town and successfully stood for a seat on the Georgia Selectboard, and he was soon thereafter named vice chair, and

Whereas, in light of his diligent and thoughtful service as vice chair, in 2014, Chris Letourneau was named the Georgia Selectboard Chair, and

Whereas, to the surprise and grief of Georgia's citizenry, on Friday, October 13, 2017, Chris Letourneau succumbed to a heart attack, prematurely ending the life of this respected civic leader and proud family man, and

Whereas, in addition to his wife, who serves as the Georgia Town Clerk, and their children, Chris Letourneau's survivors include his son-in-law, Philip; his grandchildren, Philip III and Ciel; his brother and sister, William and Angela; and many extended family members, and he was anticipating the birth of his new grandson, Hudson, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of Georgia Selectboard Chair Christopher M. Letourneau and to his many friends in the town of Georgia, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Chris Letourneau's family and to the town of Georgia.

H.C.R. 208.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Kenneth Paul Bonin of Georgia

Offered by: Representative Rosenquist of Georgia

Offered by: Senator Branagan

Whereas, Kenneth Bonin was raised in the Rochester, New York area, and

Whereas, upon completing his education, Kenneth Bonin moved to Vermont and began a three-decade career at IBM (now GLOBALFOUNDRIES) in Essex, and

Whereas, he resided in the town of Georgia for many years, and

Whereas, Ken Bonin's special passion was volunteering in a leadership role with the Boy Scouts of America, and

Whereas, for over two decades, Ken Bonin proudly and enthusiastically served as the cub master of Cub Scout Pack 842 in Georgia, and

Whereas, his outstanding work with Pack 842 earned him a stellar reputation as a scout leader and great respect in the town of Georgia, and

Whereas, many youngsters' lives were set in the right direction due to their participation in scouting activities that he oversaw, and

Whereas, sadly, Kenneth Paul Bonin died at 54 years of age on October 31, 2017, and

Whereas, his survivors include his wife of 29 years, Irene, and his children, Kyle, Timothy, and Caroline, and

Whereas, his death was a great loss not only to his family, but to his many friends and to the generation of Georgia youth whose lives he impacted in a positive way, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Kenneth Paul Bonin of Georgia, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 209.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Pajj Wadley-Bailey of Montpelier

Offered by: Representatives Cina of Burlington, Botzow of Pownal, Buckholz of Hartford, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Colburn of Burlington, Conquest of Newbury, Dunn of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of Montpelier, Houghton of Essex, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, Miller of Shaftsbury, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Troiano of Stannard, and Weed of Enosburgh

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, Pearson, and Pollina

Whereas, Pajj Wadley-Bailey of Montpelier was an African-American woman who was proud of her Nigerian ancestry and whose fearless advocacy served her community well in her opposition to racism and religious

discrimination and support for the rights of LGBTQA Vermonters, and

Whereas, after growing up in West Hills, Connecticut, Pajj Wadley-Bailey moved to Vermont, earning two master's degrees, one in social ecology from Goddard College and a second in education from the University of Vermont (UVM), and

Whereas, Pajj Wadley-Bailey developed the Lesbian and Gay Studies Program and Center at Goddard College, served as the first coordinator of the LGBTQA Services Program at UVM, and held faculty positions at each academic institution, and

Whereas, she served as director of the Vermont Anti-Racism Action Team, organized its public school-based Reading to End Racism program, attended a 2001 United Nations World Conference Against Racism held in Durban, South Africa, and taught in a Holocaust Studies for Youth summer institute, and

Whereas, her 21-year membership in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) included active participation in its Montpelier chapter, such as gathering petition signatures to abolish nuclear weapons or close Vermont Yankee; service as WILPF's U.S. secretary and on its U.S. board; and traveling repeatedly to Rwanda, where she taught English as a Second Language to women working with persons living with HIV/AIDS and assisted in the formation of WILPF's Rwandan chapter, and

Whereas, this amazing woman's joyful exuberance and spirit were demonstrated as a member of the Raging Grannies and the Montpelier Community Gospel Choir, in which she celebrated her love of singing, and

Whereas, Pajj Wadley-Bailey, who remained engaged in the community until the day preceding her death, died on August 18, 2016 in accordance with Vermont's Death with Dignity law, at 77 years of age, and her death deeply touched her many supportive friends, colleagues, and family members, and

Whereas, her survivors include her children, Denise, Richard, Lance, and Carrie, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Pajj Wadley-Bailey of Montpelier, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Pajj Wadley-Bailey's family.

H.C.R. 210.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Sandra Lee Casey

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Sandra Lee Casey attended the Dorset Elementary School and graduated from Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester, and

Whereas, she developed a passion for working with children, graduated from the College of St. Joseph in Rutland and continued her studies at Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts, earning a master's degree in special education, and

Whereas, Sandra Casey began her career as a teacher for students with special needs at Poultney High School, and

Whereas, she moved to California, joining the faculty of Manhattan Beach Middle School, embarking on a tenure that continued for nine years, and

Whereas, the students, parents, and faculty at Manhattan Beach Middle School considered Sandra Casey a spectacular teacher, who remained passionate about her profession and deeply devoted to her students, and

Whereas, when not involved in school-related activities, Sandra Casey enjoyed athletics as an enthusiastic soccer player, bowler, runner, and yoga practitioner, and

Whereas, the Manhattan Beach Middle School was not only Sandra Casey's professional home, but the setting where she met her fiancé, Christopher Willemse, with whom she anticipated many happy future years, and

Whereas, on the night of October 1, 2017, Sandra Casey and Christopher Willemse were attending a country music concert in Las Vegas, Nevada, at which a mass shooting occurred, resulting in the deaths of 58 victims, including Sandra Casey and her Manhattan Beach Middle School staff colleague, Rachael Parker, and

Whereas, the tragic and premature death of this beloved teacher devastated her colleagues, students, and friends at the Manhattan Beach Middle School, her fiancé, and her family and friends in Vermont, and

Whereas, her survivors include her parents, Teresa and Steven Casey; her fiancé, Christopher Willemse; and her sisters, Tracey, Amanda, and Tanya, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family, colleagues, and students of Sandra Lee Casey, and be it further

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

resolution to the members of Sandra Casey's and Rachael Parker's families, to the Manhattan Beach Middle School, to Burr and Burton Academy, and to the Dorset Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 211.

House concurrent resolution honoring Terri Hallenbeck for her skill and integrity as a great journalist

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, Terri Hallenbeck graduated from the University of Vermont and served in the Peace Corps before embarking on a journalism career at the *Evening Sun* in Norwich, New York and the *Daily Star* in Oneonta, New York, where she served in both reporting and editing roles, and

Whereas, in 1998, she joined the staff of the *Burlington Free Press*, working as a copy editor and assistant metro editor, and in 2005 transferred to the paper's Montpelier bureau, and

Whereas, Terri Hallenbeck could compile a story with a reporter's professionalism, encapsulating the essential facts into a concise and carefully crafted article, and

Whereas, she earned the respect of Vermont's legislators for her reportorial impartiality and ability to write clearly and informatively on the events transpiring under the golden dome, and

Whereas, when the *Burlington Free Press* introduced its online news site, she embraced the digital media era, and

Whereas, Terri Hallenbeck appeared on many television and radio news programs as a guest panelist, and

Whereas, in 2014, when she left the *Burlington Free Press*, Terri Hallenbeck found a new journalistic home at *Seven Days*, where she supplemented her weekly print stories and occasional columns with a regular flow of online reports, especially during the legislative session and political campaigns, and

Whereas, within the scope of her governmental, legislative, and political beat, Terri Hallenbeck's reportage covered a diverse range of topics, and

Whereas, in November 2017, Terri Hallenbeck filed her last story as she was bound for academia, accepting a position as a donor relations writer at the Middlebury College Advancement Office, and

Whereas, her departure from journalism will deprive Vermont of a reporter

and editor of the highest order and her readers of a trusted source for news from the State capital, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Terri Hallenbeck for her skill and integrity as a great journalist and extends to her best wishes as she embarks on a new career at Middlebury College, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 212.

House concurrent resolution honoring Francis Favreau for his extraordinary contributions to the civic, health care, and religious institutions of Morristown

Offered by: Representatives Yacovone of Morristown and Nolan of Morristown

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, Francis Favreau has served Morristown as an incomparable public servant and community volunteer, and

Whereas, raised on his family's Hyde Park farm, he is a U.S. Navy veteran, and beginning in 1957 was employed at Copley Hospital, originally as a laboratory technologist, and retired in 2000 as vice president for clinical services, and

Whereas, as a passionate local archivist and historian, Francis Favreau coordinated and edited a volume relating to Copley Hospital's history, assisted updating the Hyde Park town history documentation, and participated in cataloging the vital records of Holy Cross Church, and

Whereas, beginning in 1973, Francis Favreau engaged in a parallel career as a dedicated appointed or elected official in the town of Morristown, where his contributions benefited municipal government in many spheres, and

Whereas, for two decades, Francis Favreau served as the Morristown Health Officer, he assisted for many years in the town listers' office, and more recently he has supported the work of both the town clerk and planning director, and

Whereas, recognizing his devotion to the town of Morristown, the voters elected him to serve as a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, although he has performed the duties associated with these positions honorably and with distinction, not surprisingly, Francis Favreau is most noted for his service as the Morristown Town Historian, and he is a critical resource for anyone researching Morristown's history, and

Whereas, in recognition of Francis Favreau's unique contribution to his community, in 2006, the Morrisville Village Report was dedicated in his honor, and

Whereas, on January 11, 2018, at 83 years of age, Francis Favreau is saying

farewell to his roles in Morristown's town government, and an open house will mark his public service with the deserved acclaim, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Francis Favreau for his extraordinary contributions to the civic, health care, and religious institutions in Morristown, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Francis Favreau and to the Clerk of Morristown and Morrisville.

S.C.R. 19.

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Vermont outdoor advertising law of 1968.

Whereas, nearly a century ago, the General Assembly first addressed the aesthetic impact of outdoor advertising billboards, when it enacted 1921 Acts and Resolves No. 44, "An Act to Control the Use of Bill-Boards" that established a largely permissive regulatory scheme but limited a billboard's size to no greater than six square feet, and

Whereas, 1925 Acts and Resolves No. 32 amended the 1921 act to prohibit billboards "within fifty feet of any public park, playground, square or cemetery," except on-premises advertising and municipal or State traffic, directional, or public safety signs, and

Whereas, in 1937, following the placement of seven billboards in Springfield, billboard opponents formed the Vermont Association for Billboard Restriction, and the Springfield billboards proved short-lived, and

Whereas, in a 1943 ruling, *Kelbro, Inc. v. Myrick*, 113 Vt. 64, the Vermont Supreme Court rejected a challenge to the State's billboard regulatory scheme, describing it as "a regulation of the use of the streets and other public thoroughfares," and "not so much a regulation of private property," and

Whereas, 1957 Acts and Resolves No. 275 created a 750-foot exclusion zone for advertising adjacent to a limited-access highway, serving as a limitation, but hardly a prohibition, and

Whereas, opposition to billboards continued into the 1960s, culminating in the General Assembly's 1968 adoption of a comprehensive ban on traditional highway billboards, 1968 Acts and Resolves No. 333, that also repealed the existing, far more limited, outdoor advertising statutes and made Vermont the first state to ban traditional off-premises advertising billboards, and

Whereas, Act 333 enabled Vermont to preserve the scenic landscape views from the State's highways, replacing traditional billboards with limited

informational and directional signs that promote tourism and public safety, and ending the presence of the large, and at times distracting, billboards that had lined Vermont's highways since at least the early 1920s, and

Whereas, Act 333 has helped maintain Vermont's unique character and provided a precedent for other jurisdictions to remove billboards, and

Whereas, occasional efforts to weaken the principles of Act 333 have not derailed this historic law that in 2018 is marking a half-century in force, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 50th anniversary of Vermont's outdoor advertising law of 1968.

S.C.R. 20.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Edward Knox LeClair for his outstanding service as Executive Director of Circus Smirkus.

Whereas, since 2003, Ed LeClair, a graduate of the University of Arkansas and of the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration of Dartmouth College, and expert Taiko drummer, has served as the highly respected executive director of Circus Smirkus, and

Whereas, when Ed LeClair arrived, Circus Smirkus was confronting a difficult financial situation, and drawing on his nonprofit performing arts managerial expertise, he restored the organization to solid fiscal health, and

Whereas, during his tenure, the Circus Smirkus summer camp enabled over 8,000 youngsters to experience the joys and challenges of circus life, and

Whereas, the Smirkus Residency program visits hundreds of schools, teaching circus arts skills and their applicability to daily life, and

Whereas, in recent years, Circus Smirkus has been featured on PBS, *The Martha Stewart Show*, *Fletch*, *America's Got Talent*, and at the Toronto Film Festival, and

Whereas, Ed LeClair has continued the Circus Smirkus tradition of international cultural exchanges through partnerships with circuses in Colombia, Cuba, Ethiopia, France, and Mongolia, and the organization participated in the 2017 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, his leadership has included: the reorganization of the Ringmaster Residency program; the purchase, historic restoration, and energy-efficiency upgrading of the organization's World Headquarters in Greensboro; and the

opening of a new summer camp, also in Greensboro, culminating a \$3 million fundraising campaign, and

Whereas, he represented Circus Smirkus both nationally and internationally, has been an active member of the Vermont Creative Economy NEK Leadership Team, and served as a board member of the Circus Now trade association, and,

Whereas, Ed LeClair is concluding his innovative leadership tenure at Circus Smirkus, and he and his wife, Beth Comolli, are looking forward to a new chapter in their lives, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Edward Knox LeClair for his outstanding service as Executive Director of Circus Smirkus, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ed LeClair and to Circus Smirkus.