

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**April 5, 2018**

## **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. 302.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Bennington Fire Department's Eagle Hose Company No.4 President Joseph A. Wassick for his 60-year tenure as a company member

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

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Joe Wassick's community involvement dates from his youth and represents a genuine dedication to his hometown of Bennington, and

Whereas, in 1956, Joe Wassick placed his name on the waiting list for membership in the Bennington Fire Department, enabling him to respond to the alarm for assistance but not to vote at any departmental or company meetings, and

Whereas, in 1958, Joe Wassick was elected to Eagle Hose Company No.4, affording him full departmental voting rights, and

Whereas, Joe Wassick availed himself of every training opportunity and moved up the company's ranks, serving as second assistant chief, first assistant chief, and ultimately for a two-year term as chief, and

Whereas, since 1974, he has proudly served as Eagle Hose Company No.4 President, and

Whereas, in the 1960s, he was a member of the Bennington Fire Department Committee that facilitated the Department's oversight of the Bennington Battle Day Parade, ensuring this major commemorative celebration's future, and

Whereas, in 2012, the committee members were honored to serve as the parade's grand marshals, and

Whereas, Joe Wassick has been a member of State and regional fire chief associations, and

Whereas, he was especially pleased when his son was elected to the Eagle

Hose Company No.4 before his move to Maine, and

Whereas, his other community roles have included serving as a Little League baseball coach and umpire, meal on wheels driver, and as the Bennington Recreation Board Vice President, and

Whereas, as a 62-year member of the Bennington Elks Lodge, Joe Wassick has held leadership roles and received prestigious awards from the organization, and

Whereas, Joe Wassick and his wife, Jean, have been married for 62 years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Bennington Fire Department's Eagle Hose Company No.4 President Joseph A. Wassick for his 60-year tenure as a company member, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 303.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Norwich University Cadets NCAA Division III championship women's ice hockey team

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

Whereas, with the 2018 NCAA Division III women's ice hockey championship game scheduled for Norwich University's own Kreitzberg Arena, the Cadets were motivated to be one of the teams on the ice, and

Whereas, the Cadets played superbly throughout the 2017–2018 season, earning the special privilege of facing off against the Elmira College Soaring Eagles for the Division III NCAA title before a crowd of 1,242 persons, the largest ever to witness a Norwich women's home ice hockey game, and

Whereas, Norwich scored the opening goal at the 11:58 mark of the second period; Elmira responded with a goal just over four minutes later; and the game remained tied until, with one minute and 33 seconds of regulation play remaining, the Cadets drove the puck into the net for the winning goal, and

Whereas, the Cadets, whose memorable 2018 championship season finished with a 27–1–3 record were Amanda Conway, Robyn Foley, Desirae Kuhlmann, Kim Tiberi, Brynn Wopperer, KC Herne, Samantha Benoit, Liesel Baker, Adriana Rossini, Jessica Piracini, Maggie Conroy, Kirsten Watts,

Nicole Goebel, Maki Shuchuk, Blossom Truel, Bryn Labbe, Michelle Masperi, Sophie McGovern, Sarah Schwenzfeier, Muranda Toews, Carly Menges, Nicole Lorenzo, Kelley Madden, Maddi Blauth, Alyssa Hulst, Teresa Segreti, Laurie King, Katie Bishop-Manning, and Emily Lambert, and

Whereas, Head Coach Mark Bolding and assistant coaches Mollie Fitzpatrick, Jon Guiffre, and Maggie DiMasi, strength coach Dan Brady, and athletic trainer Jessica Hurlbert were all exemplary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Norwich University Cadets NCAA Division III championship women'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. 304.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 125th anniversary of the legislative incorporation of the Village of Essex Junction

Offered by: Representatives Houghton of Essex and Giambatista of Essex

Whereas, in the late 18th century, Ira Allen constructed a dam at Hubbells Falls, a sawmill was established adjacent to the dam, and an economic growth center evolved, and

Whereas, nearby, where two major early-19th-century roads intersected, Lincoln Hall, the village's municipal office building, was built as a tavern, and the immediate area became known as Five Corners, and

Whereas, by the middle 1850s, six rail lines intersected at a site near the existing road junction, and a train station was constructed to accommodate rail passengers, and

Whereas, although the larger surrounding area was formally known as Painesville, in honor of Governor Charles Paine, the builder of one of the rail lines, train conductors started announcing the location as Essex Junction, informing passengers that it was the place to switch trains, and

Whereas, the name Essex Junction was based on the area's location within the borders of the Town of Essex, and

Whereas, in 1873, the State's first brick schoolhouse was built in Essex and a graded school district was eventually established, and

Whereas, by 1892, Essex Junction had become a busy economic center of

its own accord, and local citizens petitioned the General Assembly to incorporate the village, a request fulfilled in 1892 Acts and Resolves No. 120 that was approved on November 15 of that year, and

Whereas, section 1 of the charter provided “The inhabitants of that part of the town of Essex embraced within the limits of the Essex Junction Graded school district in said town are hereby incorporated and made a body politic and corporate by the name of the village of Essex Junction,” and

Whereas, within 15 years, the village had established a volunteer fire department, a trolley service, a police department, a public library, and access to public water, and

Whereas, the Champlain Valley Exposition and the IBM manufacturing complex, today’s GlobalFoundries, are prominent 20th century landmarks, and

Whereas, on April 4, 2018, the annual Essex Junction Village Meeting will include a reenactment of the first such gathering held in 1893, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 125th anniversary of the Village of Essex Junction, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Essex Junction Village Clerk.

### **H.C.R. 305.**

House concurrent resolution designating Thursday, March 29, 2018 as Alzheimer’s Awareness and Advocacy Day

Offered by: Representatives Noyes of Wolcott, Ainsworth of Royalton, Ancel of Calais, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bock of Chester, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Connor of Fairfield, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Colchester, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Fields of Bennington, Frenier of Chelsea, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven,

Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex, Joseph of North Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keefe of Manchester, LaClair of Barre Town, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lucke of Hartford, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Mattos of Milton, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nolan of Morristown, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Parent of St. Albans Town, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Read of Fayston, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, Walz of Barre City, Weed of Enosburgh, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wood of Waterbury, Wright of Burlington, Yacovone of Morristown, and Young of Glover

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is currently the fifth leading cause of death in Vermont; Vermont has the fourth highest Alzheimer's death rate in the nation; and since 2000, there has been a 99 percent increase in the number of Alzheimer's deaths in the State, and

Whereas, 12,000 Vermonters 65 years of age or older are living with Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia, and Whereas, 30,000 Vermonters are providing annually an estimated 34 million hours of unpaid care to persons with Alzheimer's, and

Whereas, the Alzheimer's Association estimates that nationally 250,000 persons between eight and 18 years of age provide help to someone with Alzheimer's or another dementia-related illness, and

Whereas, twice as many caregivers of persons with dementia, compared to caregivers of persons who do not have dementia, report substantial emotional, financial, and physical difficulties, and

Whereas, only 45 percent of persons with Alzheimer's disease or their caregivers report being told of the diagnosis, and

Whereas, in 2017, the Medicaid costs of caring for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias in Vermont was estimated to be \$98 million, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's estimated cost nationally in 2017 was \$259 billion, and

Whereas, without further action, total annual payments for Alzheimer's

disease-related health care are projected to increase to \$1.1 trillion in 2018 dollars by the year 2050, and

Whereas, today, Thursday, March 29, 2018, Vermont families, care partners, and persons with Alzheimer's who are dedicated to increasing awareness and caregiver resources and to finding a cure for this disease are visiting the State House to educate members of the General Assembly on the importance of addressing the issues pertaining to Alzheimer's, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 29, 2018 as Alzheimer's Awareness and Advocacy Day in Vermont, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 306.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Rutland High School Raiders Division I championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Howard of Rutland City, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, as the defending Division I champions and 2018's top seed, the undefeated Raiders anticipated another trip to the University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium for the season's most important contest, and

Whereas, this aspiration was fulfilled as Rutland and the third-seeded Mount Mansfield Union High School Cougars each won championship game berths, and

Whereas, except for a few moments during the first half, Rutland maintained a narrow lead; but with the Raiders ahead 37–36 and just 2:12 remaining in the fourth quarter, a successful 15-foot jump shot and the draining of six consecutive Raider free throws sparked Rutland to a 45–39 victory and a second consecutive Division I championship, and

Whereas, the Raiders who tallied Rutland's 40th consecutive win were Jacob Lorman, Jack Morgan, Eric Coughlin, Noah White, Alex White, Noah Tyson, Evan Pockette, Jamison Evans, Ryan Moore, Dylan Moore, Keegan Bliss, Ethan Notte, and Jared Nelson, and

Whereas, Head Coach Michael Wood, who celebrated his 200th Raider victory, assistant coaches Corey Czarnecki, TJ Sabotka, and Chris Wood, student manager Jared Miglorie, and athletic trainer Tyler White were elated, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Rutland High School Raiders Division I championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 307.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Sharon Academy Phoenix Division IV championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford and Briglin of Thetford

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, in the 16-year history of Sharon Academy's boys' basketball, the closest the Phoenix had progressed to capturing the divisional crown was an admirable performance in the 2015 championship game, and

Whereas, a new opportunity arose this winter as the Phoenix remained undefeated at the conclusion of regular season play, and this stellar team earned a second seed in the Division IV playoffs, and

Whereas, Sharon Academy's carefully crafted and executed playing strategy continued unabated as the Phoenix earned a coveted berth in the decisive Division IV contest at the Barre Auditorium, where defeating the top-seeded Danville Indians stood as the final hurdle to securing the 2018 Division IV title, and

Whereas, from the opening tip-off, the Phoenix largely commanded the court, leading 28–26 at halftime, despite a brief 23–all tie; and although late in the fourth quarter the Indians momentarily surged ahead 56–55, Sharon Academy immediately rebounded for a thrilling 60–56 victory, clinching its first Division IV championship, and

Whereas, the Phoenix, who concluded the season with a 24–0 perfect record, consisted of Austin Gaudette, Josh Amodeo, Sam Knoerlein, Scott Elderd, Koltin Leduc, Jack DiGuissepe, Jackson Bradford, Fisher Kelly, Olly Skeet-Browning, and Cole Ward, and

Whereas, partially in recognition of Sharon's phenomenal season, the



Vermont Basketball Coaches Association named Head Coach Blake Fabrikant as the 2018 Division IV Coach of the Year, and

Whereas, Head Coach Blake Fabrikant, assistant coach Ben Phipps, and team managers Cal Hale, Aidian Trimble, Erin Shands, and Jasmin Johnson were all delighted with the Phoenix's great achievement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Sharon Academy Phoenix Division IV championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 308.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I championship girls' basketball team

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

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, for the last five consecutive years, the Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks won the Division I girls' basketball crown, but the top-seeded St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers were set to change this recent pattern when they met the second-seeded Redhawks in Burlington in the 2018 Division I championship game, and

Whereas, the combination of a Hilltopper turning in the strongest individual scoring performance at a Division I girls' basketball final in over a decade plus a skilled St. Johnsbury defensive effort threatened the Redhawks' title reign from the opening whistle, and

Whereas, St. Johnsbury surged ahead 16–7 after the first quarter, was in command 23–11 at halftime, and easily won the game 48–33 and the Division I title, completing a memorable 22–2 season on the basketball court, and

Whereas, these dynasty toppling Hilltoppers were Saleena Porter, Kayla Matte, Sadie Stetson, Neva Bostic, Josie Moulton, Josie Choiniere, and Grace Phelps, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jack Driscoll and Assistant Coach Beth Choiniere provided always useful pointers and welcome encouragement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 309.**

House concurrent resolution designating Tuesday, April 3, 2018 as National Service Day in Vermont

Offered by: All Members

Whereas, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is “a federal agency that helps more than five million Americans improve the lives of their fellow citizens through service,” and

Whereas, among the guiding principles of CNCS are to “put the needs of local communities first” and to “help rural and economically distressed communities obtain access to public and private resources,” and

Whereas, the Vermont Commission on National and Community Service (SerVermont) is the State’s partner with CNCS, and

Whereas, in Vermont, there are currently a total of 34 CNCS projects, including those under the rubric of AmeriCorps (AmeriCorps National, AmeriCorps State Competitive, AmeriCorps State Formula, and AmeriCorps VISTA), Senior Corps (Senior Corps, Foster Grandparent Program, RSVP, and Senior Companion Program), projects financed through the Social Innovation Fund, and miscellaneous programs, and

Whereas, there are 442 service locations statewide, including conservation and environmental organizations, counseling services, faith-based entities, food support services, housing trusts, municipalities, museums, public libraries, recreation projects, senior and aging programs, and shelters for the homeless, and

Whereas, 2,980 Vermont service volunteers are working at these organizations, earning educational scholarship funds for the volunteers’ future use, and

Whereas, in this fiscal year, CNCS is investing \$6,057,353.00 in Vermont, and local host organizations are supplying \$6,397,517.00, and

Whereas, since 1994, more than 5,300 Vermont residents have served more than 7.9 million hours and qualified for scholarship awards worth in excess of

\$18,760,000.00, and

Whereas, today, April 3, 2018, service volunteers are visiting the State House, and their good works are highly commendable, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 3, 2018 as National Service Day in Vermont, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 310.**

House concurrent resolution designating April 2018 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, Christie of Hartford, Fields of Bennington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Howard of Rutland City, Read of Fayston, Scheuermann of Stowe, Smith of Derby, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, and Walz of Barre City

Whereas, military children encounter special challenges with families regularly transferred across the country and overseas and parents deployed to dangerous combat assignments, and

Whereas, unlike most youngsters in civilian families, military children must regularly acculturate to new schools and communities, and

Whereas, military children are a vital part of their parents' lives, and

Whereas, in recognition of the contributions and sacrifices of military children, in 1986, U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger established the Month of the Military Child, a commemoration that continues, and

Whereas, the Vermont National Guard Child and Youth Program (VTNG CYP), as do its counterpart programs operated throughout the U.S. Armed Forces, seeks "to provide a supportive environment for children and youth through activities and events specifically designed to encourage personal growth, strength of character and moral development in peacetime and through the cycles of deployment," and

Whereas, in 2017, VTNG CYP oversaw over 525 hours of diverse programs for over 600 youths from six to 17 years of age, whose parents serve in national guard or active military units, and

Whereas, among these programs were eight overnight camping opportunities, including the eighth annual VTNG Family Camp, the fifth

annual VTNG End of Summer Camp, and nine Teen Resilience Trainings, and

Whereas, high school and college students, AmeriCorps members, and adults contributed over 1,000 volunteer hours in support of VTNG CYP's activities, and

Whereas, today, April 3, 2018, representatives of VTNG CYP are visiting the State House to remind everyone of the unique challenges and sacrifices that military personnel's young dependents must face, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 2018 as the Month of the Military Child in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General Major General Steven Cray and to the Vermont National Guard Child and Youth Program.

### **H.C.R. 311.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Offered by: Representatives Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Brennan of Colchester, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Frenier of Chelsea, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Graham of Williamstown, Harrison of Chittenden, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Howard of Rutland City, Keefe of Manchester, Lawrence of Lyndon, Marcotte of Coventry, Mattos of Milton, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Nolan of Morristown, Parent of St. Albans Town, Quimby of Concord, Savage of Swanton, Smith of Derby, Strong of Albany, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, and Wright of Burlington

Whereas, in the 1860s, Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian led an informal social club for New York City theatrical people, known as the Jolly Corks, and

Whereas, on February 16, 1868, the members of the Jolly Corks established the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (the Elks) to formalize the structure of the organization and to expand its mission to include serving those in need, and

Whereas, the New York State legislature issued a charter for a Grand Lodge that could charter local Elks lodges, and the first local charter was issued on March 10, 1871 for the establishment of New York Lodge No. 1, and

Whereas, the mission of the Elks is: “To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share,” and

Whereas, the first Elks Lodge established in Vermont, Rutland Lodge No. 345, was chartered on April 23, 1896, and

Whereas, in 2018, over 7,000 Elks are members of one of 12 lodges across the State, and

Whereas, nationally, the Elks fund more than \$3.65 million annually in scholarships; promote youth physical fitness through the Hoop Shoot free throw and Soccer Shoot; engage in drug awareness activities; conduct the Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 5 through 8; and conduct a community investments program that supports medical research, recreational opportunities, and other worthy endeavors, and

Whereas, since 1958, the Vermont Elks Association has operated the Silver Towers Camp in Ripton, a summer residential recreational facility for persons with disabilities, who are from six to 75 years of age, and

Whereas, 2018 marks the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Elks, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Elks Association President Brian Gaura.

### **H.C.R. 312.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Amy Rounds of Westminster on her selection as the 2018 Vermont State Mother of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Trieber of Rockingham, Deen of Westminster, and Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by: Senators Balint, White, and Branagan

Whereas, annually, American Mothers, Inc. names a Vermont State Mother

of the Year, and

Whereas, Mary Jane Bosworth nominated Amy Rounds of Westminster describing her as a woman “who never lost her sparkle,” and the review panel concurred that Amy Rounds merited this honor, and

Whereas, when Amy Rounds’s son, Owen Jr., was only a year old, her husband, Owen Sr., a U.S. Department of Defense employee, was required to travel to Kuwait for nine months, and

Whereas, her husband’s extended work-related absences have remained a challenge for Amy Rounds in her role as a mother, and

Whereas, Amy Rounds’s daughter, Olivia, was born with Down syndrome, adding a new and unexpected development in the family’s life, and

Whereas, in 2014, Amy Rounds successfully persevered through a diagnosis of ovarian cancer and both surgery and chemotherapy treatments, and

Whereas, only a true supermom could have so effectively managed this unique combination of life factors, and

Whereas, Amy Rounds has become a passionate advocate for persons with disabilities and does not readily accept expert opinion that her daughter’s educational and vocational opportunities will be extremely limited, and

Whereas, to the contrary, she has researched information on Down syndrome and continuously seeks to broaden and maximize Olivia’s life choices, and

Whereas, aside from her demanding family responsibilities, Amy Rounds works 32 hours a week for a local physician, volunteers in the community, and for recreation both runs and cycles, and

Whereas, Amy Rounds’s dedication to her family and community and deep concern for all families that have children with disabilities signify her undeniable qualifications to serve as the 2018 Vermont State Mother of the Year, and she will represent Vermont at the national Mother of the Year conference in Washington, D.C., now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Amy Rounds of Westminster on her selection as the 2018 Vermont State Mother of the Year, and be it further

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

### H.C.R. 313.

House concurrent resolution honoring Jeannine Griffin of Brandon as an educator and as a woman active in her faith community

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford and Carr of Brandon

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, Jeannine Griffin is a proud mother and grandmother, and her 31-year career at Neshobe School has focused on both her students' academic and nutritional nourishment, and

Whereas, her impact on the children's scholastic development has occurred through her work as a paraeducator, both in the school's library and with the educational program of the third and fourth grades, and

Whereas, culinary roles during her tenure have included serving as the breakfast supervisor and implementing the important responsibilities of food service manager, and

Whereas, Jeannine Griffin is originally from Canada and became an American citizen 35 years ago, and participating in the school's annual naturalization ceremony is always a personally meaningful experience, and

Whereas, she has a deep and abiding connection to her Catholic faith and is an active member of Brandon's St. Mary's Church, and

Whereas, Jeannine Griffin's church roles include serving as a Eucharist Minister, taking communion to those who are home bound; visiting parishioners who are hospitalized; singing in the church choir, including as a soloist; overseeing the semiannual cleaning of the church building; and assisting with parish meals, and

Whereas, through these activities, Jeannine Griffin leads by example and is committed to making a positive difference where she can, and

Whereas, Jeannine Griffin's late husband, Deacon Gary Griffin, was closely associated with St. Mary's Church and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Vermont, and she served as an essential partner in his religious ministry, and

Whereas, the Griffin family has strong military ties, and one of her sons is a West Point graduate and retired military officer, and

Whereas, in June 2018, Jeannine Griffin is concluding her warm association with the Neshobe School and will be missed and fondly remembered, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Jeannine Griffin of Brandon for her

service as a dedicated educator and as a woman of faith, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 314.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship boys' ice hockey team

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

Whereas, the remarkable ice hockey legacy, including 14 Division I titles, that legendary former coach Bill O'Neil created at Essex High School endured in 2018, and

Whereas, the second-seeded Hornets, after a demanding round of prior playoff games, faced off against the third-seeded Spaulding High School Crimson Tide for the 2018 Division I title, and

Whereas, within five minutes of the opening face-off, the many Essex fans watching the action at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse saw a combination of well-executed goal-scoring plays, three in the first period and one each in the second and third, plus a persistent defense as the Hornets shut out the Crimson Tide 5-0 and won a 15th Division I crown, and

Whereas, Hornets Benjamin Laplant, Grady Cram, Samuel Couture, Waylon Almeida, Jonah Janaro, Sam Gibbs, Ryan Young, Jared Almeida, Christopher Blanco, Charles Wiegand IV, Ryan Clark, Maverick King, Jason Smith, Gordon Schmalz, Nathan Theriault, Isaac Johnson, William Couture, Maxwell Line, Tobias Martin, Owen Young, Tyler Millette, Ian Amalixsen, Willem Barwin, Samuel Foster, Joseph Maher, and Paul Gordon shot and passed the puck with precision, and

Whereas, first-year Head Coach Chris Line and assistant coaches Kerry Weibe, Tyler Peckham, and Dean Corkum have inaugurated a great new era on the ice for Essex, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Essex High School Hornets Division I championship boys' ice hockey 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. 315.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Antonio B. Pomerleau of Burlington

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, Tony Pomerleau's century-long and inspiring life's journey began in Marbleton, Quebec, on September 28, 1917, and when he was six months old, his family moved across the border to a Barton farm, and

Whereas, his business savvy was first manifested at 10 years of age with an ingenious lawn-mowing scheme that netted him 50 percent of the profit without touching a mower, and

Whereas, after moving to Burlington, he discovered his true passion as the developer of shopping centers that featured large supermarkets, and

Whereas, Tony Pomerleau, who was a great raconteur and always loyal to his Franco-American roots and Catholic faith, would amass a fortune worth in excess of \$100 million that spurred his becoming one of Vermont's most famous and extraordinary contemporary philanthropists, and

Whereas, for more than 30 years, he hosted an annual Christmas party in Burlington for hundreds of guests of low income; numerous mobile home owners received assistance from him following the devastation of Tropical Storm Irene; and he paid the tuition for many Rice Memorial High School students, and

Whereas, among the recipients of his or his foundations' generosity were St. Michael's College, the Burlington YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club's Early Promise Education Program, and the VNA hospice in Colchester, and

Whereas, Tony Pomerleau chaired the Burlington Police Commission and was a tireless advocate for the members of the force, and

Whereas, after his tenure on the Commission, he refurbished a building and sold it to the City of Burlington for a needed new police headquarters, taking a personal loss on the project, and

Whereas, this businessman and philanthropist won enthusiastic praise and admiration from many civic leaders and politicians, regardless of partisan affiliation, and

Whereas, the remarkable life of Tony Pomerleau ended at 100 years of age on February 8, 2018, and his survivors include his loving wife of 71 years, Rita; his children, Ernest, Patricia, Elizabeth, Susan, Dennis, Rosemary, Alice, and Grace; 13 grandchildren; and two adored great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Antonio B. Pomerleau of Burlington, and be it further

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