

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

April 12, 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. 316.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Mount St. Joseph Academy Mounties on winning a fourth consecutive Division IV girls' basketball championship

Offered by: Representatives Howard of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Devereux of Mount Holly, McCoy of Poultney, Potter of Clarendon, and Shaw of Pittsford

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, Mount St. Joseph Academy takes great pride in its girls' basketball team, the Division IV title holders in 2015–2017, and

Whereas, the Mounties opened the 2017–2018 season prepared to extend their impressive championship streak, and

Whereas, the second-seeded Mounties were victorious in each succeeding playoff round, returning to the Barre Auditorium for the season's grand finale and a contest against a surprising opponent, the seventh-seeded Blue Mountain Union High School Bucks, and

Whereas, the Mounties' command of the game was apparent as they employed a powerful defensive strategy that resulted in a 20–11 halftime score, an advantage that secured an impressive 39–21 victory and a fourth consecutive Division IV championship, and

Whereas, Mounties Kristen Elliott, Emily Rappeno, Julia Lee, Sophie Markowski, Tori Tracy, Miracle Wood, Lyndsey Elms, Angela Perry, Sophia Tedesco, Ella Paquin, Lucy Gallo, and Selina Wilbur completed another great basketball season, and

Whereas, Head Coach Bill Bruso and assistant coaches Aaron Eaton, GJ Garrow, Rob Harvey, and Dan Elliott were proud of the team's efforts, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Mount St. Joseph Academy Mounties on winning a fourth consecutive Division IV girls' basketball championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 317.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Windsor High School Yellowjackets Division III championship girls' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Belaski of Windsor and Bartholomew of Hartland

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Windsor's narrow 53–52 loss to the Thetford Academy Panthers at the 2017 girls' basketball Division III championship game was an event the Yellowjackets could not easily forget, and

Whereas, this season's Windsor team played with the hope of returning to the Barre Auditorium for a 2018 rematch against Thetford Academy, and

Whereas, clearly this repeat encounter was intended as the Yellowjackets and Panthers, seeded respectively third and fourth in this season's playoff competition, both secured championship game berths, and

Whereas, unlike in 2017, the Yellowjackets were offensively and defensively in charge from the game's start, leaving the court at halftime with an 18-point lead, concluding the evening with an overwhelming 51–34 victory, and bringing the 2018 Division III championship home to Windsor, and

Whereas, Yellowjackets Evelyn Page, Angelina Bigwood, Alyssa Slocum, Adi Prior, Morgan McKeen, Carah Rugg, Olivia Rockwood, Hayley Fortin, Brooke McKeen, Alexianna Merrill, Ashley Grela, and Paige Langan were excited to have reversed the outcome of last year's championship contest, and

Whereas, Head Coach Bruce McKay, assistant coaches Kabray Rockwood, Patrick Allen, and Gavin Callahan, and athletic trainer Stefanie Curtis were equally delighted with the game's final score, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Windsor High School Yellowjackets Division III championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 318.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers State championship boys' alpine skiing team

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

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, no St. Johnsbury Academy alpine skiing team had ever won a State championship, but 2018 marked a year of momentous change for the Hilltopper alpine skiers, and

Whereas, the team's early success this season led to hopes that a State championship might just be in the offing as the skiers bonded early and gave each other strong support, and

Whereas, the 2018 State alpine skiing meet was held on the familiar and friendly slopes of Burke Mountain, giving the Hilltoppers an effective hometown advantage, and

Whereas, the Hilltoppers stood in first place after the first day's giant slalom racing, and in combination with a third-place finish for the second day's slalom competition completed the two-day event in first place, outskiing second-place Champlain Valley Union High School 99 to 104, and

Whereas, these talented alpine skiers were Ben Bangs, Rian Fried, Camdyn Meigs, Leo Desrochers, Hugo Hong, Cody Van Dine, and Tommy Zschau, and

Whereas, Head Coaches Patrick Anderson and Dave Eckhardt and assistant coach Dave Loffredo were superb instructors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers State championship boys' alpine skiing 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. 319.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Boys & Girls Clubs of

Vermont's 2018 Youth of the Year honorees

Offered by: Representatives Donovan of Burlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Howard of Rutland City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Whereas, since 1947, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Youth of the Year program has encouraged the organization's young members to reach their full potential through academic success, healthy lifestyles, and contributing to their communities, and

Whereas, the Youth of the Year award epitomizes the positive impact that the Boys & Girls Clubs can have on young peoples' lives and on the future of our nation, and

Whereas, Boys & Girls Clubs prepare their members to become responsible, successful, and patriotic adults and community leaders, and

Whereas, the Youth of the Year award winners at the local, state, regional, and national levels exemplify the hard work, determination, and hope of the Boys & Girls Clubs movement, and

Whereas, being named a Youth of the Year award winner is the highest honor that the Boys & Girls Clubs can bestow on their members, and

Whereas, receipt of this award signifies that the honored member has contributed in multiple ways to his or her family, school, community, and the local Boys & Girls Clubs, and

Whereas, all Youth of the Year award winners have experienced and overcome personal challenges and obstacles in their lives, even as they devoted considerable time and effort to improving the lives of others, and

Whereas, the outstanding Boys & Girls Clubs of Vermont members deservedly selected as the 2018 Youth of the Year honorees and their local clubs are: Danaysa Vargas (Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro), Elizabeth Wright (Boys & Girls Club of Rutland County), Liam Frey (Washington County Youth Services Bureau/Boys & Girls Club) and Senga Felenkeni (Boys & Girls Club of Burlington), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Boys & Girls Clubs of Vermont's 2018 Youth of the Year honorees, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each Boys & Girls Club member honored in this resolution.

H.C.R. 320.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the centrality of small business in the growth and prosperity of the Vermont economy

Offered by: Representatives Botzow of Pownal and Marcotte of Coventry

Offered by: Senators Sirotkin and Clarkson

Whereas, an examination of the most recently available Vermont Department of Labor statistics documents the economic role that small business plays in our State, and

Whereas, approximately 90 percent of businesses in the State have fewer than 20 employees and an even larger 98.8 percent employ fewer than 100 persons, and

Whereas, conversely, 62.1 percent of Vermont's workers are employed in a business with fewer than 100 employees, and

Whereas, with respect to wages paid in Vermont, 60.1 percent are from businesses with fewer than 100 employees, and

Whereas, during the past decade, the growth of businesses in Vermont has been centered in the State's smallest businesses, and

Whereas, during this same time period, businesses with 500 or more employees have declined in number, and

Whereas, small businesses create the unique culture that defines Vermont's communities and the brand that drives the tourism industry which is responsible for \$2.5 billion in annual spending in the State, and

Whereas, these statistics demonstrate that small businesses create jobs and deliver essential goods and services, helping to bolster the development and growth of local economies throughout Vermont, and

Whereas, small businesses are a critical part of the fabric that binds our towns and villages together, and

Whereas, small businesses are at the heart of Vermont's communities and are an integral part of what makes Vermont a great place to live, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the centrality of small business in the growth and prosperity of the Vermont economy, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 321.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the federal Fair Housing Act and designating April 2018 as Fair Housing Month in Vermont

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

Whereas, on April 11, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Pub.L. No 90-284, including Title VIII, known as the Fair Housing Act (the Act), and

Whereas, the Act, as amended, mandates a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability, encouraging fair housing opportunities for all citizens, and

Whereas, for generations, millions of Americans were denied the housing of their choice because of these factors, and

Whereas, segregated concentrations of people with lower income, especially people of color, have been stuck in communities of lower opportunity than middle and upper income white Americans, and

Whereas, 19 years later, the General Assembly enacted 1987 Acts and Resolves No. 74, "An act relating to discrimination," consisting of a new 9 V.S.A. chapter 139 entitled Discrimination; Public Accommodations; Rental and Sale of Real Estate, and

Whereas, chapter 139, as now codified, also prohibits discrimination in the sale and rental of housing based on sexual orientation, gender identity, having a disability, or having minor children, making Vermont's housing antidiscrimination law among the nation's most comprehensive, and

Whereas, despite both these federal and State legal guarantees, the dilemma of housing discrimination in various forms in Vermont has not disappeared, especially for persons either living with children or with disabilities, and

Whereas, another chapter 139 provision makes it an unfair housing practice in Vermont "to discriminate in land use decisions or the permitting of housing," on account of "income, or because of receipt of public assistance, except as otherwise provided by law," and

Whereas, despite this statutory prohibition, the persistent lack of affordable housing in Vermont is exacerbating discrimination and one of the important reasons vigilance on fair housing issues remains of paramount importance in 2018, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 50th anniversary of the federal Fair Housing Act and designates April 2018 as Fair Housing Month in Vermont, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 322.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Jr Iron Chef VT winning teams

Offered by: Representatives Sibilila of Dover, Ainsworth of Royalton, Ancel of Calais, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Belaski of Windsor, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bock of Chester, Botzow of Pownal, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buckholz of Hartford, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Conlon of Cornwall, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, 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, Forguites of Springfield, Frenier of Chelsea, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Grad of Moretown, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Jessup of Middlesex, Jickling of Randolph, Johnson of South Hero, Joseph of North Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keefe of Manchester, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, Mattos of Milton, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy

of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nolan of Morristown, Norris of Shoreham, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Parent of St. Albans Town, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Rachelson of Burlington, Read of Fayston, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Squirrel of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Taylor of Colchester, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wood of Waterbury, Wright of Burlington, Yacovone of Morristown, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Whereas, each March, VT Feed, a partnership of Shelburne Farms and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont, proudly sponsors the Jr Iron Chef VT competition, and

Whereas, the underlying purpose of the competition is to demonstrate the opportunities for selecting locally produced foods for school menus, and

Whereas, the 2018 edition of this fun-filled cook-off took place on March 17 at the Champlain Valley Exposition Center in Essex and featured 290 students representing 67 Vermont middle and high schools, and

Whereas, between 500 and 600 persons were in attendance and enjoyed this special day of kitchen mastery, and

Whereas, the many teams produced delicious and innovative dishes all intended for dining pleasure, but ultimately, the winners were selected, and

Whereas, the awards are distributed in three categories, with honorees designated for both the middle and high school chefs, and

Whereas, the Crowd Pleaser Award recognizes teams that best incorporated color, texture, and taste for a true crowd-pleasing dish; the middle school winners were Edmunds Middle School's EMS Culinary Club and Berlin Elementary School's Italian Bobcats, and their high school counterparts were Champlain Valley Union High School's CVU Chef Hawks - Red and LEARN Inc.'s Sauce Pirates, and

Whereas, the Lively Local Award is presented to the teams that best highlight Vermont foods; the middle school teams receiving this accolade were Newark Street School's Newark Newtritionists and the Camels Hump Middle

School's Eggcellent, and the high school team similarly honored was Green Mountain Union High School's Skillet Takes, and

Whereas, the Mise En Place Award honors teams that show exemplary teamwork, order, and professionalism; the middle school winners were the King Street Youth Center's KCS and the Fusion afterschool program at Vergennes Union Middle School's Jalapeno Hotties, and on the high school level, the Lake Champlain Waldorf School's The Sharpest Knives in the Drawer, and Green Mountain Union High School's Green Mt Cheftains were the winners, and

Whereas, today, April 12, 2018, representative Jr Iron Chef VT winners are offering their delicious cooking in the State House cafeteria, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Jr Iron Chef VT winning teams, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 323.

House concurrent resolution designating Tuesday, April 10, 2018 as Equal Pay Day

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Ancel of Calais, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Belaski of Windsor, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buckholz of Hartford, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Conlon of Cornwall, Connor of Fairfield, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Emmons of Springfield, Feltus of Lyndon, Forguites of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Gonzalez of Winooski, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Jessup of Middlesex, Joseph of North Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, McCormack of Burlington, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pajala of

Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Sharpe of Bristol, Squirrel of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Balint, Clarkson, Ingram, Pearson, and White

Whereas, since 1996, Equal Pay Day has symbolized how far into the year American women must work, on average, to earn as much as American men earned the previous year due to the gender wage gap, and

Whereas, the gender wage gap in Vermont is \$0.14, so women bring home, on average, 86 percent of the earnings of men and nationally that earnings ratio is 80 percent, and

Whereas, race and gender intersect, and there is a wider wage gap for women of color in our State, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the earnings ratio is 85 percent for white women, 80 percent for Hispanic or Latinx women, 58 percent for Asian women, and nationally 63 percent for black women and 57 percent for Native American women, and

Whereas, disability and gender also intersect, and the earnings ratio for women with disabilities in Vermont is 37 percent, and

Whereas, women comprise 45 percent of our State's full-time workers, and contribute at least 40 percent of income in one-third of all Vermont families, and

Whereas, closing the wage gap would add \$1 billion to Vermont's economy, while reducing our poverty rate by 57 percent, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 10, 2018 as Equal Pay 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 Commission on Women, the League of Women Voters of Vermont, and the Vermont Federation of Business and Professional Women.

H.C.R. 324.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Vermont FARMS 2+2 program for its contribution to Vermont's agricultural heritage and the program's 2018 scholarship recipients

Offered by: Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

Whereas, advanced education for practitioners and allied specialists is critical for the future of the State's dairy industry, and

Whereas, associated with this goal are Vermont's retention of aspiring dairy farmers who will contribute to the State's working landscape and boost our agricultural economy, and

Whereas, in order to address this academic priority, in the late 1990s, the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets established the Vermont FARMS 2+2 program (the program) that provides scholarships to young persons interested in dairy industry or science-related careers, and

Whereas, a student enrolls in two years of technical education at Vermont Technical College and continues studying for a bachelor's degree with two years at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, a semester spent at the William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute, located in Chazy, New York, focuses on practical farm work through the completion of applied research assignments, and

Whereas, over 100 students have graduated from the program, and they have pursued careers as dairy farmers, in allied dairy businesses, or continued their education to become teachers, veterinarians, or dairy science specialists, and

Whereas, the students selected as winners of a 2018 Vermont FARM 2+2 scholarship are Kate Rowley of Milton, Emily Surrell of Woodstock, Samantha Fitzsimmons of Swanton, Brandon Mansfield of Starksboro, and Hannah Roberts of Newport Center, and they eagerly anticipate pursuing their dairy education beginning at Vermont Technical College, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Vermont FARMS 2+2 program for its contribution to Vermont's agricultural heritage and the program's 2018 scholarship recipients, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each student honored in the resolution and to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

H.C.R. 325.

House concurrent resolution honoring Rutland Superintendent of Schools Mary Moran on her extraordinary 47-year career in public education

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

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, by any measure, Mary Moran is a role model for her colleagues in public education, and

Whereas, Mary Moran earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Boston College and a certificate of advanced graduate studies from Boston's Northeastern University, and

Whereas, her first year as a teacher was in Savannah, Georgia, but the colder climes of New England were beckoning her northward, and

Whereas, from 1972 to 1985, Mary Moran taught American and world history at Braintree (Massachusetts) High School, and

Whereas, outside the classroom, she coached athletics, advised student groups, supervised teachers, and served on faculty committees, and her colleagues elected her as Braintree Education Association President, and

Whereas, in 1985, Mary Moran transitioned to the assistant principalship at Wellesley (Massachusetts) High School for a period of three years; then in 1988, she began a six-year term as the principal of Franklin (Massachusetts) High School, and in 2000, she concluded her Franklin tenure as a systemwide curriculum and personnel administrator, and

Whereas, in 1996, the Rutland Public School system took note of Mary Moran's many accomplishments, naming her its new assistant superintendent, and in 2000 promoted her to the department's superintendency, and

Whereas, in 2006, Mary Moran was honored as the Vermont Superintendent of the Year, and she is a respected civic leader, and

Whereas, under Mary Moran's expert guidance, the Rutland School System has awarded high school diplomas to many honorably discharged World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans, under the auspices of the State program established for this purpose, and

Whereas, at the end of the 2017–2018 academic year, Mary Moran will step down as the outstanding Rutland City Superintendent of Schools, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Rutland Superintendent of Schools Mary Moran on her extraordinary 47-year career in public education, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 326.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Owen Pelletier of Rivendell Academy on being named a 2017 *Valley News* High School Athlete of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Donahue of Northfield, Hooper of Randolph, Jickling of Randolph, and Lewis of Berlin

Whereas, excellence in varsity high school athletics is always an accomplishment, especially if desired sports are not offered at the student's school, and

Whereas, Owen Pelletier, a senior at Rivendell Academy, has excelled in basketball, football, track and field, and soccer, even though Rivendell neither fields a football team nor supports a track and field program, and his determination to compete in each of these sports was chronicled in the *Valley News* newspaper, and

Whereas, Oxbow Union High School has welcomed him as a member of its football team and at its track and field training practices, although he proudly wears the Rivendell Raptors' uniform at meets, and

Whereas, Owen Pelletier's record of athletic accomplishments began during his freshman year, winning a State divisional long jump championship, and

Whereas, as a sophomore, he won a combined eight sprinting and jumping victories and climbed the track and field podium 16 times, and

Whereas, his junior year was filled with many highpoints such as: scoring nine touchdowns and 16 posttouchdown extra points for the football Olympians; tallying 14.6 points per basketball game for the Raptors; achieving indoor track and field divisional championships in the high jump and long jump, setting a record in the latter; and repeating both these feats at the State outdoor track and field meet, as well as tying a record in the 100-meter dash, and

Whereas, in recognition of these diverse athletic achievements, the *Valley News* named Owen Pelletier as a 2017 High School Athlete of the Year, a truly deserved honor, and

Whereas, as a senior, Owen Pelletier has continued to excel as a member of: the Raptors' Division IV championship soccer team, the Division IV all-State boys' soccer team, and the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association's Division III-IV all-star boys' squad, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Owen Pelletier of Rivendell Academy on being named a 2017 *Valley News* High School Athlete of the Year, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 327.

House concurrent resolution honoring Chittenden community leader Robert Bearor

Offered by: Representative Harrison of Chittenden

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, in 1968, Robert and Teenie Bearor settled in the town of Chittenden and established Teenie's Tiny Poultry Farm, now a Chittenden landmark, and

Whereas, Robert Bearor has been a civic leader in the Town of Chittenden and in Rutland County, and

Whereas, 37 years ago, they started the now annual Teenie's Seniors and Handicapped Fishing Derby to enable Bob Bearor's father, who had a handicap, to enjoy fishing, and this event has grown from the original 35 participants to over 200; the Bearors have also created a children's fishing derby; and both are offered at no charge to the participants, and

Whereas, their strong desire to assist those in need evolved into a continuing association with the Salvation Army, and

Whereas, Bob Bearor has long been associated with the Rutland County Agricultural Society, Inc. that manages the Vermont State Fair, and

Whereas, in 2015, when the fair was having difficulties, the society appointed Bob Bearor as general manager, and his decisive leadership was critical to reviving this historic and much-loved Vermont institution, and

Whereas, the citizens of Chittenden are best acquainted with Bob Bearor as a long-serving selectboard member, a tenure that dated from his first election through the subsequent 45 years, and

Whereas, as a selectboard member, his exemplary civic service was broad in scope and greatly benefited the town of Chittenden, and

Whereas, after four and one-half decades serving as a municipal legislator, Bob Bearor decided not to seek reelection in 2018, concluding a remarkable career on the Chittenden Selectboard that the community greatly appreciates, and

Whereas, the meeting room at the Chittenden Town Office is being named in honor of Robert Bearor in recognition of his extraordinary public service on behalf of the town of Chittenden, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Chittenden community leader Robert Bearor, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Robert Bearor and the Chittenden Town Clerk.