

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

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Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Representative or Senator requests floor consideration before the end of Friday's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration must be communicated to the House Clerk's office or the Senate Secretary's office.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 328.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Rivendell Academy Raptors Division IV championship boys' soccer team

Offered by: Representative Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford

Offered by: Senators Benning, Kitchel, and MacDonald

Whereas, until the momentous 2017 season, the Rivendell Academy boys' soccer team had never stepped onto a championship field, and

Whereas, the Raptors were seeded first for the Division IV playoffs, a great accomplishment and a symbolic step toward earning the long-elusive championship crown, and

Whereas, Rivendell proved its top ranking was merited, securing a berth in the decisive game in Randolph, where the second-seeded Long Trail School Mountain Lions team was the formidable opponent, and

Whereas, Rivendell's fans excitedly cheered the Raptors before the game began, thrilled to have reached this new competition plateau, and

Whereas, the Raptors did not disappoint their supporters, scoring the sole goal 12 minutes into the game, and Rivendell's resilient defense continuously rebuffed the Mountain Lions, who hovered near the goal post for much of the second half of play, and

Whereas, the jubilant Raptors were Dashiell Fukushima, Max Haehnel, Johnny Vogelien, AJ DeBois, Tyler Gray, Charlie Bradley, Luke Senn, Lennart Burgwedel, Owen Pelletier, Griffin Formica, Noah Martel, Francisco Inigo, Dylan Ricker, Wyatt Guillette, Zach Gould, Ryan Woodbeck, Isaac Martel, Ross McFate, Caleb Haehnel, Zach Dexter, and Sean Maddock, and

Whereas, Head Coach Bob Thatcher had recently retired as the Rivendell Academy Director of Athletics, but he is glad to have remained as the school's boys' soccer coach and now plans to continue in this role, and

Whereas, the entire coaching staff, consisting of Head Coach Bob Thatcher and assistant coaches Doug Pilcher, Jeff Huntington, and Lawrence Hibbard

were elated with the team's historic victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Rivendell Academy Raptors Division IV championship boys' soccer team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 329.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the centennial of Newport City

Offered by: Representatives Marcotte of Coventry and Viens of Newport City

Offered by: Senators Rodgers and Starr

Whereas, in 1802, the General Assembly granted a municipal charter to George Duncan and his associates; the original name of the community was Duncansborough, and in 1816, the General Assembly renamed the municipality Newport, probably in recognition of its status as a new port on Lake Memphremagog, and

Whereas, by the 1870s, a thriving Newport Village developed on the shores of Lake Memphremagog, welcoming American and Canadian tourists arriving via boat and rail and accommodating them in several large hotels, and the 1800's Lady of the Lake steamer is pictured on the Newport City seal, and

Whereas, by the second decade of the 20th century, the more urbanized Newport Village and the adjacent Village of West Derby, in the town of Derby, were urbanized communities in otherwise rural host towns, and

Whereas, in recognition of this demographic divergence, the General Assembly enacted 1917 Acts and Resolves No. 273, "An Act to Incorporate a City of Newport, a Town of Newport and a Town of Derby" that, pending voter approval in the affected towns, established the new city and reconfigured the two original towns' boundaries, and

Whereas, on Town Meeting Day, March, 5, 1918, the newly formed Newport City was organized and all the new borders took effect, and

Whereas, among prominent Newporters have been: federal officials U.S. Senator Winston Prouty and Interstate Commerce Commissioner Charles Prouty; Vermont officials Governors Josiah Grout and George Prouty, Lieutenant Governor David Camp, Secretaries of State Harry Black and Aaron

Grout, and Supreme Court Justice Rudolph Daley; New Hampshire Governor Lane Dwinell; real estate developer and philanthropist Antonio Pomerleau; astronaut Duane Graveline; and Boston Bruins founder Charles Adams, for whom the National Hockey League's Adams Division was named, and

Whereas, Newport City will conduct a joyous centennial celebration from June 29 through July 4, 2018, and among the many featured events will be concerts, live shows, dances, an art exhibit, church suppers, a parade, train rides, 18th-century war reenactments, and fireworks, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial of Newport City, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 330.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Our Community Cares Camp organization on entering its 10th year of operation

Offered by: Representatives Gardner of Richmond, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Till of Jericho, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Baruth, Ingram, Lyons, Pearson, and Sirotkin

Whereas, in 2009, the Our Community Cares Camp (OCCC) was incorporated as a summertime service to reach children of families in the Chittenden East Supervisory Union (CESU) who are food insecure, of low income, and under-resourced, and

Whereas, the essential points of the OCCC mission and vision are to create "a caring, nourishing community" dedicated to "developing a rich culture" for the children participating in OCCC programs, and

Whereas, OCCC addresses three important issues: 1) food insecurity in the summer, 2) the achievement gap, and 3) the opportunity gap for children from families of lower income, and

Whereas, the supportive, caring community, the quality time spent with caring adults and older teens, and the opportunities to discover new skills and strengths promote resiliency against adverse childhood experiences, and

Whereas, these camps are operated at no cost to the campers on a four-week, half-day schedule, and

Whereas, many campers attend for multiple years, moving from camper to

intern to counselor, demonstrating a progression that can be a path out of poverty, and

Whereas, the innovative public-private partnership between OCCC and other local entities enables lower-income CESU students to attend summer activity programs, get the nutrition they need to stay healthy, perform community service, participate in job and leadership training opportunities with a lifelong impact, and raise their awareness of challenges affecting families of lower income, and

Whereas, the governmental, business, and nonprofit organizations partnering with OCCC create a safety net that exemplifies an ideal community, and

Whereas, in 2018, OCCC is entering its 10th year of providing summer food and nourishment services within a caring supportive community setting, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Our Community Cares Camp organization on entering its 10th year of operation, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the OCCC organization in Richmond.

H.C.R. 331.

House concurrent resolution honoring Dawn Francis for her career achievements as a regional planner, municipal administrator, and public policy advocate

Offered by: Representatives Taylor of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, Dakin of Colchester, Bissonnette of Winooski, Canfield of Fair Haven, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Head of South Burlington, Macaig of Williston, McCoy of Poultney, Myers of Essex, Pajala of Londonderry, Pugh of South Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Townsend of South Burlington, and Turner of Milton

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, Dawn Francis graduated from the University of Vermont and continued on, earning a master's in natural resources planning, and

Whereas, her first professional position was as a planner for the Franklin-Grand Isle Regional Planning Commission, and

Whereas, for 19 years, she served Essex town government, first as a

planner, then as director of community development, and ultimately as deputy town manager, and

Whereas, in 2004, Dawn Francis left municipal service to join the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce as its government affairs director, and

Whereas, in her advocacy role at the Chamber, Dawn Francis's policy portfolio focused especially on environmental, transportation, and workforce development matters, and she actively participated in the Leadership Champlain program that acquaints business officials with State government, and she also served during this time on the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, and

Whereas, members of the business community respected Dawn Francis's conscientiousness, congenial personality, and keen ability to work with elected officials, regardless of their partisan affiliation, and

Whereas, in 2013, the town of Colchester appointed Dawn Francis as its town manager, and

Whereas, she not only brought extensive municipal experience to her new job but also an in-depth knowledge of State government, and

Whereas, as in her prior jobs, she quickly earned the respect of her colleagues and constituents, and

Whereas, Dawn Francis served as a board member (2013–2018) of both the Champlain Housing Trust and the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI), including her chairing the CUSI board (2016–2018), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dawn Francis for her career achievements as a regional planner, municipal administrator, and public policy advocate, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 332.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 BFA-St. Albans Comets Division I championship girls' ice hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Parent of St. Albans Town, Keenan of St. Albans City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Beyor of Highgate, Connor of

Fairfield, Gamache of Swanton, Murphy of Fairfax, Pearce of Richford, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, and Weed of Enosburgh

Whereas, the pairing of the top-seeded Essex Hornets and the second-seeded BFA-St. Albans Comets in the 2018 Division I girls' ice hockey championship game, played at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse, ensured an exciting evening of action on the ice, and

Whereas, the Comets are proud of the team's history of ice hockey excellence, having captured nine Division I crowns from 2002 until 2013, and

Whereas, BFA-St. Albans scored the game's opening goal in the second period; and with this narrow 1–0 lead entered the third period, during which Essex executed a number of potentially tying plays that the Comets rebuffed among the team's 24 saves that evening; and with roughly two and one-half minutes remaining, BFA-St. Albans scored a final goal, winning the game 2–0 and clinching the 2018 Division I title, and

Whereas, Comets Chloe Rouleau, Mckenna Remillard, Molly Marshall, Linsey Larrow, Abbie Casey, Presley Boyce, Carolyn Perry, Lizzie Hill, Maddie Curtis, Chiara Skeels, Grace Adamczak, Emma Lovelette, Peyton Dukas, Hailey Savage, Meghan Connor, Julia Ellis, Morgan Shoram, Elizabeth Dukas, Macie Boissonneault, and Madeleine Hungerford skated with precision, and

Whereas, Head Coach Luke Cioffi, assistant coaches Jeff Rouleau, Kristin Viens, Caitlin Manahan, and Roxanne Douville-Handy, and team managers Marissa Needleman, Olivia Beauregard, Kya Gagne, and Cecie Ladd all played roles that contributed to the Comets' great 2017–2018 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 BFA-St. Albans Comets Division I championship girls' ice hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to BFA-St. Albans.

H.C.R. 333.

House concurrent resolution honoring Karen Richard for her exemplary municipal public service career in the town of Colchester

Offered by: Representatives Taylor of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Condon of Colchester, and Dakin of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, beginning in 1987, Karen Richard worked in Colchester's assessor's office, including eight years as an elected lister, becoming familiar with the municipality's land records and their challenges, and

Whereas, in 1998, the Colchester electorate selected Karen Richard as town clerk and treasurer, beginning an outstanding two-decade tenure, and

Whereas, one of her first objectives was replacing the town's antiquated and inadequate voting machines, resulting in more effective and reliable voting recordation and tabulation, and

Whereas, she implemented the digitization of Colchester's land records, and

Whereas, Colchester was one of the first Vermont municipalities to complete this historic conversion, making the records more easily accessible and increasing their physical protection, and

Whereas, beyond her official duties at the Colchester municipal office, Karen Richard served as clerk and treasurer of Colchester Fire District No. 3 and on the heritage project's governance committee, and

Whereas, for over two decades, Karen Richard has served as a Champlain Water District Commissioner, and

Whereas, Karen Richard earned her certification as a Vermont Municipal Clerk and Treasurer, improving her professional knowledge and skills, and

Whereas, she demonstrated strong leadership while chairing the Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association Legislative Committee and served as a member-at-large on the association's executive board, and

Whereas, Karen Richard has educated her colleagues, advocated on their behalf in statewide forums, and is the recipient of both the Clerk of the Year and Treasurer of the Year awards, and

Whereas, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Board of Directors greatly benefited from her membership on the panel, and

Whereas, in June 2018, this superb elected official and administrator is concluding her 31-year municipal career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Karen Richard for her exemplary municipal public service career in the town of Colchester, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 334.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 BFA-St. Albans Comets State championship girls' snowboarding team

Offered by: Representatives Parent of St. Albans Town, Beyor of Highgate, Connor of Fairfield, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gamache of Swanton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Murphy of Fairfax, Pearce of Richford, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, and Weed of Enosburgh

Whereas, snowboarding is a sport for daring athletes who revel in being propelled across the trails and through the air at angles that thrill spectators and garner credit from the judges, and

Whereas, during the winter of 2017–2018, the members of the BFA-St. Albans girls' snowboarding team practiced persistently to improve their individual and collective performances on the trails, and

Whereas, the Comets confidently entered the State championship tournament held at the Okemo Mountain Resort in Ludlow, and

Whereas, BFA-St. Albans' record of achievement at Okemo included five top individual completions in the halfpipe and slopestyle competition; these results contributed to team placements of first in the halfpipe and slopestyle and third in the giant slalom categories, catapulting the Comets into a well-earned 2018 State championship, and

Whereas, the BFA-St. Albans snowboarders, who so expertly traversed the snowy slopes were Autumn Gratton, Sierra Law, Taylor Pelkey, and Marie Wolf, and

Whereas, Head Coach Brett Walker inspired the girls to master the intricate aspects of this challenging sport, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 BFA-St. Albans Comets State championship girls' snowboarding team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to BFA-St. Albans.

H.C.R. 335.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Mount Anthony Union High School wrestling team on its 30th consecutive State championship

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal,

Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, and Morris of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Champion and Sears

Whereas, certainly no Vermont and perhaps no national high school varsity wrestling team has achieved the generational success of the Mount Anthony Union High School Patriots, and

Whereas, at the 2018 State high school wrestling championship tournament in Brandon, the Mount Anthony Union High School Patriots were not surprisingly the dominant contender, and

Whereas, every competing Patriot earned team points, seven won individual championships, and Mount Anthony clinched its historic and remarkable 30th consecutive State crown, overwhelming second-place Essex High School 274.5 to 168, and

Whereas, at the New England regional championship tournament, seven individual Patriot wrestlers placed first, and no Patriot wrestler placed lower than sixth in his respective weight class, and one of the team's members scored an impressive eighth-place finish at the National High School Coaches Association tournament, and

Whereas, the talented wrestling Patriots are Calvin Hayford, Keenan Taylor, Christopher Mayer, Adam Osha, Colin Crowley, Brodie Krawczyk, Logan Sprague, Blake Carey, Keegan Coon, Noah Call, Stephen Brillon, Julian Granger, Sam Wilkins, Gage Mclaughlin, Mickey Benard, and Tyler Burgess, and their student managers are Taylor Dicranian and Anna Jacobs, and

Whereas, Head Coach Brian Coon and assistant coaches Jason Dicranian, Jeremy Burns, Wayne Call, Bernie Barriere, Scott Frost, Paul Monick, and Ray Miro are superb mentors for the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Mount Anthony Union High School wrestling team on its 30th consecutive State championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 336.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Windsor High School

Yellowjackets Division III championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Belaski of Windsor and Bartholomew of Hartland

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, having not won a divisional crown in a decade, the top-seeded Windsor High School Yellowjackets eagerly anticipated the opportunity to display their basketball prowess at the Division III championship game played at the Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, the Yellowjackets faced perhaps their most formidable opponent, the second-seeded Williamstown High School Blue Devils, both the defending champions and the winner of the Division III title for seven of the past nine years, and

Whereas, this exhilarating game featured five ties and eight lead changes, but Windsor overcame Williamstown's 35–30 halftime advantage when the Yellowjackets staged a 41–point, second-half scoring spree that culminated in a 71–59 victory, and capturing the 2018 Division III championship, and

Whereas, Yellowjackets Daniel Cardillo, Robert Slocum, Duncan Frazer, Ben Meagher, Seth Balch, Ryland Richardson, Tate Hurd, Dakota Page, Dakohta Sanderson, Hunter Grela, Zackery Tucker, Jacob Harriman, Tyler Wright, Elijah Milligan, Adam Stapleton, and Colby Darrell proved they deserved this special victory, and

Whereas, Head Coach Harry Ladue, assistant coaches Larry Dougher, Don Swinyer, Bill Page, and Brodie Ladue, and athletic trainer Stefanie Curtis can take credit for their contributions to the Yellowjackets' success, 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 boys' 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. 337.

House concurrent resolution designating April 2018 as Veterans Suicide Awareness Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Strong of Albany, Christie of Hartford,

Gonzalez of Winooski, Head of South Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Morrissey of Bennington, Read of Fayston, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sibilina of Dover, Smith of Derby, Stevens of Waterbury, and Walz of Barre City

Whereas, our nation's veterans encounter many readjustment challenges upon their reentry into civilian life, and

Whereas, most tragically, these challenges too frequently culminate in suicide, and

Whereas, although age and regional variants exist, veterans undeniably are more susceptible to suicide than the adult nonveteran population, and

Whereas, according to a September 2017 media release from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (Department), the most recently available data indicate that, after adjusting for age and sex, there is a 22 percent higher risk for veterans compared to the adult nonveteran U.S. population to succumb to suicide, and

Whereas, the Department's research documented that 65 percent of all veteran suicide victims are 50 years of age and older, and

Whereas, these statistics paint a picture that is most unfortunate and emphasize the need to focus more intensively on addressing this intolerable situation, and

Whereas, greater public awareness combined with more effective support services and treatment will be required to reverse this statistical trend, and

Whereas, one Vermonter who is making a special personal effort to help lower the veterans' suicide rate is Valerie Pallotta, whose son Josh was a veteran who succumbed to suicide, and

Whereas, she is fundraising to establish Josh's House in his memory and as a support facility to help veterans who have suicidal inclinations, and

Whereas, the designation of a month for Vermonters to pay special attention to our State's and nation's veterans who may be considering suicide will heighten public sensitivity to this continuing societal dilemma, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 2018 as Veterans Suicide Awareness 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 National Guard, the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs, and Valerie Pallotta.

H.C.R. 338.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Middlebury Union High School Tigers Division II championship boys' Nordic skiing team

Offered by: Representatives Conlon of Cornwall, Norris of Shoreham, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, and Smith of New Haven

Whereas, as the defending 2017 Division II Nordic skiing champions, the Middlebury Union High School Tigers sought to extend their winning ways into a second consecutive season, and

Whereas, the State championship is a two-day event consisting of both freestyle and classic skiing, and

Whereas, at the end of the freestyle skiing competition, conducted at the Craftsbury Nordic Ski Center, the Tigers, whose individual performances included a first- and third- place finish, held a narrow three-point advantage, and

Whereas, at the championship meet's classic competition, skied on the friendly home trails of the Rickert Nordic Center in Ripton, the Tigers placed first, third, sixth, and eighth in the individual race, easily won the relay race, and convincingly clinched the Division II title, defeating U-32, 69–94, and

Whereas, the victorious Tigers were Cade Christner, Sam Hodges, Thomas Hussey, Julian Schmitt, Jamie Gonzalez, Mauricio Gonzalez, Michael Huber, Owen Southerland, William Carpenter, Gabriel Cason, Joseph Findlay, Owen Palsik, David Peters, Alexander Bleich, Fraser Milligan, Kieran Sheridan, and Nicholas Suchomel, and

Whereas, first-year Head Coach Linnea Manley met the coaching challenge and appreciated the support of assistant coaches Barney Hodges, Bruce Ingersoll, Ben Rosenberg, and Keith Wilkerson, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Middlebury Union High School Tigers Division II championship boys' Nordic skiing team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 339.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Middlebury Union High School Tigers Division II championship girls' Nordic skiing team

Offered by: Representatives Conlon of Cornwall, Norris of Shoreham, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, and Smith of New Haven

Whereas, as the defending Division II Nordic skiing girls' championship team, the Middlebury Union High School Tigers hit the trails this winter seeking to repeat their 2017 success, and

Whereas, despite securing first, ninth, and tenth place in the championship meet's first day's freestyle race at the Craftsbury Nordic Center, the Tigers returned home with a 21-point deficit, trailing the top-scoring U-32 Raiders, and

Whereas, nevertheless, the Tigers remained optimistic and looked forward to the meet's second day's classic skiing at the team's home base, the Rikert Nordic Center in Ripton, and

Whereas, at Rikert, the Tiger girls were supreme in the team relay, enabling them to overcome their Friday scoring deficit, and narrowly defeat U-32, 78–84, and retain the Division II title, and

Whereas, the victorious Tigers were Caroline Kimble, Katherine Koehler, Isabel Rosenberg, Aileen Bosworth, Anabel Hernandez, Audrey Huston, Larken Kenney, Sarah Grace Kutter, Maisie Newbury, Katherine Wallace, Ellen Berg, Malia Hodges, Journey LaRose, Mira Maglienti, Mary Nagy-Benson, Isabel Olson, Catherine Schmit, Alison Seaton, and Sofia Stefani, and

Whereas, first-year Head Coach Linnea Manley and assistant coaches Barney Hodges, Bruce Ingersoll, Ben Rosenberg, and Keith Wilkerson inspired these young skiers to perform their best, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Middlebury Union High School Tigers Division II championship girls' Nordic skiing team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 340.

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont's electric utility lineworkers for their special role in the creation, maintenance, and restoration of the State's electric power line system

Offered by: Representative Young

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, the late 19th century's introduction of electrification into Vermont and its broader installation throughout the State during the 20th century marked a fundamental change in Vermonters' daily lives, and

Whereas, key to the rollout and continuity of electrification has been the electric utility lineworkers, whose patience and skill are fundamental to keeping the system operating fully and properly, and

Whereas, electric utility lineworkers strung the first lines that introduced electricity to Vermont bereft of the modern technology used today, with minimal, if any, mapping to guide them across new terrain, and ignorant of fundamental safety rules that are now universally observed, and

Whereas, the remarkable achievements of these first electric utility lineworkers subtracts nothing from the astounding accomplishments of their contemporary counterparts, and

Whereas, in 2018, electric utility lineworkers maintain a network of electric power lines that represents a degree of advanced technical sophistication, and

Whereas, these workers are reliable, highly trained, and dedicated to ensuring that the power remains on and, if disrupted, restored as quickly as possible, and

Whereas, most noteworthy is the beyond-the-call-of-duty performance of electric utility lineworkers in the wake of severe weather and natural- and human-caused disasters, when they work incredible hours under unbelievably difficult conditions to restore power; and

Whereas, on occasion, they are required to reconstruct the electric power transmission infrastructure from scratch, and

Whereas, electric utility lineworkers assist their colleagues when similar disasters strike other states and Canadian provinces, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont's electric utility lineworkers for their special role in the creation, maintenance, and restoration of the State's electric power line system, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Burlington Electric Department, Green Mountain Power, the Stowe Electric Department, the Vermont Electric Cooperative, the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority, and the Washington Electric Cooperative.

H.C.R. 341.

House concurrent resolution honoring the Vermont Senior Games Association for its encouragement of physical fitness for older Vermonters

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Baser of Bristol, Buckholz of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, Deen of Westminster, Hooper of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Partridge of Windham, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of New Haven, Troiano of Stannard, Webb of Shelburne, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, in 1983, the Vermont Senior Games Association (VSGA) was established to promote fun, fitness, and fellowship among the growing population of Vermonters who are 50 years of age and older, and

Whereas, the VSGA's programs range from informal physical fitness activities and sports training clinics to athletic competitions in nationally sanctioned events, including basketball, bowling, cycling, golf, horseshoes, racquet sports, swimming, table tennis, track and field, and triathlon, and

Whereas, it organizes the demanding annual Vermont Senior Games Championships that enable athletes 50 years of age and older to qualify for the elite biennial National Senior Games, where, in 2017, in Birmingham, Alabama, 31 Vermont senior athletes competed and collectively won five gold, 11 silver, and five bronze medals, and

Whereas, although the honor of winning medals is a special incentive, the VSGA is dedicated to enabling all interested Vermonters who are 50 years of age and older, of all athletic abilities, to enjoy and benefit from the fun, fitness, and fellowship of competitive sports, and

Whereas, the Vermont Senior Games are made possible through the support of and in partnership with the Vermont Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association, Vermont Systems, Inc., as well as many other athletic organizations, sports facilities, and community businesses, and

Whereas, today, April 19, 2018, members of VSGA's volunteer board of directors, sports coordinators, and supporters are visiting the State House to celebrate and honor the Vermont senior athletes who competed in the 2017 National Senior Games, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Vermont Senior Games Association for its encouragement of physical fitness for older Vermonters, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Senior Games Association.

H.C.R. 342.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Wallace L. Mattison of Pownal on his appointment as Chevalier of the Legion of Honor of France

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Keefe of Manchester, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, since 2004, as a special recognition of the nation's gratitude, the government of France has awarded surviving American military combat veterans of World War II who served in France the rank of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, the nation's highest military and civilian honor, and

Whereas, Wally Mattison, a native of Bennington, was inducted into the U.S. Army in March 1943, and after training as a light machine gunner was deployed to the European Theater of Operations in March 1944 and assigned to the 29th Infantry Division, 115th Regiment, and

Whereas, in June 1944, shortly after the D-Day Invasion, he landed in France, fighting in the front lines of the Normandy Campaign until August, assaulting multiple German positions, and capturing a German soldier, and

Whereas, after Normandy, Wally Mattison fought in the Battle of St. Lo that ended with the occupation of that city and then continued forward to the Battle for Brest, and

Whereas, on September 12, 1944, as part of his American military contingent's assaulting and advancing toward a German garrison in Brest, and while crawling out of a tank trap, he was shot, the bullet barely missing his spine, and

Whereas, once removed from the battle scene, Wally Mattison recuperated for a period of five months before returning to combat in February 1945, participating in the capture and occupation of several German cities, and

Whereas, Wally Mattison was the recipient of several military medals, including a Purple Heart, and

Whereas, upon returning home to Vermont, he embarked on an illustrious 40-year career with the Bennington Police Department, retiring as a captain and acting chief, and

Whereas, on July 10, 2017, by decree of the President of the French Republic, Wallace Mattison was appointed as Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, and

Whereas, at a memorable ceremony held on November 22, 2017 at the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, the Boston-based Consul General of France honored Wallace Mattison for his gallant service that helped save the French nation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Wallace L. Mattison of Pownal on his appointment as Chevalier of the Legion of Honor of France, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 343.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Special Olympics International on its 50th anniversary and extending best wishes to the Special Olympics Vermont delegation competing in the Special Olympics 2018 USA Games

Offered by: Representatives Wood of Waterbury, Ainsworth of Royalton, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland, 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, 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, Connor of Fairfield, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, 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, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Forguites of Springfield, Frenier of Chelsea, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Gannon of Wilmington, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Jessup of Middlesex, Joseph of North Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keefe of Manchester, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lewis of Berlin, Long of Newfane, 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, Morrissey of Bennington, 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, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, 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, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wright of Burlington, Yacovone of Morristown, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Balint, Branagan, Bray, Brock, Clarkson, Collamore, Flory, McCormack, Nitka, Soucy, and White

Whereas, half a century ago, Special Olympics was established to create “a new world of inclusion and community, where every single person is accepted and welcomed, regardless of ability or disability,” and

Whereas, Special Olympics is centered on athletes with intellectual disabilities who are provided the opportunity to develop their physical fitness and engage in athletic competitions, and

Whereas, the first International Special Olympics World Summer Games were held at Chicago's Soldier Field on July 19–20, 1968, and

Whereas, Special Olympics Vermont was established in 1971, and in 2018, it is an organization offering year-round activities and serving 1,700 athletes and the unified partners, in 13 Olympic-type sports, and

Whereas, at Special Olympics Vermont's largest games, its Healthy Athletes service offers comprehensive free health exams for the athletes, and

Whereas, Special Olympics Vermont's Young Athletes program serves children two through seven years of age, and

Whereas, through its Unified Sports program, Special Olympics Vermont brings together the athletes and their unified athletic partners, athletes without disabilities, in inclusive sports competitions that engender greater understanding and friendship, and

Whereas, every four years, Special Olympics conducts its USA Games, and in July 2018, this great event will take place in Seattle, Washington, with over

4,000 athletes including 14 Vermonters competing in basketball, swimming, and track, and

Whereas, the proud 2018 Special Olympics Vermont delegation members are Lindsey Albertelli, Zada Anderson, Hayley Clos, Kevin Conger, Wayne Elias, Robert Ellis-Clark, Paul Keen, Shannon Loiseau, Christopher Mitchell, Michelle Olden, Aaron Sanville, Graham Walker, Erin Watson, and Gary Whalon, and

Whereas, the delegation's coaches are Peter Booth, Selina Hunter, Chad Phalon, and Anthony Spagnolo, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Special Olympics International on its 50th anniversary and extends best wishes to the 2018 Special Olympics Vermont national team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 344.

House concurrent resolution commending the agriculture community's contributions in support of the objectives of Earth Day

Offered by: Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

Whereas, in their daily lives, the State's farmers make every effort to protect the environment whether they are working the soil, harvesting crops, tending to farm animals, or engaged in dairy operations, and

Whereas, 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 64 (Act 64) was adopted to "manage and regulate the waters of the State so that water quality is improved and not degraded," and

Whereas, from an agricultural perspective, a key element of Act 64 was Sec. 4 that added 6 V.S.A. § 4810a, revising the required agricultural practices (RAP) that Vermont farmers must follow, and

Whereas, these practices include strict requirements setting forth the method for stacking or piling manure; storing fertilizer or other nutrients; and requiring the construction and management of barnyards, animal holding areas, and waste management systems in a manner to prevent runoff, all intended to improve water quality, and

Whereas, in 2017, in part in response to Act 64, the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets' Water Quality Division stepped up its activities,

performing 392 inspection visits, conducting 93 educational events related to the revised RAPs, increasing its enforcement by 145 percent, and hiring five new staff members, and

Whereas, the University of Vermont Extension's Agronomy and Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) has also assisted the State's farmers, and

Whereas, in 2015–2016, 195 farms in the Lake Champlain Watershed worked with ACAP, and as a result 46,235 acres of farmland were placed into nutrient management planning; 5,297 acres were cultivated with conservation tillage or no-till planting; and 4,036 acres were subject to cover cropping, and

Whereas, important practices that decrease agriculture's impact on water quality include: keeping the soil covered, minimizing soil disturbance, introducing plant diversity, using living roots as often as possible, and improving livestock integration, and

Whereas, these steps on the part of the agricultural community result in carbon sequestration, meaning a reduction in the amount of carbon released into the atmosphere, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends the agriculture community's contributions in support of the objectives of Earth Day, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 345.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Vermont-associated winter Olympians

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, in 2018, the Winter Olympians who either reside or trained in Vermont brought great athleticism and sportsmanship to this premiere international event held in Pyeongchang, South Korea, and

Whereas, the Vermont-associated competitors who shined as bright as any star, their respective Vermont ties, and homeplaces were: Lowell Bailey, biathlon, University of Vermont, Lake Placid, New York; Tommy Biesemeyer, alpine skiing, Burke Mountain Academy-University of Vermont, Keene, New York; Mac Bohannon, freestyle skiing, Stratton Mountain School, Madison, Connecticut; Patrick Caldwell, alpine skiing, Stratton Mountain School, Lyme, New Hampshire; Sophie Caldwell, cross-country skiing, Peru, Vermont;

Caroline Claire, freestyle skiing, Manchester Center; Kelly Clark, snowboarding, West Dover; Ryan Cochran-Siegle, alpine skiing; Starksboro; Jessie Diggins, cross-country skiing, Stratton; Emily Dreissigacker, biathlon, Morrisville; Kevin Drury, freestyle skiing, University of Vermont, Toronto, Ontario; Susan Dunklee, biathlon, Barton; Ryan Gunderson, ice hockey, University of Vermont, Bensalem Township, Pennsylvania; Simi Hamilton, cross-country skiing, Middlebury College, Aspen, Colorado; Lindsey Jacobellis, snowboarding, Stratton; Nolan Kasper, alpine skiing, Warren; Devin Logan, freestyle skiing, West Dover; Alice Merryweather, alpine skiing, Stratton Mountain School, Hingham, Massachusetts; Kaitlynn Miller, cross-country skiing, Elmore; Arabella Ng, alpine skiing, Green Mountain Valley School, Hong Kong; Andy Newell, cross-country skiing, Shaftsbury; Jonathan Nordbotten, cross-country skiing, University of Vermont, Kolbotn, Norway; Caitlin Patterson, cross-country skiing, Craftsbury; Scott Patterson, cross-country skiing, Craftsbury; Amanda Pelkey, ice hockey, Montpelier; Ida Sargent, cross-country skiing, Craftsbury; Mikaela Shiffrin, alpine skiing, Burke Mountain Academy, Eagle-Vail, Colorado; Emerson Smith, freestyle skiing, Dover; Laurence St-Germain, alpine skiing, University of Vermont, Saint-Ferréol-les-Neiges, Québec; Viktor Stalberg, ice hockey, University of Vermont, Gothenburg, Sweden; Liz Stephen, cross-country skiing, East Montpelier; and Connor Wilson, alpine skiing, University of Vermont, Johannesburg, South Africa, and

Whereas, on a population per Olympian basis, Vermont was the best-represented State at the 2018 Winter Olympics, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Vermont-associated winter Olympians, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the Olympic athletes named in this resolution.