

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**April 26, 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. 346.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating 2018 Winter Olympics gold medal winners Jessie Diggins, Amanda Pelkey, and Mikaela Shiffrin

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, although the sport of cross-country skiing has long been a centerpiece of Winter Olympics' lore, until 2018, no American women cross-country skiers had ever won a medal, be it gold, silver, or bronze, in this event, and

Whereas, in 2018, Jessie Diggins, who resides and trains in Stratton, was a member of a two-person cross-country ski team that corrected any false impressions of the sport's American competitors' skills, winning the gold medal in the women's team sprint freestyle, and she was especially honored to be named as the United States flag bearer for the closing ceremonies, and

Whereas, Montpelier's Amanda Pelkey is a University of Vermont graduate who set the school's women's ice hockey team's records for goals (49), assists (56), and points (105), and

Whereas, Amanda Pelkey was a member of the 2015–2016 National Women's Hockey League's Boston Pride that clinched the League's inaugural championship, and

Whereas, she was a proud member of the 2018 U.S. Olympic gold medal women's ice hockey team, the first in 20 years, that defeated Canada in a thrilling 3–2 overtime contest, reversing the outcomes of the 2010 and 2014 gold-medal games, and

Whereas, as a student at Burke Academy, Mikaela Shiffrin demonstrated her alpine skiing prowess in 2013, becoming the fourth youngest woman to win a World Cup title, the first American World Cup slalom champion since 1983, and has continued to excel in World Cup competition, and

Whereas, at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, Mikaela Shiffrin won the gold medal in the women's slalom, and

Whereas, Mikaela Shiffrin was a medal favorite at the 2018 Winter

Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea, and departed for home with both a gold medal in the women's giant slalom and a silver in the alpine combined competition, and

Whereas, these women were great representatives of Vermont and demonstrated why the Green Mountain State is a center of winter athletic competition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates 2018 Winter Olympics' gold medal winners Jessie Diggins, Amanda Pelkey, and Mikaela Shiffrin, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of these Olympic gold medalists.

#### **H.C.R. 347.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks State championship gymnastics team

Offered by: Representatives Yantachka of Charlotte, Brumsted of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Ingram and Lyons

Whereas, the Redhawks of Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) had waited 29 years to win another State gymnastics championship, and

Whereas, achieving this long-sought victory necessitated defeating the 12-time State title holders, the Essex High School Hornets, but the Redhawks had practiced intensely preceding the State meet, held in the not necessarily most supportive location, the Essex High School gym, and

Whereas, persevering was imperative when CVU trailed slightly after the vault and bar events, although the team was encouraged by winning the top individual score in both, and

Whereas, team wins in the beams and floor exercise competitions, plus the best individual floor exercise performance, led to a total of 142.35 CVU points and a historic Redhawk 2018 State title, and

Whereas, the agile CVU gymnasts were Alix St. Hilaire, Bella Durochia, Bianca Lococo-Snyder, Delaney Miller-Bottoms, Jam Giubardo, Kam Giubardo, Laurynn Bombardier, Lexie Cody, Macy Lagrow, Madeleine Serafini, Margaret Gannon, Samantha Haviland, and Tali Giubardo, and

Whereas, Head Coach Madison Bourdeau and assistant coach Ashley Bachand savored their team's glorious victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks State championship gymnastics team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 348.**

House concurrent resolution designating April 19, 2018 as Vermont Golf Day

Offered by: Representatives Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Cupoli of Rutland City, Poirier of Barre City, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shaw of Pittsford, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senator Soucy

Whereas, the presence of the game of golf in Vermont dates back to the late 19th century, and

Whereas, the Vermont Golf Association (VGA), established in 1902, represents most Vermont golf clubs and over 8,000 amateur golfers, and conducts tournaments and competitions for golfers of all abilities, and

Whereas, since 1964, the VGA Scholarship Fund has awarded in excess of \$1.3 million to graduates of Vermont high schools who are pursuing a college education, and

Whereas, in 1930, the Vermont State Women's Golf Association was created to encourage women to play the game of golf and sponsors events for women golfers, and

Whereas, the Vermont chapter of the Professional Golfers Association of America was organized in 1965 and in 1982 became a chartered member of the New England Professional Golfers Association, and

Whereas, the Vermont Senior Golf Association represents the interests of Vermont's senior golfers, and

Whereas, in 1977, the Vermont Golf Course Superintendents Association was founded to promote the art and science of golf course management, and

Whereas, the golf courses in Vermont annually generate revenue in excess of \$61 million, are responsible for over 1,850 jobs representing \$28 million in wages, and raise more than \$2 million for charitable purposes, and

Whereas, approximately 90 elementary schools and Norwich University participate in the First Tee National School Program for aspiring young golfers, and

Whereas, today, April 19, the economic and historic importance of golf in Vermont is being celebrated at the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 19, 2018 as Vermont Golf Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Golf Association, to the Vermont Chapter of the Professional Golfers Association, and to the New England Professional Golfers Association.

### **H.C.R. 349.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Mill River Union High School Minutemen Division II championship cheerleading team

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

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, the 2017–2018 Mill River Minutemen cheerleaders, the youngest in the school’s history, were not only enthusiastic supporters of Mill River’s sports teams, but talented athletes in their own accord, and

Whereas, their athleticism was confirmed when at the February 17 State championship meet at Vergennes, the Minutemen outpaced every other school in either Division I or II in the tumbling category, and

Whereas, the Minutemen’s tumbling prowess contributed to a Division II victory as Mill River easily defeated the next highest scoring team 175 to 148, representing the highest cheerleading score Mill River had ever achieved and the second highest score overall at the meet, including Division I competitors, and

Whereas, when the Minutemen returned home after their Division II championship victory, the Clarendon Fire Department met the team’s bus for a midnight escort back to Mill River Union High School, and

Whereas, the triumphant Minutemen cheerleaders were Kassidy Buley, Ashleigh Baldwin, Joceyln Brisson, Molly Ward, Rachel Clark, Crystal Perham, Amber Prescott, Jacob Langlois, and Zoey Sheldon, and

Whereas, Head Coach Tabitha Pohl-Moore, assistant coach Rhonda Hart, and manager Megan Chapin were all delighted, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Mill River Union High School Minutemen Division II championship cheerleading team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 350.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Peter Gilbert for his outstanding leadership of the Vermont Humanities Council

Offered by: Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Hooper of Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donovan of Burlington, Grad of Moretown, Head of South Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, Partridge of Windham, Pugh of South Burlington, Smith of Derby, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, in 1974, the Vermont Humanities Council (the Council) was established with a mission to “engage all Vermonters in the world of ideas,” and

Whereas, the Council offers its programs at colleges, libraries, museums, elementary and secondary schools, and through other venues, and

Whereas, Peter Gilbert graduated from Dartmouth College and the Georgetown University Law Center and earned a master’s degree in English from the University of Virginia, and

Whereas, he transitioned from being an attorney at a major Boston law firm to teaching English at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, after 11 years on the Academy faculty, Peter Gilbert returned to Dartmouth, serving as a senior assistant to the college’s president and then as the Associate Provost, and

Whereas, in 2002, the Council recognized that Peter Gilbert's unusual background in the law and academia was the ideal combination for its executive director, and appointed him to this position, and

Whereas, his leadership was essential for the Council's restoration of and relocation to a Victorian mansion in Montpelier for its headquarters in 2005, and

Whereas, the First Wednesdays series, which Peter Gilbert created, offers prominent authors, journalists, and other speakers in exciting presentations at selected public libraries, and

Whereas, he started the Vermont Reads program in which children and adults throughout the State read the same book, and

Whereas, from 2010 to 2015, during the sesquicentennial observance of the Civil War, the Council offered the Civil War Book of Days e-mail series, and

Whereas, Peter Gilbert is a frequent Vermont Public Radio commentator, the author of the book *I Was Thinking, Travels in the World of Ideas*, the executor of the Robert Frost Estate, and has served on the Board of the Federation of State Humanities Councils, and

Whereas, in 2018, Peter Gilbert is concluding his Council leadership role, and is leaving a superb record of accomplishment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Peter Gilbert for his outstanding leadership of the Vermont Humanities Council, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 351.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating George Thomson on being named the 2018 Vermont Elementary School Principal of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly and Christensen of Weathersfield

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, George Thomson exemplifies the best traits in an elementary school principal and cares deeply about his students and faculty, and

Whereas, he graduated from Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York and earned a master's degree at Fitchburg State University in Massachusetts, and

Whereas, for nearly two decades, George Thomson was employed at the Eagle Hill School, a private college preparatory school in Massachusetts for students with learning challenges, and ultimately served as its headmaster, and

Whereas, in 1989, he relocated to Vermont to assume the principalship at the Cavendish Town Elementary School (CTES), a role he has served enthusiastically and effectively and that will conclude this spring, and

Whereas, every school day begins with the morning welcoming ceremonies around the school's flagpole, where daily announcements are made and students' birthdays are recognized, and

Whereas, on entering the building, students, faculty, and guests are greeted with positive motivational banners, a series of historical paintings, and exhibits of school artifacts that contribute to the warm atmosphere that George Thomson believes is essential for an optimum learning experience, and

Whereas, George Thomson makes special efforts to improve his students' health and nutrition through offering breakfast at the school, writing an annual grant for fresh fruit snacks, and supporting an annual health fair and other health-related activities, and

Whereas, all faculty and he are trained in the Responsive Classroom philosophy, and he has established an effective anti-bullying program, and

Whereas, because of his special effort, CTES has hosted arts residencies in ceramics, dance, music, papermaking, printmaking, and theater, and

Whereas, George Thomson has many community leadership roles, and

Whereas, his having halted a prior attempt to nominate him to be honored as the Vermont Elementary Principal of the Year, the faculty secretly submitted his nomination, and he was deservedly so honored with this award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates George Thomson on being named the 2018 Vermont Elementary School Principal of the Year, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 352.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Angelo Odatto of Braintree for his outstanding volunteer leadership in the governance of schools in Orange County



Offered by: Representatives Jickling of Randolph and Hooper of Randolph

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, for 22 of the past 33 years, Angelo Odatto has offered his wise advice as a member of several Orange County school boards, and

Whereas, his first role as a citizen overseer of a school district was as a member of the Braintree Elementary School Board, and

Whereas, in this small jurisdiction, he learned the fundamentals of public education management and the dynamics of reaching a consensus, and

Whereas, not unlike the Braintree Elementary School students, Angelo Odatto moved on to Randolph Union High School, now well-qualified to tackle the larger school's administrative challenges as a member of its board, and

Whereas, his in-depth knowledge of Randolph Union High School served as the perfect background for his membership on the Randolph Technical Career Center Board, and

Whereas, not only did he constructively participate in deliberations regarding the Randolph Technical Career Center's operations, he also chaired its Board in a respectful and thoughtful manner, and

Whereas, most recently, Angelo Odatto has been a member of the newly formed Orange Southwest Supervisory District Board, to which he brought his vast experience serving on its constituent institutions' boards, and

Whereas, after a total of over two decades focusing on the concerns of local students, teachers, parents, and taxpayers with respect to public education, Angelo Odatto is ending his public service as a school board member, and

Whereas, throughout the years, his fellow board members knew him as a cheerful and easygoing man, ready to exert effective leadership by doing the necessary hard work behind the scenes, but always shunning the limelight, and

Whereas, his school board membership reflected a strong commitment to high-quality public education and the community's best interests, and

Whereas, Angelo Odatto is still working, now part-time, as a computer analyst at Dubois & King in Randolph; he has volunteered for local nonprofit organizations; and his wife, Karen, and he are proud parents and grandparents, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Angelo Odatto of Braintree for his outstanding volunteer leadership in the governance of schools in Orange County, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 353.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont team on winning the 2018 New England Nordic Skiing Association U-16 championship

Offered by: Representatives Macaig of Williston, 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, 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, Sibilia of Dover, 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, 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, the State's finest male and female young teenage Nordic skiers were selected as members of the Vermont team to compete in the 2018 Nordic Skiing Association U-16 meet held on March 9, 10, and 11 at Gore Mountain in New York State's Adirondack Mountains, and

Whereas, similarly talented and enthusiastic teams represented the states of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York, and

Whereas, although the skiers competed separately in male and female competition, the State winner was determined upon the tallying of each team's dual scores, and

Whereas, both the Vermont males and females easily outpaced second place New Hampshire, 5,404 to 5,107 for the men; 9,978 to 9,533 for the women; and overall 15,382 to 14,640, and

Whereas, these proud Nordic skiing Vermonters were Asa Chalmers, Mathias Boudreau Golfman, Jackson Young, Greyson Davis, Jack Drew, Makail Tipton, Henry Thurber, Aiden Casey, Vincent Levey, Jed Kurts, Holden Middleton, Hans Krokenberger, Cameron Thompson, Samuel Freitas-Eagan, Ethan Hobbs, Peter Miller, Silas Brown, Jax Lubkowitz, Carlton Cumiskey, Owen Hansen, Seb Alessi, Charlie Dobson, Trevor Palmiotto, Noe Lindemuth, Camille Bolduc, Emma Strack, Malia Hodges, Victoria Bassette, Samantha Nolan, Addy Harris, Hannah Chipman, Julia Oliver, May Lamb, Sage Freeman, Sarah Umphlett, Eloise Silver-Van Meter, Sadie Holmes, Maggie Payne, Bella Takacs, Shams Ferver, Brennan Harris, Linden Osborne, Kylee Hall, Leah Mowry, Sydney Kulis, Lila Carleton, Aine Fannon, and Grace Adams-Kollitz, and

Whereas, the superb Vermont coaching staff consisted of Sarah Strack, Ethan Goss, King Milne, Morgan Samler, Mark Chaplin, George Forbes, Peter Kling, and Alexi Sotkov, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont team on winning the

2018 New England Nordic Skiing Association U-16 championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the New England Nordic Skiing Association.

#### **H.C.R. 354.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 winners of the Vermont Forest Products Association and the Northeast Loggers Association awards

Offered by: Representatives Lewis of Berlin, Burditt of West Rutland, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Donahue of Northfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Howard of Rutland City, Kimbell of Woodstock, Potter of Clarendon, Sabilia of Dover, and Troiano of Stannard

Whereas, the forestry industry plays a major role in Vermont's economy, and

Whereas, managed forests contribute to the conservation of the State's natural resources and Vermonters' constitutional right to hunt and fish, and

Whereas, the Vermont Forest Products Association (statewide) and the Northeast Loggers Association (multistate) represent various aspects of the forestry industry, and

Whereas, each of these associations presents similarly named awards, recognizing excellence and professionalism in different categories of forestry-related roles, and

Whereas, the Northeast Loggers Association's awards are presented at the organization's annual regional expositions held at different locations, and

Whereas, in a convergence of both organizations' assessments of the region's outstanding forestry professionals and organizations, six of this year's regional award winners were also recipients of the Vermont Forest Products Association's recognition, and

Whereas, the 2018 regional Northeast Loggers Association award winners are: Robert Williams (Outstanding Sawmill Operator—Ames True Temper Corporation—Wallingford); Ginger Anderson (Outstanding Contribution to Forest Industry Education—Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation—Berlin); Mark Doty (Outstanding Leadership in Industry—Weyerhaeuser—Fairfield, Maine); Rick Grover (Outstanding Service to the Forest Industry—Clifton, Maine); the Stafford Tech Center's Forestry and

Natural Resources Program (Outstanding Use of Wood—Rutland); Steve Galbreath (Outstanding Logging Operator—Twin State Forestry—Ascutney); Mike Tatro (Outstanding Forest Products Trucking Operator—Mike Tatro & Sons Trucking—Stamford); and Tim Cleveland (Outstanding Contributions to the Forest Products Industry—Tim Cleveland Logging and Trucking—Hardwick), and

Whereas, these regional awards will be presented on May 12 at the Northeast Loggers Association Expo in Essex Junction, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Northeast Loggers Association regional award winners, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each award recipient and to the Vermont Forest Products Association.

#### **H.C.R. 355.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Elliott Rice on winning the Vermont State competition of the 2018 American Legion Oratorical Contest

Offered by: Representatives Webb of Shelburne, Brumsted of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, the American Legion Oratorical Contest was established in 1938 in order “to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation of the U.S. Constitution among high school students,” and

Whereas, Elliott Rice, a senior at the Lake Champlain Waldorf High School in Shelburne, embarked with great enthusiasm as a contestant, devoting approximately 50 hours in research and speech delivery preparation, and

Whereas, he had to verse himself on the U.S. Constitution’s Second Amendment (Right to Bear Arms), Third Amendment (Quartering Soldiers), 15th Amendment (Impartial Suffrage), and Article II, § 4 (Impeachment), and

Whereas, the rigorous multiple rounds of competition began on February 3, with the local level round held at American Legion Post #14 in Vergennes, and

Whereas, Elliott Rice presented a nearly-ten-minute personalized speech, as always with no support materials to assist him, entitled, ‘Our Right to Vote,’ plus a second shorter talk focused more broadly on the 15th Amendment, and

Whereas, the judges awarded Elliott Rice first place, and at the district

event, held on February 24, he again won, based on Third Amendment speeches, and

Whereas, on March 10, at the department (State) championship, Elliott Rice's primary oration was again on the Third Amendment, and

Whereas, his erudition, organization, and topical knowledge each contributed to Elliott Rice's earning the State championship and the opportunity to represent Vermont at the national competition in Indianapolis, and

Whereas, Elliott Rice represented Vermont with pride and advanced to the quarter final round at the national event, and

Whereas, an interesting aspect of Elliott Rice's participation in the American Oratorical Contest was his concurrent preparation and appearance in his school's play, Moliere's *Tartuffe*, in the role of Orgon, one of the drama's leading characters, and

Whereas, his proud grandparents are Representative Jim McCullough of Williston and his wife, Lucy, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Elliott Rice on winning the Vermont State competition of the 2018 American Legion Oratorical Contest, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 356.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Woodstock Union High School Wasps Division II championship boys' ice hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Buckholz of Hartford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Belaski of Windsor, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Harrison of Chittenden, and Lucke of Hartford

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, after 18 years since its last divisional boys' ice hockey championship, the Woodstock Union High School Wasps were ready to bring home this coveted crown, and

Whereas, as the top-seeded team for the Division II 2018 playoffs, the Wasps were strong contenders for entry into the championship game, and

Whereas, the Wasps gained their desired berth in the ultimate game, played

at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse, where they faced off against the third-seeded Lyndon Institute Vikings, and

Whereas, after a scoreless first period, the Wasps discovered their offensive prowess, scoring three second-period goals and one goal in the third period, capping a memorable season with a 4–0 championship game victory and the 2018 Division II title, and

Whereas, the proud Wasps, whose 22–0–1 record was superb, consisted of Henry Greene, Field Willis, Tristin Black, Andrew Gubbins, Michael Cimis, Max Dodson, Dylan DeSchamp, Chase Christiansen, Steven Townley, Ely Chynoweth, Josh Kennedy, Cullen McCarthy, Charles Greene, Nathaniel Kennedy, Lucas Piconi, Tom Bissaillon, Gavin Huppe, Riley Shepherd, Trevor White, Owen Coates, Mason Harkins, and Ethan Mello, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jon Chamberlin and assistant coaches Alex Moore, Ray Bostock, Nico Brands, and Brian Martin were each contributors to the Wasps' success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Woodstock Union High School Wasps Division II 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 Woodstock Union High School.

### **H.C.R. 357.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Sister Janice Ryan on her receipt of the 2018 New England Board of Higher Education's Vermont State Award

Offered by: Representatives Miller of Shaftsbury, 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, 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, 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, Joseph of North Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keefe of Manchester, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kimbell of Woodstock, 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, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nolan of Morristown, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, 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, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Squirrell 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, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, 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

Offered by: All Senators

Whereas, Sister Janice Ryan has combined her religious calling and secular pursuits to achieve goals that are highly admirable, and

Whereas, she was born on a Fairfield dairy farm, graduated from Mount St. Mary's Academy in Burlington and Trinity College, and earned a master's degree in special education from Boston University, and

Whereas, in 1966, Janice Ryan decided to devote her life to religious principles, taking vows as a new member of the Sisters of Mercy, and

Whereas, Sister Janice Ryan's teaching experience started at the Cathedral



School in Burlington, teaching elementary and junior high school students; and continued at Trinity College, where she served as Director of the Diagnostic and Preschool Program for Handicapped Children and as a Professor of Education, and

Whereas, she stepped up to the challenge of leading Trinity College during her 17-year tenure as the College's distinguished president, and

Whereas, after leaving Trinity College, one of her posts was working for former U.S. Senator Jim Jeffords as his education policy director, and

Whereas, Sister Janice Ryan is a passionate advocate for improved special education services and assumed a major role in the development of Vermont's legislation on this subject, and

Whereas, the breadth of Sister Janice Ryan's career and advocacy roles reflects her religious beliefs and deep social justice concerns, and

Whereas, she held the post of Vermont's Deputy Commissioner of Corrections, seeking to improve the lives of the incarcerated, and

Whereas, Sister Janice Ryan served as the Director of Justice Education and Interfaith Relations for The Justice Project; directed the Catholic Campaign to Ban Landmines; and traveled abroad extensively on religious, educational, and friendship missions, and

Whereas, in recognition of her many contributions to the educating of Vermonters and individuals beyond the State's borders, Sister Janice Ryan is the recipient of the 2018 New England Board of Higher Education's Vermont State Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Sister Janice Ryan on her receipt of the 2018 New England Board of Higher Education's Vermont State Award, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 358.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the George J. Brooks Memorial Library on its 50th Anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, the vision of the Brooks Memorial Library is “that all members of the community engage with the library to spark curiosity, enrich lives, and achieve aspirations,” and

Whereas, in 1842, the private Brattleboro Library Association was organized and for the ensuing 40 years offered the community much-appreciated book-borrowing privileges, and

Whereas, in 1882, the association transferred its entire book collection to the Town of Brattleboro and the renamed Brattleboro Free Library, and the lower town hall served as the library’s new and temporary home, and

Whereas, in 1887, a beautiful new home for the library was inaugurated, when the George J. Brooks Library, named for its primary financial benefactor, opened on Main Street, and

Whereas, by the early 1960s, the library’s collection, patronage, and services had all increased, making the once commodious library uncomfortably overcrowded and outdated, and

Whereas, a larger, modern, and renamed George J. Brooks Memorial Library building opened in 1967 to serve as a full-service, 20th-century library and center for community activities, and

Whereas, on September 23, 2017, in commemoration of the Brooks Memorial Library’s 50th anniversary, a festive day-long celebration was held, featuring children’s events, historical reminiscences, an enjoyable presentation from a panelist of the humor-filled radio program *Wait, Wait Don’t Tell Me*, dancing to the musical accompaniment of the Wild Nightz Trio, and, of course, a birthday cake, and

Whereas, in 2018, as the Brooks Memorial Library begins its second half-century, it operates as a contemporary 21st-century institution, providing outstanding print and electronic information services and a diverse offering of programs and events for the greater Brattleboro community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the George J. Brooks Memorial Library on its 50th Anniversary, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 359.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Camille Hanna on her indoor track accomplishments as a Milton High School Yellowjacket

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Mattos of Milton, Johnson of South Hero, and Joseph of North Hero

Whereas, the Division II championship that Milton High School's girls' indoor track team earned this winter resulted from a combined team effort, and

Whereas, one of the team's outstanding members was Camille Hanna, and

Whereas, her high-jump mark of 5 feet 3 inches set a new record for girls' indoor track competition and gave her the individual title for this event, and

Whereas, she also contributed to the Yellowjackets' great victory with the individual Division II championship in the pole vault competition, and

Whereas, in addition to the indoor track team, Camille Hanna is a member of Milton High School's outdoor track and field and cross-country teams, and

Whereas, Camille Hanna won the State championship for high jump and for pole vault, and passes her jumping mastery on to younger Yellowjackets, as she assists them in improving their skills in this specialty, and

Whereas, not only is Camille Hanna an accomplished athlete, she also excels in the classroom and is an honor society member, and

Whereas, Camille Hanna is a member of the Milton High School Class of 2018, and following graduation this spring she will be attending Bridgewater State University, in Massachusetts, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Camille Hanna on her indoor track accomplishments as a Milton High School Yellowjacket and wishes her every success as she embarks on her college studies, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 360.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Douglas Heavisides on being named the 2018 Vermont Career Center Director of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Lucke of Hartford, Buckholz of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Briglin of Thetford,

Christensen of Weathersfield, Harrison of Chittenden, Kimbell of Woodstock, and Masland of Thetford

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, in 2012, when Doug Heavisides assumed the directorship of the Hartford Area Career and Technology Center (HACTC), he confronted an immediate challenge in the declining enrollment at its sending schools, and

Whereas, Doug Heavisides started collaborative initiatives intended to transform HACTC into the jewel of the Upper Valley and Vermont's model career and technical center, and

Whereas, he has created a school culture known as "RESPECT-ENGAGE-LEARN-WORK-SERVE-GROW," and

Whereas, an assertive discipline model heightens students' self-worth, and a digital assessment tool encourages them to master 21st-century job skills, and

Whereas, students are afforded leadership opportunities through participation in the Student Advisory Board and the National Technical Honor Society, and

Whereas, the Creative Improvement Council has facilitated new branding initiatives such as murals and signage on campus, and

Whereas, he established a Parent Advisory Board, opening a previously missing but needed communications channel between the HACTC administration and parents; and similarly, the important institutional relationship between HACTC and its sending schools has been strengthened, and

Whereas, HACTC's community connections have been fostered through the National Technical Honor Society Food Drive for The Haven, hosting the Upper Valley Robotics Club, expanding the schedule of adult education classes, and hosting a summer technical camp for middle school students, and

Whereas, for all these reasons, Doug Heavisides' HACTC colleagues, with the strong support of community leaders, enthusiastically nominated him for recognition as Vermont's 2018 Career Center Director of the Year, and he was awarded this prestigious and richly deserved honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Douglas Heavisides on being named the 2018 Vermont Career Center Director of the Year, and be it further

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