

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House and Senate  
Concurrent Resolutions**

**of**

**May 3, 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. 361.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 West Rutland High School Golden Horde Division IV girls' championship softball team

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon and Burditt of West Rutland

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Soucy

Whereas, the 2017 West Rutland High School softball team included a contingent of outstanding senior athletes, who, despite competing together for four years in several varsity sports, had never won an athletic championship, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, as the top-seeded team in the 2017 Division IV softball playoffs, the Golden Horde secured a berth in the championship game, played in Poultney against the third-seeded Whitechester Mountaineers (the recently formed joint team representing Whitcomb and Rochester high schools), and

Whereas, the Mountaineers opened the fifth inning with the game's first three runs, the Golden Horde responded with four runs, and, with the game tied in the bottom of the sixth at six-all, West Rutland scored the tie-breaking run, winning a 7-6 game victory and the 2017 Division IV title, and

Whereas, the winning West Rutland players were Brooke Raiche, Katie Callahan, Lauren Harvey, Julia May, Kelsey Wedin, Abby Kukene, Maddison McGuinness, Robyn Bradley, Shelby Grabowski, Rebecca DeKalb, Isabella Turner-Burrell, Lily Turner-Burrell, Deanna Kenyon, Bailey Sevigny, Becky Sanderson, Alana Raymond, and Kiera Pipeling, and

Whereas, coaches Carl Serrani and Laurie Serrani were superb team strategists, and student manager Kaylee Svitak was a valued team resource, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 West Rutland High School Golden Horde Division IV girls' championship softball team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 362.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Migrant Justice organization on the progress achieved with its Milk with Dignity Program

Offered by: Representatives Morris of Bennington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Ancel of Calais, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Buckholz of Hartford, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Colburn of Burlington, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Gardner of Richmond, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Jessup of Middlesex, Krowinski of Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, Masland of Thetford, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Scheu of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Toleno of Brattleboro, Weed of Enosburgh, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, Migrant Justice, an organization established to empower Vermont's migrant farm workers, who are predominately undocumented, from Mexico, and work on dairy farms, has established the Milk with Dignity Program and its complementary Code of Conduct (Code), and

Whereas, under the Code, participating farms are required to: abide by all applicable laws, codes, and regulations regarding working conditions; have zero tolerance for forced labor, unlawful child labor, sexual or physical assault, and retaliation against workers for employment-related advocacy activities; and limit the discharging or disciplining of workers, except for just cause and through a process that is fair to the employee, and

Whereas, among the Code's provisions are: dignified wages that at least equal the statutory minimum wage, even if farm workers are exempted; dignified schedules that include time for rest and leisure; dignified housing, meaning that any housing provided must comply with all housing laws, be voluntary, and afford the workers full tenants' rights, and

Whereas, the Code also requires healthy, safe, and secure workplaces, including workers' compensation; a minimum of five paid sick days per year; protective equipment; and health and safety training that is presented in a manner migrant workers can comprehend, and

Whereas, the Code requires that worker–employee relations be conducted in a cooperative and transparent manner and that a process for resolving Code violations be established, and

Whereas, on October 3, 2017, after two years of negotiations, Ben & Jerry’s signed an agreement with Migrant Justice requiring that milk in the ice cream producer’s supply chain be from dairy farms that provide their workers one full day off each week; a minimum of eight hours between shifts; and housing that includes electricity, running hot water, and real beds, and

Whereas, the Code will continue to be developed over time through a detailed dialogue between migrant farmworkers and farmers, and it is intended to ensure the fundamental conditions that all workers, regardless of their status, should expect, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Migrant Justice organization on the progress achieved with its Milk with Dignity Program, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Migrant Justice and Ben & Jerry’s.

### **H.C.R. 363.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont high school students who have achieved fluency in world languages other than English, and welcoming the establishment of a Vermont Seal of Biliteracy

Offered by: Representatives Kimbell of Woodstock, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, and Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Baruth, Clarkson, and Kitchel

Whereas, the study of world languages should be encouraged because it contributes to a pupil’s cognitive development, advances our place in our interconnected world, and represents a rigorous academic standard for every Vermont student, and

Whereas, maintaining proficiency in a child’s native language is crucial for a student’s academic success, and

Whereas, beyond maximizing a student’s native language skills, developing fluency and literacy in a second or even a third language is a worthy academic challenge, and

Whereas, the benefits to employers whose staff is bilingual or multilingual are many, including an easier ability to expand into and transact business in

international markets and work with staff members from abroad, and

Whereas, in collaboration with the Vermont Foreign Language Association, schools and school districts across the State are planning to establish, in the 2018–2019 school year, a Vermont Seal of Biliteracy to recognize students who demonstrate proficiency in English and at least one other language, and

Whereas, the criteria to determine eligibility for this recognition include: achieving a designated scoring threshold on either an Advanced Placement or Scholastic Aptitude II subject examination; earning a proficiency level score on an American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Assessment of Performance Toward Proficiency in Languages or on another internationally recognized language proficiency test; achieving a specified cumulative grade point average in a sequence of foreign language and English courses that a local school board approves; and completion of a portfolio project consisting of a student presentation, an interview, and a writing sample, and

Whereas, the proposal envisions that those schools and school districts participating in the Vermont Seal of Biliteracy program would be entirely responsible for the implementation of the program in their respective jurisdictions, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont high school students who have achieved fluency in one or more world languages, other than English, and welcomes the establishment of a Vermont Seal of Biliteracy program, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 364.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Clemmons family of Charlotte and its *A Sense of Place* project on winning a National Creative Placemaking Fund grant

Offered by: Representatives Morris of Bennington and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, for half a century, Dr. Jackson and Lydia Clemmons of Charlotte have been one of the few African-American farm owners in Vermont, and

Whereas, with their daughter, Lydia, serving as executive director, they are planning *A Sense of Place*, a project celebrating the family's African-American heritage and the farm's agricultural setting, and

Whereas, ArtPlace America (ArtPlace), a collaborative endeavor of foundations, federal agencies, and financial institutions utilizes a creative process known as placemaking to include arts and culture as a core element in community development, and

Whereas, ArtPlace's National Creative Placemaking Fund (Fund) awards grants that finance arts and cultural components in community development projects, with an emphasis on cultural, physical, and social identities that define a place, and

Whereas, of the nearly 1,000 applicants that the Fund's reviewers considered in 2017, the Clemmons Family Farm and its idea for *A Sense of Place* project was one of the 23 grant winners, and

Whereas, *A Sense of Place* will collaborate with local organizations including: Burlington City Arts, serving as the project's fiscal agent and financial manager; Building Heritage, preserving and upgrading the farm's historic barns; Champlain College, developing on-site African-American literature, spoken word, media, and communication programs; INSPIRIT, A Dance Company, presenting and choreographing African-American dance, theatrical, and community engagement programs at the farm, and

Whereas, *A Sense of Place* will offer "rich multicultural experiences and quality interactions among" the farm's artists and visitors, and

Whereas, the Clemmons Family Farm will become an African-American cultural center integrated into a distinctive Vermont agricultural milieu, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Clemmons family of Charlotte and its *A Sense of Place* project on winning a National Creative Placemaking Fund grant, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Clemmons family and each of the project's collaborating organizations.

### **H.C.R. 365.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Cadence Wheeler of Springfield on his jumping achievements at State and New England indoor track and field championship meets

Offered by: Representatives Forguites of Springfield, Bock of Chester, and Emmons of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, as a student at Springfield High School, Cadence Wheeler's achievements as a jumper at the past two Vermont high school track and field indoor state championship meets, held at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse, have been notable, and

Whereas, in 2017, when only a freshman, Cadence Wheeler introduced himself to the Vermont's track and field community, winning the Division II triple jump competition, and

Whereas, in 2018, as a sophomore, the more experienced Cadence Wheeler returned to Gutterson Fieldhouse, and he scored even more significant victories, and

Whereas, he won top honors in the Division II long jump competition, with his best distance of 19' 7.5"; a mark that ranked second among both Division I and Division II competitors and that earned him a berth at the New England interscholastic indoor track and field championship meet in Boston, where he recorded a jump of 19' 0.25", and

Whereas, in the 2018 State meet's triple jump competition, not only did Cadence Wheeler repeat as the Division II winner, but he also set an indoor Division II record with a distance of 40' 5.5", and

Whereas, at only the midway point of his high school track and field career, Cadence Wheeler has already demonstrated his skill as a jumper and has the potential to earn more victories during his junior and senior years, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Cadence Wheeler of Springfield on his jumping achievements at State and New England indoor track and field championship meets, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 366.**

House concurrent resolution honoring former South Burlington Fire Captain Gary Rounds for his exemplary municipal public service

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, and Townsend of South Burlington

Whereas, at 17 years of age, Gary Rounds followed his father into the

South Burlington Highway Department, extending his family's municipal service into a second generation, and

Whereas, when the South Burlington Fire Department was organized in the early 1970s, many Highway Department personnel served as volunteer firefighters, including Gary Rounds, who was appointed a captain of the on-call firefighters, and

Whereas, Gary Rounds found great satisfaction in performing his firefighting duties, and in 1985, his quest to become a full-time member of the city's firefighting service was realized, and

Whereas, Gary Rounds' firefighting skills and commitment to duty earned him the senior leadership assignment of Shift 2 Captain, and

Whereas, one of his enduring accomplishments was the establishment of the South Burlington Fire Department's junior firefighter program that enables high school students to provide assistance to professional firefighters, serve their community, and be introduced to a career option, and

Whereas, he originated the annual 9/11 Memorial Service, conducted in South Burlington's Overlook Park, as a tribute to the 412 brave first responders who sacrificed their lives on that fateful day at New York City's World Trade Center, and

Whereas, after 47 years and one day as a highly respected South Burlington city employee, including 32 years as a superb full-time firefighter, Captain Gary Rounds has responded to his department's fire alarm for the final time and looks forward to new life adventures, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former South Burlington Fire Captain Gary Rounds for his exemplary municipal public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Gary Rounds and the South Burlington Fire Department.

### **H.C.R. 367.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Castleton Colonial Day Historic House Tour

Offered by: Representatives Helm of Fair Haven and Canfield of Fair Haven

Whereas, in 1761, New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter to Samuel Brown and 40 other proprietors for the town of Castleton,



making this Rutland County municipality one of the oldest in Vermont, and

Whereas, in May 1775, Ethan Allen and approximately 250 American troops, including Green Mountain Boys as well as the later infamous Benedict Arnold, encamped in the center of Castleton on the property of Richard Bentley, in preparation for their assault on Fort Ticonderoga, and

Whereas, in the early 19th century, Castleton village, at the town's center, prospered from milling, slate production, and stagecoach commerce, and

Whereas, a number of beautiful homes featuring spiral staircases, vaulted stair-and-entrance combinations, and decorative friezes were built under the guidance of joiners or woodcrafting specialists such as Thomas Dake, and

Whereas, Thomas Dake's custom-designed pulpit at the Castleton Federated Church is considered his construction masterpiece, and

Whereas, in 1938, the Ladies Aid Society of the Castleton Federated Church conducted the first Castleton Colonial Day Historic House Tour, and

Whereas, a few years after the tour's inauguration, the Castleton Woman's Club assumed responsibility for this annual event that now includes over 20 homes, commercial buildings, and historic sites, and

Whereas, proceeds from ticket sales are applied to community improvement projects, such as the planting of fruit trees on Main Street in Castleton, the awarding of college scholarships, and the restoration of period clothing, and

Whereas, Castleton Village Historic District is now on the National Register of Historic Places and encompasses the trail of the blue cat of Castleton that Catherine Cate Coblentz describes in her children's book, *The Blue Cat of Castle Town*, and

Whereas, recent past Castleton Woman's Club presidents Linda Pritchard, JoAnn Riley, Deborah Hadeka, and Holly Hitchcock were instrumental in the continuation and promotion of the Castleton Colonial Day Historic House Tour, and the club's acting president, Joan Chader, has continued this wonderful tradition that benefits the community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 80th anniversary of the Castleton Colonial Day Historic House Tour, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joan Chader, acting president of the Castleton Woman's Club.

### **H.C.R. 368.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Essex High School Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl championship team

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

Whereas, the Vermont-NEA College Bowl tests high school students' broad academic knowledge and ability to exercise quick recall, and

Whereas, Essex High School entered the year-long 2017–2018 competition as the defending champion and winner in four of the prior five years, and

Whereas, competition consists of regional tournaments in the fall and playoffs that start with a qualifying day in January, and

Whereas, Essex High School, to no one's surprise, was one of the 13 teams welcomed into the final day's competition conducted on March 24 at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, Essex began the day with quarterfinal and semifinal match victories over Lyndon Institute and Middlebury Union High School, and

Whereas, the decisive championship match between Essex High School and Hanover High School could not have been more riveting as the lead changed 13 times before Essex took command during the match's final round to emerge with a 415–355 victory, a second Vermont-NEA championship, and an all-expenses-paid trip in June to the Washington, D.C. area to represent Vermont at the PACE National Scholastic Championship, and

Whereas, team members Nick Norton, Alex He, Sam Feehan, Grace Lu, Henry Wu, and Nathan Wu, and proud coach David Rome are all anticipating the challenge of participating in the national competition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Essex High School Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl championship team and wishes the team every success at the PACE National Scholastic Championship, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 369.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Carl Fung on winning the National 2017 LEGO REBRICK SuperBots Contest

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

Whereas, LEGO REBRICK, an organization the Denmark-based LEGO Group created to conduct LEGO-centered competitions, sponsored the 2017 LEGO REBRICK SuperBots contest, challenging contestants “to construct a robot that helps its operator complete some task,” and

Whereas, the judges reviewed 82 entries from throughout the United States before awarding first place honors to an Essex High School senior, Carl Fung, for his adeptly named Gauntl3t (Gauntlet), a four-fingered arm that wraps around the operator’s hand, and

Whereas, the Gauntlet includes a sophisticated electrical control system, enabling the operator to perform different functions, including opening a door, lifting an eight pound weight, and even safely lifting an egg from a carton, and

Whereas, Carl Fung developed the Gauntlet while “fiddling around in school,” with no initial knowledge of or intent to enter the LEGO REBRICK SuperBots contest, and

Whereas, a challenging moment in the Gauntlet’s development occurred when he employed a death grip, his terminology for attempting to direct the Gauntlet’s thumb and forefinger to “reach their maximum rotation levels when gripping onto an object,” and

Whereas, in recognition of his achievement, LEGO REBRICK sent Carl Fung a congratulatory card and a custom-mini figure, one of only approximately 100 in existence, and

Whereas, these small awards supplemented Carl Fung’s primary prize, an all-expense paid trip to Copenhagen, Denmark, to attend the 2018 LEGO WORLD event, and the extraordinary opportunity to demonstrate the Gauntlet’s amazing powers before potentially thousands of spectators, and

Whereas, Carl Fung first experimented with LEGOs as a young boy, and his subsequent participation in robotics clubs enabled him to appreciate the fantastic applications that can result when motorized technology is added to LEGO creations, and

Whereas, this talented budding engineer hopes to continue his education at the University of Vermont, focusing on robotics and possibly mechanical engineering as well, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Carl Fung on winning the 2017 National LEGO REBRICK SuperBots contest, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 370.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Essex Junction all-stars Little League Baseball team on winning the 2017 Vermont State championship

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

Whereas, Little League Baseball enables youngsters to participate in exciting athletic competition, potentially on national and international levels, while learning good sportsmanship and the importance of effective team dynamics, and

Whereas, in 2017, the Essex Junction all-stars completed a superb season, winning the Vermont State championship game with a decisive 10–0 shutout victory over the Brattleboro all-stars, in a contest played at Seman Field in Essex Junction’s Maple Street Park, and earning the privilege of representing Vermont at the New England Regional Little League Baseball tournament held in Bristol, Connecticut, and

Whereas, in three exciting games featuring national television coverage on ESPN, the Essex Junction all-stars performed their best, but despite a solid 7–5 win over the Holden, Massachusetts, all-stars, the regional championship proved elusive, and

Whereas, the proud members of the 2017 Essex Junction all-stars were Tobey Appenzeller, Gavin Blondin, Eli Bostwick, Joshua Brown, Ben Deibler, Andrew Goodrich, Siddesh Kaunparthi, Kyle Lozier, Tanner McFaul, Hazen Randall, Jacob Reyome, Eli Robinson, and Austin Tourville, and

Whereas, team manager David Bostwick and coaches Jeff Goodrich and Jeff Reyome taught the players key skills, contributing to the team’s success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Essex Junction all-stars Little League Baseball team on winning the 2017 Vermont State championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Essex Junction all-stars’ players, coaches, and manager.

### H.C.R. 371.

House concurrent resolution designating Wednesday, June 27, 2018 as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day

Offered by: Representatives Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Dunn of Essex, Haas of Rochester, Houghton of Essex, Jickling of Randolph, McFaun of Barre Town, Mrowicki of Putney, Pajala of Londonderry, Pugh of South Burlington, Rosenquist of Georgia, Troiano of Stannard, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, in 1980, the American Psychiatric Association created the term Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to describe the severe combat stress that Vietnam veterans were experiencing, and

Whereas, since 1980, technological advances in electromagnetic imaging have documented that severe post-traumatic stress can cause physical changes within a person's brain, and

Whereas, it is more accurate to describe these physical changes as an injury rather than a disorder or, in other words, as a wound and not a weakness, and

Whereas, the word "disorder" conveys a negative image that can discourage some individuals from seeking treatment and others from caring about those who are injured, and

Whereas, equally important, the use of the term "disorder" in relation to combat stress assails the sense of honor that should be associated with any member of the U.S. Armed Forces injured in combat, and

Whereas, beyond those injured in military combat, using the term is demeaning to first responders, abuse and crime victims, witnesses and survivors of life-threatening accidents and natural disasters, and their family members, and

Whereas, the American Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, Fifth Edition, distinguishes between common post-traumatic stress, resulting in a traumatized but uninjured brain, and the more debilitating and longer-lasting form of stress that does involve a brain injury, and

Whereas, an alternative description for the more debilitating form of post-traumatic stress is Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI), and

Whereas, the term PTSI preserves the medical distinction between the short and long-term types of post-traumatic stress while removing the unjustified stigma associated with the term disorder, and

Whereas, the Honor for ALL organization, with the support of the National

Guard and mental health advocacy and veterans groups, is working to encourage a national awareness of the extreme importance of replacing the term PTSD with PTSI for describing post-traumatic stress resulting in a brain injury, and in 2017, 34 states and the U.S. House of Representatives acknowledged the importance of this effort, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Wednesday, June 27, 2018 as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Honor for ALL organization in Royal Oak, Michigan.

**H.C.R. 372.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Vermont History Day winners

Offered by: Representatives Lippert of Hinesburg and Ancel of Calais

Offered by: Senator Champion

Whereas, National History Day is a nonprofit educational organization that offers students the opportunity to engage in original historical research, and

Whereas, its largest program is the National Contest, in which over one-half million students from around the world prepare projects of their choice on the annually designated topic, and

Whereas, for the 2017–2018 academic year, the topic is Conflict and Compromise in History, and

Whereas, middle and high school students compete on the local and affiliate levels, and the nearly 3,000 affiliate winners represent their respective jurisdictions at a week-long competitive event held in June on the campus of the University of Maryland, and

Whereas, on Saturday, April 7, at Montpelier High School, the Vermont Historical Society hosted Vermont History Day, the national contest's affiliate event in Vermont, and

Whereas, over 300 students presented their documentaries, exhibits, papers, performances, and websites, and

Whereas, 89 volunteer judges carefully reviewed the students' creations, assessing both their academic quality and effectiveness conveying the theme, and

Whereas, 49 students, who were responsible for the development of 31 of

the projects, were selected to represent Vermont at the University of Maryland event, and

Whereas, the large number of Vermont History Day participants and the excellence of the winning projects attest to a vibrant interest in the study of history among the State's students in grades 5–12, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Vermont History Day winners, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Historical Society and to each of the schools that the students honored in this resolution attend.

### **H.C.R. 373.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont on its 50th anniversary

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

Whereas, the mission of Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS), one of the State's leading mental health support organizations, "is to provide creative, collaborative, and compassionate health care services that are responsive to the needs of our communities," and

Whereas, the seven guiding values to which HCRS adheres are: teamwork, creativity, integrity, passion, quality, trust, and wisdom, and

Whereas, HCRS was established in 1967 to serve persons with developmental challenges residing in Windham and Windsor Counties, and

Whereas, in 1973, it formed a mental health agency known as Mental Health Services of Southeastern Vermont, and this separate name continued until 1991, when all of the organization's activities were placed under the HCRS banner, and

Whereas, among the highlights of HCRS's last half-century are the opening of Beekman House (1979), the initial offering of employment services (1984), the establishment of a school-based program (1987), the launching of a summer program for youths (1991), the beginning of a police social work program (2002), receipt of Joint Commission accreditation (2003), and the opening of Vermont's first crisis care center (2010), and

Whereas, In addition to its emergency services, HCRS now offers mental health support services through its Children, Youth and Family Program, the Adult Outpatient and Substance Abuse Program, the Community Rehabilitation and Treatment Program, the Developmental Services Program, and several residential programs, and

Whereas, HCRS operates from regional offices in Bellows Falls, Brattleboro, Hartford, and Windsor, as well as the organization's Springfield headquarters, and

Whereas, in commemoration of its 50th anniversary, HCRS hosted a series of celebratory events, including a Me2 Orchestra concert, a staff and client art show, and a 5k run and walk, and

Whereas, HCRS looks forward to a second half-century of offering a broad range of mental health support services, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 374.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Tessa Napolitano of Burlington on winning the 2018 Elks New England Regional Hoop Shoot for her age group

Offered by: Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Wright of Burlington, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Poirier of Barre City, Rachelson of Burlington, and Sullivan of Burlington

Whereas, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, under the auspices of the organization's Elks National Foundation and in partnership with the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, annually conducts the Elks National Hoot Shoot, a free throw program for youth from 8 to 13 years of age, and

Whereas, boys and girls compete in local, district, state, and regional competitions, and

Whereas, the regional boys' and girls' winners for each of the designated age categories and their parents are awarded an all-expenses-paid trip to



Chicago to compete in the Elks National Hoop Shoot, and

Whereas, Tessa Napolitano of Burlington entered the 10 to 11 years of age division, and

Whereas, Hoop Shoot activities in the Burlington area were the responsibility of Elks Lodge #916, and

Whereas, Tessa Napolitano proved to be a skilled shooter of a basketball, with a high percentage of her shoots flowing seamlessly through the hoop, and

Whereas, she won in her division at the local and district Hoop Shoots, performed similarly at the State competition conducted in Barre, and clinched the New England Regional championship held in Maine, and

Whereas, Tessa Napolitano's talent at the shooting line earned her a berth in the Elks National Hoop Shoot in Chicago where she ably represented Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Tessa Napolitano of Burlington on winning the 2018 Elks New England Regional Hoop Shoot for her age group, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 375.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ellie Whalen of Rutland Town on winning the 2018 Elks New England Regional Hoop Shoot for her age group

Offered by: Representatives Brennan of Colchester, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Burditt of West Rutland, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Harrison of Chittenden, Howard of Rutland City, McCoy of Poultney, Potter of Clarendon, and Shaw of Pittsford

Whereas, Ellie Whalen of Rutland Town loves to shoot a basketball through the hoop and has demonstrated great skill at directing the ball in the right direction, and

Whereas, she decided to take up the challenge of participating in the Elks National Hoop Shoot, a free throw program for boys and girls ranging from 8 to 13 years of age that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, under the auspices of the organization's Elks National Foundation, conducts in partnership with the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, and

Whereas, Ellie Whalen entered the girls 8 to 9 years of age division and won her local and district competitions, and

Whereas, the Hoop Shoot program in the Rutland Area was conducted under the guidance of Elks Lodge #345, and

Whereas, Ellie Whalen was equally successful at the State championship held in Barre and the even more prestigious New England regional event conducted in Maine, and

Whereas, the regional boys' and girls' winners for each of the designated age categories and their parents are awarded an all-expenses-paid trip to Chicago to compete in the Elks National Hoop Shoot, and

Whereas, Ellie Whalen represented Vermont with dignity and pride at the national competition in Chicago and can be proud of her achievements in this Elks-sponsored youth program, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ellie Whalen of Rutland Town on winning the 2018 Elks New England Regional Hoop Shoot for her age group, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ellie Whalen in Rutland Town.

### **H.C.R. 376.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Oxbow Union High School Olympians Division III championship girls' softball team and honoring Coach Robin Wozny on the completion of her outstanding high school coaching career

Offered by: Representatives Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford and Conquest of Newbury

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, if there were ever a real-life fairy-tale high school championship softball game, the 2017 Division III contest between top-seeded Oxbow Union High School and second-seeded Leland & Gray Union High School would fit the bill, and

Whereas, after losing in a heartbreaking 2016 championship game 3–1 to Richford High School, the Olympians were determined not to repeat that scenario in 2017, and

Whereas, suspicions that their esteemed coach, Robin Wozny, affectionately

referred to as mom, might be concluding her 30-year coaching and umpiring career added impetus for a truly Olympian effort, and

Whereas, at Legion Field in Poultney, the Olympians commanded the scoreboard from the first inning, pitched effectively, severely limited the opponent's scoring, and emerged triumphant with an 11–2 victory and as the 2017 Division III champions, and

Whereas, Olympians Britteny Brocar, Shanon Boyce, Alex Giesing, Sara Walker, Mary Bourgeois, Kayleigh Trojanowski, Bailee Wheeler, Alyssa Armitage, Erica Slicer, Kaysea Neil, Schyler Hanzas, and Madison Fornwalt were delighted with the day's outcome, and

Whereas, Head Coach Robin Wozny, who subsequently announced she was stepping down after three decades on the high school softball diamond, ended her coaching career leading the Olympians to their third division title and her own seventh coaching championship, and the input of assistant coach Carl Hildebrandt was critical for the team's success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Oxbow Union High School Olympians Division III championship girls' softball team and honors Coach Robin Wozny on the completion of her outstanding high school coaching career, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 377.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Alice Bennett of Bennington on her 100th birthday

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

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, to live for a century is a special gift that only select individuals experience, and

Whereas, Alice Lynd was born on June 12, 1918 in South Point, Ohio, and is the eldest of eight children, and

Whereas, she grew up on her family's farm where, once old enough, Alice Lynd assisted her father, who later became a Baptist preacher, and her mother in raising her younger siblings, and

Whereas, in 1944, after attending business school in Columbus, Ohio, Alice Lynd enlisted in the U.S. Navy WAVES, the World War II naval reserve service for women, and

Whereas, the WAVES sent Alice Lynd to take additional business courses and then posted her to a Gulfport, Mississippi, training command, where she held the rank of chief and served as the secretary for the commandant of the base, and

Whereas, Alice Lynd met her future husband, Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, at the Gulfport base, when, while he was serving at the base's gate, he did not want to allow her to go on leave, and

Whereas, in 1947, after her military discharge, she and Jerry Bennett were married and moved to New York State, where they raised three sons, the younger two of whom are twins, and

Whereas, Jerry Bennett died in 1975, and Alice Bennett subsequently moved to Bennington to be closer to her oldest son, and

Whereas, since Alice Bennett moved to Bennington, she has volunteered in her condo association, the Red Cross, and the RSVP organization, and

Whereas, perhaps most significantly, Alice Bennett became active in a U.S. Navy Waves' veterans organization, serving as its president for four years, and

Whereas, in this role, she traveled twice to the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, Alice Bennett is proud of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and she continues to live independently

Whereas, on June 12, 2018, Alice Bennett will joyfully celebrate her 100th birthday, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Alice Bennett of Bennington on her 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alice Bennett in Bennington.

### **H.C.R. 378.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Honorary Shaftsbury Fire Chief Charles O. Becker on 70 years of exemplary service

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, the Shaftsbury Fire Department's extraordinary longevity dates to the department's chartering in 1761, and Charlie Becker's 70-year tenure on this firefighting force is equally impressive, and

Whereas, in 1948, U.S. Army veteran Charlie Becker's new firefighting colleagues quickly recognized his leadership potential, and they soon elected him as the department's president, and

Whereas, a couple of years later, they selected him to serve as chief, and Charlie Becker retained this role for 16 years, ensuring that the department performed its duties dependably and effectively, and

Whereas, succeeding chiefs requested that Charlie Becker serve as assistant chief until they familiarized themselves with the post's responsibilities, and

Whereas, eventually, his Shaftsbury Fire Department colleagues named Charlie Becker as their honorary chief, a position he has retained, and

Whereas, in 1973–1974, Charlie Becker served as president of the Vermont State Firefighters' Association, and

Whereas, Charlie Becker completed a number of specialized firefighting courses, becoming an expert on the operation and maintenance of pumping equipment, and

Whereas, he was a cofounder of the Bennington County Mutual Aid program, and he established a pumper relay system extending from Shaftsbury to North Bennington in an era predating integrated radio systems, when the relay was exclusively vehicle-dependent, and

Whereas, among the many honors bestowed on Charlie Becker are his service as a Bennington Battle Day Parade judge; being named the 1985 Vermont State Firefighters Association's Fire Chief of the Year; designation as a WCAX-TV super senior; and in 2015, earning the distinction as Vermont's first Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Firemark Award winner, and

Whereas, in 2006, Charlie Becker and his wife, Marion, who died in 2007 and was a cofounder and past president of the Shaftsbury Fire Department Auxiliary, were jointly honored when the Shaftsbury Fire Station was dedicated in their honor, and

Whereas, in 2018, Charlie Becker is still actively serving as a Shaftsbury Fire Department pump operator, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Honorary Shaftsbury Fire Chief Charles O. Becker on 70 years of exemplary service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Charlie Becker in Shaftsbury.

### **H.C.R. 379.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating William Collins on 40 years of outstanding service as a Bennington Rescue Squad Emergency Medical Technician

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

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) is often the first source for medical treatment when an accident or sudden health care crisis arises, and

Whereas, few EMTs have exhibited the dedication of Bill Collins, who has completed 40 years on the Bennington Rescue Squad and, as of December 31, 2017, had responded to 13,465 calls, a record unequaled in the annals of the squad, and

Whereas, from the day he joined the squad in 1977 as an ideal recruit who was CPR certified, Bill Collins has exemplified the ideals of public service, and

Whereas, Bill Collins steadily upgraded his credentials from EMT-Basic to EMT-D to EMT-1, and

Whereas, his service to the squad is not only in response to calls, as he has performed many administrative and managerial roles, and

Whereas, Bill Collins has served on the department's budget and executive committees and was intimately involved in the preparations for the 25th and 50th anniversary commemorative banquets, and

Whereas, his departmental positions have included squad statistician, assistant executive director, executive director, vice president, and president, and

Whereas, beyond his departmental roles, Bill Collins has served on the Vermont Emergency Management Services District 12 Board of Directors and as that panel's vice chair, and

Whereas, among the honors Bill Collins has earned are Bennington Rescue

Squad life membership, the National Star of Life Award, and being named EMT of the Year, and

Whereas, as he enters his fifth decade of rescue squad service, Bill Collins's B-12 call signal remains ever-present on the Bennington Rescue Squad's airwaves, and his dedication to the squad is as strong as it was 40 years ago, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates William Collins on 40 years of outstanding service as a Bennington Rescue Squad Emergency Medical Technician, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bill Collins in Bennington.

### **H.C.R. 380.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Georgia Justice of the Peace Charles Aubrey Thweatt

Offered by: Representative Rosenquist of Georgia

Offered by: Senator Branagan

Whereas, Charles Aubrey Thweatt was a native Mississippian who, upon his 1949 graduation from Yocono High School in Lafayette County, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, and

Whereas, in 1951, while stationed at the radar station in St. Albans, he met Anne Montcalm, and they were married on September 13, 1952 at Holy Angels Church also in St. Albans, and

Whereas, his subsequent postings took them and their growing family to Florida, Kansas, Germany, and Turkey, and

Whereas, Chuck Thweatt trained as both a telephone communications technician and then as a precision measurement equipment laboratories (PMEL) specialist, concluding his military career as a PMEL manager, and

Whereas, as a civilian, he was employed in the precision measurement and semiconductor industries, eventually serving as a senior manager at facilities in Vermont and Mexico, and

Whereas, studying as a highly motivated, part-time adult student, he earned a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, his wife and he decided to build their retirement home in Georgia, which served as the base for an active life, and

Whereas, aside from continuing his passions for bowling and gardening and attending his grandchildren's school and athletic events, Chuck Thweatt broadened the scope of his activities, and

Whereas, one of his new interests was the AARP for which he volunteered as an instructor in its "55 Alive" safe driving course, and Governor Douglas presented Chuck Thweatt an award in recognition of his service in teaching this important class, and

Whereas, another new passion was his interest in local government and politics as he became active in the Republican Party and served for a decade on the Georgia Board of Civil Authority and as a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, after a fulfilling life of nearly 87 years, Chuck Thweatt died on March 4, 2018 and his survivors include his wife, Anne, as well as his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Charles Aubrey Thweatt, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 381.**

House concurrent resolution designating the week of May 7, 2018 as Women's Lung Health Week

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Bancroft of Westford, Belaski of Windsor, Beyor of Highgate, Brumsted of Shelburne, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Dunn of Essex, Feltus of Lyndon, Forguites of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Joseph of North Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Pajala of Londonderry, Potter of Clarendon, Rachelson of Burlington, Read of Fayston, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Dorset,



Terenzini of Rutland Town, Toleno of Brattleboro, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Weed of Enosburgh, and Wood of Waterbury

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

Whereas, despite the lower percentage of American adults who smoke tobacco products, the detrimental impact of lung cancer remains a major health issue in Vermont and throughout the United States, and

Whereas, in 2018, lung cancer remains the cancer that kills more Americans, including Vermonters, both men and women, than any other variant of the disease, and

Whereas, every five minutes, a new case of lung cancer in a woman in the United States is diagnosed, and

Whereas, every eight minutes, another woman in our country loses her battle with lung cancer, and

Whereas, in approximately the last four decades, the incidence of new lung cancer for women in the United States has risen 94 percent while the comparable figure for men has declined 32 percent, and

Whereas, in Vermont, an estimated 390 persons will die from lung cancer in 2018, and

Whereas, advocacy and increased awareness of the perils of lung cancer can spur efforts to improve the detection and treatment of lung cancer, and

Whereas, such efforts could lead to lower death rates and the saving of more lives, and

Whereas, the American Lung Association has established an initiative known as Lung Force intended to unite the nation in the fight against lung cancer and to eradicate this disease in the United States, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the week of May 7, 2018 as Women's Lung Health Week, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Chapter of the American Lung Association.

### **H.C.R. 382.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the 2017 Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen Jenna Lawrence's work on behalf of Alzheimer's public awareness and eradication

Offered by: Representatives Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donahue of Northfield, Gage of Rutland City, Graham of Williamstown, Harrison of Chittenden, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaClair of Barre Town, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lewis of Berlin, Mattos of Milton, McCoy of Poultney, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nolan of Morristown, Norris of Shoreham, Quimby of Concord, Read of Fayston, Savage of Swanton, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Toll of Danville, and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Branagan, Bray, Brock, Brooks, Campion, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Flory, Ingram, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Nitka, Pearson, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Soucy, Starr, and White

Whereas, on April 21, 2017, at a Vergennes Opera House ceremony, Jenna Lawrence of St. Albans was thrilled to be crowned the 2017 Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen, and

Whereas, her platform, the topic she promoted as Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen in personal appearances, is "I'll Remember for You: Alzheimer's & Dementia Advocacy & Awareness," and

Whereas, Jenna Lawrence's platform evolved from personal experience as, starting at five years of age, she watched as her grandmother's mental and cognitive capacity steadily declined due to Alzheimer's, and ultimately her grandmother died when Jenna Lawrence was 16 years of age, and

Whereas, in response to this personal tragedy, Jenna Lawrence has become a strong advocate on behalf of promoting the causes of supporting those with Alzheimer's and the search for a cure, and

Whereas, Jenna Lawrence has raised over \$25,000.00 for the Vermont Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association through fundraising events she has hosted in collaboration with the Franklin County Dementia Care Coalition, an organization she helped establish, and

Whereas, although her successful one-year reign as the 2017 Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen has concluded, Jenna Lawrence is personally dedicated to her Alzheimer's-related volunteer endeavors and will continue to promote public awareness of the challenges those who have the disease must endure and the urgent need for continued medical research in search of a cure, and

Whereas, Jenna Lawrence is completing her senior year of high school at BFA-St. Albans, and she is also enrolled at Vermont Technical College (VTC) where she is participating in the early college enrollment program, and

Whereas, in June 2018, Jenna Lawrence will graduate from both BFA-St. Albans and VTC's Vermont Academy of Science and Technology, and in the fall of 2018, she will continue her education as a sophomore at VTC, and

Whereas, Jenna Lawrence's being crowned the 2017 Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen and her endeavors on behalf of Alzheimer's awareness and research are highly commendable, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the 2017 Miss Vermont's Outstanding Teen Jenna Lawrence's work on behalf of Alzheimer's public awareness and eradication, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 383.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Hinesburg Fire Department on its 75th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Lippert of Hinesburg

Whereas, in 1943, following repeated fires at a local cheese plant that prompted the owners to contract with the Burlington Fire Department, a sense of civic pride prompted local citizens to organize the Hinesburg Firemen's Association, the forerunner of the Hinesburg Fire Department, and

Whereas, the key point of the Department's goal "is to assure the citizens of Hinesburg that fire, rescue, and medical services provided by the Hinesburg Fire Department will continue to be of the highest quality," and

Whereas, the Hinesburg Selectboard appointed Charlie LaBelle as the first chief, and the Department's original truck was an old Chevrolet with a 55-gallon drum that when loaded with baking soda triggered a single hose, and

Whereas, within a few years, a single bay fire station was constructed and a 1945 Ford pumper truck was purchased, and

Whereas, in 1956, a second bay was added to the fire station, in order to accommodate the Department's and the area's first water tanker, and

Whereas, for many years, calls for firefighters to report for duty were transmitted to 20 telephone numbers, including Lantman's Store, from where a

line triggered the siren on the fire station's roof, and

Whereas, in 1967, Bernard Giroux became chief, and his 32-year tenure featured the construction of a new fire station, funded and built through volunteer efforts, and

Whereas, later in the 1970s, the first of two additions was added to the building, and a second more extensive expansion occurred in 2001, and

Whereas, also in the 1970s, the Department and interested residents of Williston and St. George established Iroquois First Response for medical emergencies, and the service continued until 2000 when the Department assumed first response responsibility for both Hinesburg and St. George, and

Whereas, the Department offers community CPR trainings and fire safety education sessions in local schools, and

Whereas, since 1999, Chief Alton Barber's dynamic leadership has ensured that the Department has kept pace with the latest firefighting and first response practices and technology, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Hinesburg Fire Department on its 75th anniversary, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 384.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of forests and forestry-related industries in Vermont in commemoration of Arbor Day

Offered by: Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

Whereas, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 372, the first Friday in May is Arbor Day in Vermont and is a great occasion to celebrate Vermont's forests, and

Whereas, 75 percent of the State, or 4.6 million acres, is forested, and

Whereas, forests provide clean water for drinking, recreation, and habitat and in some instances can eliminate expenditures would have been needed to develop manmade infrastructure to ensure clean water, and

Whereas, each acre of forestland stores 107 metric tons of carbon, the equivalent of annual emissions from 83 vehicles, and Vermont forests store approximately 480 million metric tons of carbon, and

Whereas, forests provide the habitat for a large number of wildlife species

and are either the home of or closely associated with 75 percent of Vermont's native species, and

Whereas, forests and forestry-related industries are critical to the economic vitality of Vermont, and

Whereas, annualized economic data from the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation document this statement, and

Whereas, the basic forestry industry, including logging and trucking, generates \$45 million in output and the full-time equivalent of 875 jobs, and

Whereas, wood product manufacturing injects \$239 million into the State's economy and is responsible for over 2,300 jobs, and

Whereas, the comparable figures for the wood energy industry are \$60 million and 300 jobs, and

Whereas, the quintessential Vermont art of maple sugaring results in 46 percent of U.S.-produced maple syrup originating in our State, equaling two million gallons of syrup annually, and

Whereas, forestry-centered recreation supports 10,050 jobs, with a 158-million-dollar payroll and revenues of \$1.9 billion, and

Whereas, fall foliage sparks \$460 million in tourists' expenditures on food, lodging, and other purchases, slightly over 25 percent of Vermont's tourism revenue, and

Whereas, it is undeniable that forests are an environmental and economic linchpin of Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the importance of forests and forestry-related industries in Vermont in commemoration of Arbor Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation, the Vermont Woodlands Association, and the Vermont Forest Products Association.

### **H.C.R. 385.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Bellows Falls educator and civic leader Francis X. Coyne

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, Francis Coyne graduated from Bellows Falls High School and St. Francis College, and

Whereas, Francis Coyne's graduate studies included course work at Castleton State College, Keene State College, St. Michael's College, and the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, for a number of years, he worked as a teacher, coach, vice principal, and eventually principal at the Immaculate Heart Central School in Watertown, New York, and

Whereas, Francis Coyne's years at Immaculate Heart Central School brought much praise, and in 1970, the school's yearbook was dedicated in his honor and he was inducted into the Immaculate Heart of Mary National Honor Society, and

Whereas, beginning in 1972, Francis Coyne returned home and started his 24-year tenure on the Bellows Falls Union High School (BFUHS) faculty as a social studies teacher, coach, and student council advisor, and he became active in many professional organizations, and

Whereas, once again, he was warmly received and earned many accolades, such as the school's yearbook being twice dedicated (in 1977 and 1984) in his honor; being named the 1982 BFUHS-DECA Teacher of the Year; serving as the 1984 Bellows Falls Alumni Parade Grand Marshall; and in 1990 being named a UVM Outstanding Teacher award recipient, and

Whereas, in 1994, the BFUHS Terriers Hall of Fame inducted Francis Coyne into its ranks, and he served as president of the school's alumni association, and

Whereas, Francis Coyne coached for local youth sports teams, served as a justice of the peace and member of the board of civil authority, and was a leader or active member of numerous civic and fraternal organizations, and

Whereas, in 1998, the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce named him its Citizen of the Year, and

Whereas, Francis Coyne died on March 20, 2018, and his survivors include a daughter and several grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Francis X. Coyne, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 386.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Wilson House in East Dorset on its 30th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, in 1852, the local entrepreneur Ira Cochran opened a new hotel in the village of East Dorset, and

Whereas, by the late 19th century, the Wilson family owned an interest in the hotel that in 1895 was named the Wilson House, and which, on November 26 of that year, became the birthplace of William G. Wilson, and

Whereas, William G. Wilson was the “Bill W.” who cofounded Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) in 1935, and

Whereas, in 1987, Ozzie Lepper purchased the then-deteriorating Wilson House, restoring it as a hotel and creating a respite site for AA participants and a memorial to Bill W., and

Whereas, the mission of the now nonprofit Wilson House is “to responsibly maintain the historic birthplace, memory, spirit, and purpose of Bill Wilson,” and

Whereas, since its reopening in 1988, Wilson House has been a spiritually based organization that “fosters community relations and avoids commercialism,” and

Whereas, on the weekend of June 1 to 3, 2018, the Wilson House in East Dorset will celebrate its 30th anniversary, marking a special milestone in the history of the building and the important organization that occupies its premises, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Wilson House in East Dorset on its 30th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Wilson House in East Dorset.

### **H.C.R. 387.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Miss Vermont 2017 Erin Connor of Bridport

Offered by: Representatives Smith of New Haven, Baser of Bristol, Conlon

of Cornwall, Lanpher of Vergennes, Norris of Shoreham, Scheu of Middlebury, Sharpe of Bristol, and Sheldon of Middlebury

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, a successful Miss Vermont contestant must create and implement an education-themed personal platform to be presented during her service year, be a talented performing artist, and an outstanding interviewee, and

Whereas, Erin Connor of Bridport is a young woman who meets these specialized criteria that distinguish serious Miss Vermont aspirants from the stereotypical beauty pageant entrant, and

Whereas, she is a graduate of the University of Vermont who majored in public communications and is employed as a public relations specialist in the lodging industry, and

Whereas, Erin Connor has mastered the challenging intricacies of American Sign Language, certainly a rarity for a Miss Vermont or any Miss America-related contest participant, and, using this specialized form of nonverbal communication, she performed the song “The Greatest Love of All,” and

Whereas, her personal platform was “Tailwinds: Training a New Generation of Women Scientists,” which consisted of a comprehensive classroom presentation designed to teach young girls about career opportunities in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), with an emphasis on aviation, and

Whereas, Erin Connor’s life epitomizes this theme, as she earned her private pilot’s license in 2013 and since then has been traveling across Vermont promoting the concept of more young girls entering the aviation field, and

Whereas, on April 21, 2017, Erin Connor outscored all of the other competitors and was honored to be crowned as Miss Vermont 2017, and

Whereas, her year of service has entailed more than 150 personal appearances in over 100 communities in all 14 counties, and traveling in excess of 20,000 miles, and

Whereas, a highlight of Erin Connor’s Miss America contest appearance in Atlantic City, New Jersey, was being the contest’s first-ever contestant to fly herself to the event, and she completed this journey wearing high heels, aviators, and her grandfather’s World War II bomber jacket, and

Whereas, Erin Connor has been a truly special Miss Vermont who has brought a new dimension to this title, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:



That the General Assembly congratulates Miss Vermont 2017 Erin Connor of Bridport, and be it further

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

**S.C.R. 23.**

*Whereas*, Gertrude Darrow was born in Rural Grove, New York, on April 20, 1919 and graduated from Canajoharie High School and the Nyack Missionary Institute, and

*Whereas*, on her 21st birthday, she married George R. Hodge of East Topsham, a marriage that endured for 58 years until her husband's death, and

*Whereas*, for two decades, Gertrude Hodge was employed at the Vermont Department of Public Safety, working on civil defense matters as the only woman training officer, and

*Whereas*, after her State government retirement, Gertrude Hodge drew on her professional experience to serve as a FEMA disaster reservist, and she received a presidential appointment to the Executive Reserve, and

*Whereas*, her volunteer participation and leadership spanned a broad scope of religious and civic organizations, and

*Whereas*, faith was central in Gertrude Hodge's life: she served as a Methodist lay minister and as president of United Presbyterian Women of Vermont and was a leader of the Bible-distributing Gideons Auxiliary, and

*Whereas*, Gertrude Hodge's interest in public education led to her service as PTA State President and a seat on the association's national board, and

*Whereas*, the importance of agriculture in Gertrude Hodge's life resulted in her holding the office of women's chairperson of the Vermont Farm Bureau, and

*Whereas*, she sat on a number of panels related to the public's health and safety such as the Northeast Health Care Quality Foundation, the State's dental and funeral boards, and the Northeast Board of Dental Examiners, and

*Whereas*, in her later years, Gertrude Hodge focused especially on issues related to older Vermonters, serving on the board of the Central Vermont Council on Aging; as the Vermont AARP Health Chair and Legislative Specialist; and on the board of the Community of Vermont Elders, and

*Whereas*, on behalf of older Vermonters, Gertrude Hodge was a familiar and respected presence in the State House, and

*Whereas*, this venerable mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother died on her 99th birthday, having lived a full and amazingly productive life that contributed much to her family, faith, community, and State, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Gertrude Martha Hodge of Topsham, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Gertrude