

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

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Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

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

Resolutions

H.C.R. 67

House concurrent resolution designating Tuesday, March 19, 2019 as Project Trio Day at the State House

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, promoting the college prospects of financially disadvantaged students is the laudable goal of the federal TRIO programs, and in Vermont these important academic preparatory programs serve many students, and

Whereas, Upward Bound, the original federally financed, college incentive program for disadvantaged students, was established under the auspices of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, and

Whereas, Talent Search, the second program, initially authorized by the Higher Education Act of 1965, assists students early in the college admissions and financial aid process, and

Whereas, as part of the federal Education Amendments of 1968, the third program, now known as Student Support Services, was established, and

Whereas, these three special programs for students from low-income backgrounds became known informally as TRIO, and

Whereas, the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 authorized the development of Educational Opportunity Centers, and the Education Amendments of 1976 authorized the Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs, and

Whereas, during the 1970s, a new component known as Veterans Upward Bound was established to offer support to veterans pursuing a postsecondary education and to assist them with the academic and personal skills required for college admission, and

Whereas, federal legislation in 1986 established the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program and, in 1990, the Department of Education established the Upward Bound Math/Science program, and

Whereas, in 1992, Congress codified and unified the authorization of the federal TRIO programs in 20 U.S.C § 1070a–11, and

Whereas, in 2019, the TRIO federal education programs continue to provide an essential gateway for aspiring college students in Vermont and nationwide who might not otherwise gain college admission, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Tuesday, March 20, 2019 as Project Trio Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Julie Finnegan at Castleton University.

H.C.R. 68

House concurrent resolution congratulating Cabot Creamery Co-operative on its centennial

Offered by: Representatives Toll of Danville, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bock of Chester, Conquest of Newbury, Dolan of Waitsfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Fegard of Berkshire, Feltus of Lyndon, Graham of Williamstown, Helm of Fair Haven, Hooper of Montpelier, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lefebvre of Newark, McFaun of Barre Town, Myers of Essex, Norris of Shoreham, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Partridge of Windham, Pugh of South Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Strong of Albany, Townsend of South Burlington, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Kitchel, Benning, Mazza, Cummings, MacDonald, Perchlik, Pollina, Starr, and Westman

Whereas, in 1919, Vermont dairy farmers recognized that ensuring the best possible price for their milk required pooling their production and marketing resources, and in the small town of Cabot, a group of 94 dairy farmers implemented this idea and established the Cabot Creamery Co-operative (the Co-operative), and

Whereas, until the 1930s, the Co-operative's primary product was Rosedale-branded butter, and during that decade the first cheese-making equipment was installed at the creamery, enabling the production of cheddar and cottage cheese, and in the 1980s, the Rosedale brand was retired and the Cabot brand, now so closely associated with the Co-operative, served as its replacement, and

Whereas, in 1989, the Co-operative earned a first-place award in the cheddar category at the U.S. Championship Cheese Contest, initiating a flurry of national and international prizes that continues to this day, and

Whereas, although the Co-operative merged with Agri-Mark Dairy Co-operative, the Cabot brand remains strong, and the direct, historic tie to the farmers who established the Co-operative continues, and

Whereas, today, the Co-operative is owned by over 800 dairy farm families located in New England and New York State, and over 600 persons are Vermont-based Cabot employees working at manufacturing plants in Cabot and Middlebury, a product-aging warehouse in St. Albans, and an administrative center in Waitsfield, and approximately 300 individuals are employed outside Vermont, predominately in Massachusetts and New York, and

Whereas, the Co-operative is proud of its numerous partnerships, beginning with its marketing collaboration with Vermont's ski areas and continuing with its current associations with over 4,000 nonprofit organizations for which Cabot employees volunteer their time and expertise, and

Whereas, during the past three decades, the Co-operative has invested \$228 million in Vermont for plants and equipment, and in 2018, the combined domestic and international sales of cheese, butter, and yogurt products totaled \$925 million, a strong start for its second century, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Cabot Creamery Co-operative on its centennial, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Co-operative's administrative office in Waitsfield.

H.C.R. 69

House concurrent resolution congratulating the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery on its centennial

Offered by: Representatives Toof of St. Albans Town, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fegard of Berkshire, Gamache of Swanton, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hango of Berkshire, Leffler of Enosburgh, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Murphy of Fairfax, Rosenquist of Georgia, and Savage of Swanton

Offered by: Senators Parent and Brock

Whereas, dairy farmers have sought to introduce a degree of stability into their business operations through the establishment of producer cooperatives, and

Whereas, in 1919, the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery (the Cooperative) was formed, ensuring that its member farmers would not be bidding against each other or traveling long distances only to discover that potential purchasers no longer needed their milk, and

Whereas, the cooperative's over 350 dairy farms—located in Vermont, New York, and New Hampshire—produce more than a billion pounds of milk annually, and

Whereas, the economic impact of the Cooperative is significant to Franklin County, the State of Vermont, and beyond, and

Whereas, its manufacturing plant separates and processes milk into cream, condensed skim milk, and dry milk powder that ultimately are incorporated into butter, cheese, ice cream, yogurt, and other dairy products, and

Whereas, the Cooperative's state-of-the art laboratory performs quality-testing services required for producer payments and analyzes the products made at the manufacturing plant, and

Whereas, its store offers a wide selection of products for dairy farmers and nonmembers, as well as a delivery service right to a producer's farm, and

Whereas, the leadership of the Cooperative has worked diligently to ensure that the membership maintains access to milk markets through the ever-changing dairy sector, and

Whereas, the Cooperative's dairy farmer members are truly the reason that the St. Albans Cooperative has been operating for 100 years, and

Whereas, in 2019, the Cooperative is celebrating a century of strengthening the Vermont dairy community and contributing to our State's agricultural economy, both important roles that will continue as the organization begins its second century of operations to support its valued dairy farmer members, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery on its centennial, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 70

House concurrent resolution honoring Dr. Dennis LeBlanc for his four decades of outstanding dental service in Derby

Offered by: Representatives Smith of Derby, Batchelor of Derby, Lefebvre of Newark, Marcotte of Coventry, and Page of Newport City

Whereas, Dennis LeBlanc grew up on his family's Burton Hill dairy farm in Barton, where farm chores, including milking the family's Registered Holsteins, were a daily part of his boyhood, and

Whereas, he attended St. Paul's Catholic School in Barton and graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Newport, and

Whereas, with ambitions for a career beyond the farm, Dennis LeBlanc enrolled at the University of Vermont, from which he graduated in 1972, the same year he and his wife, Cindy, a dental hygienist and also a UVM graduate, were married, and

Whereas, having decided to become a dentist, Dennis LeBlanc and Cindy moved to Philadelphia, where he entered Temple University School of Dentistry, and

Whereas, in 1976, with his newly awarded dental degree in hand, Dr. Dennis LeBlanc and Cindy LeBlanc headed home to the Northeast Kingdom, where Dennis LeBlanc intended to commence the practice of dentistry, and

Whereas, he worked in the dental office of Dr. George Leland in Orleans, gaining important practical experience as well as expert advice, and

Whereas, in 1977, now ready to venture out on his own, Dr. LeBlanc decided to open a practice in the Taylor Moore Building on Main Street in Derby, a town where he already had many acquaintances, and

Whereas, his talent as a dentist became well known, and the practice expanded, resulting in his 1998 purchase of a house, conveniently located on Derby's Main Street, which offered more office space, and

Whereas, perhaps unique among Vermont's dentists, Dr. Dennis Leblanc is a former Vermont Golden Gloves boxer, and he trained noted amateur boxer, Tony Robitaille, and later served on the former Vermont Boxing Control Board, and

Whereas, after 43 years of serving as Derby's dependable dentist, Dr. Dennis LeBlanc has turned over the practice to a carefully selected professional colleague,

and he and his wife are anticipating spending more time with their children and grandchildren, and traveling, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dr. Dennis LeBlanc for his four decades of outstanding dental service in Derby, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 71

House concurrent resolution honoring civic activist Shirley Searles Squires of Guilford

Offered by: Representative Coffey of Guilford

Whereas, seventh-generation Vermonter Shirley Searles Squires was born in Brattleboro and since 1941 has resided in Guilford, in a house that her father and uncle constructed, where she is a pillar of the community, and

Whereas, when she was 18 years of age, she married Maynard Squires, and they became the parents of a large family, which now includes a great number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and

Whereas, in 1990, her son, Ronald, was elected to represent the towns of Guilford and Vernon in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, as the first openly gay member of the Vermont General Assembly, Ronald Squires's personal initiative and leadership were instrumental in the pioneering enactment of 1992 Acts and Resolves No. 135, An act relating to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and

Whereas, in January 1993, shortly after being sworn in for a second term, former Representative Ronald Squires died of AIDS, and

Whereas, Shirley Squires turned her grief into action and became a passionate advocate for victims of AIDS, and

Whereas, for 26 years, Shirley Squires has marched in the annual Southern Vermont AIDS Walk, an event in memory of individuals who have died from HIV-related illnesses, and her efforts have raised over \$350,000 for the AIDS Project of Southern Vermont, and

Whereas, she is actively associated with the Brattleboro Area Hospice and Guilford Cares, and

Whereas, Shirley Squires's religious faith is of paramount importance to her and sustained her through the immediate aftermath of her son's death, and

Whereas, St. Michael's Catholic Church in Brattleboro plays a great role in her life, and she offers communion to home-bound parishioners, and

Whereas, Shirley Squires has collected approximately 1,600 Christmas nativities from around the world, welcomes the public to view the collection, and provides a basket in which visitors can place donation to the AIDS Project of Southern Vermont and the Brattleboro Area Hospice, and

Whereas, as a member of the Yellow Ribbon Group, she participated in sending care packages to U.S. military personnel stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors civic activist Shirley Searles Squires of Guilford, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 72

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Windsor High School Division III championship baseball team

Offered by: Representatives Ralph of Hartland and Bartholomew of Hartland

Whereas, the steady and reliable fielding, hitting, and pitching of the 2018 Windsor Yellowjackets Division III baseball team culminated in the squad being assigned the first playoff seed, and

Whereas, this top ranking was well deserved as the Yellowjackets remained undefeated through the semifinal contest and secured a championship game berth against second-seeded Green Mountain Union High School for a season-ending contest played at Centennial Field in Burlington, and

Whereas, despite Green Mountain's scoring the initial run in the top of the first, Windsor tied the score in its half of the opening inning, surged ahead 3–1 in the third, and continued an offensive drive, resulting in an impressive 10–2 win and the team's second Division III title during the past three years, and

Whereas, the victorious Yellowjackets were Seth Balch, Duncan Frazer, Ben Meagher, Dakota Page, Adam Stapleton, Elijah Collier, Ryland Richardson, Robert Slocum, Tyler Wright, Daniel Cardillo, Josh Gaudette, Justin Smith, Dylan Hodgdon, Caleb Meagher, William Heim, and Rhett Barrows, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jamie Richardson and assistant coaches Rob Slocum, Adam Kapuscinski, and David Weld were proud of their team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Windsor High School Division III championship baseball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 73

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Mt. Abraham Union High School Eagles Division II championship field hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Elder of Starksboro, Cordes of Lincoln, and Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Bray and Hardy

Whereas, field hockey fans, arriving for the 2018 championship game at the University of Vermont, anticipated an exciting contest between the first-seeded Mt. Abraham Union High School Eagles and the second-seeded Burr and Burton Academy Bulldogs, and

Whereas, despite coping with the challenge of playing on an extremely wet field, each team proved it deserved its respective top-level playoff ranking, and

Whereas, a game with greater excitement and tension could not have been imagined, and

Whereas, the Eagles led 2–0 at halftime, but the Bulldogs charged forward, scoring twice in the second half, sending the game into post-regulation play that ended victoriously for the Eagles when they scored a goal at the 4:12 mark of the second overtime period, and

Whereas, Eagles Brynn Winchester, Elizabeth Porter, Jnana Breck-Arndt, Casandra Dykstra, Molly Laurent, Evan Laurent, Sarah Lavigne, Jalen Cook, Ava Konczal, Camille Lyons, Abby Hoff, Olivia Heath, Elayna Jennings, Maizy Shepard, Sydney Perlee, Sawyer Forbes, Abby Reen, Rosa Tropp, Carly Rougier, Kira Murray, and Chessley Jackman constituted a truly exceptional squad, and Head Coach Mary Stetson and assistant coaches Lisa Roscoe, Jennifer Myers, Kayla Bessette, and Lucy Pellegrini gave the players great assistance and support, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Mt. Abraham Union High School Eagles Division II championship field hockey team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 74

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Brookfield Ice Harvest at the Floating Bridge on its 40th anniversary and honoring the event's founder, Al Wilder

Offered by: Representatives Jickling of Randolph and Hooper of Randolph

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, before refrigeration was available, local farmers would gather at Sunset Lake in Brookfield to harvest ice, and

Whereas, throughout January, strenuous efforts were made to plant an ice boom to haul out large blocks of ice, keep the ice clear, and create a channel in the lake to serve as a conduit for the ice, and

Whereas, in addition to local sales, Brookfield maintained a contract with the Central Vermont Railroad, which purchased blocks of ice for maintaining the cold temperature of milk en route to Boston, and

Whereas, once the train arrived in Boston, the ice blocks were sold to local icemen who in turn sold them to area customers, and

Whereas, Al Wilder is a Norwich University graduate and a 21-year U.S. Army veteran and concluded his military service as an advisor to the Vermont Army National Guard, and

Whereas, after his military discharge, Al Wilder owned the first self- service gasoline station in central Vermont, and for many years, he has resided on a hill overlooking Sunset Lake, and

Whereas, one day in 1978, he heard a noise on the lake and discovered that an ice harvesting demonstration had attracted a crowd of at least 50 persons, and

Whereas, thinking it would be fun to repeat this event, Al Wilder obtained saws and other equipment, mostly from the owners of local barns, and

Whereas, in 1980, on the last Saturday in January, while Al Wilder and his late wife, Jackie, owned the Fork Shop Restaurant, he organized the first Brookfield Ice Harvest at the Floating Bridge, and

Whereas, Al Wilder's ice harvest garnered much attention, and this annual event is eagerly anticipated every January, and

Whereas, Al Wilder remained the ice harvest's primary organizer for over 30 years, and although he has now relinquished this role, he remains closely associated with this annual winter celebration, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Brookfield Ice Harvest at the Floating Bridge on its 40th anniversary and honors its founder, Al Wilder, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Al Wilder and the Brookfield Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 75

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks Division I championship boys' soccer 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 Ashe, Baruth, Ingram, Lyons, Pearson, and Sirotkin

Whereas, although the Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) Redhawks boys' soccer team can boast of an esteemed history, for the past six seasons a Division I title was an elusive prize, and

Whereas, in 2018, CVU earned the top playoff seed, reflecting its solid regular season performance, and its elimination round victories culminated with a berth in the Division I title game against the second-seeded St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers, and

Whereas, in this Division I season finale, played at Burlington's Buck Hard Field, the Hilltoppers scored their first and only goal a mere 136 seconds into the contest, but CVU soon tied the game, and during the second half, three additional Redhawk goals enabled CVU to leave the field triumphantly with a 4-1 victory and an 18th CVU Division I boys' soccer championship, and

Whereas, Redhawks Aiden Pricer-Coan, Cole Otley, Brayden Bartlett, Jacob Allaire, Benjamin Wetzell, Benjamin Sampson, Enzo Delia, Jonah Roberts, Henry Bijur, Caleb Martin, Will Berkowitz, Erik Stolen, James Schmidt, Samuel Johnson, Nicolas Durieux, Nathaniel Sampson, Benjamin Ross, Luke Morton, Nathan Godbout, Asa Lawson, Jami Lashua, Chase Mitchell, Cullen Swett, Frans Lindberg, Aidan Johnson, Benjamin Vincent, Jack Sinopoli, and Jett Barbic played to win, and

Whereas, Head Coach Rob Cole and Assistant Coach Andy Borah were masters in advising the team, 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 Division I championship boys' soccer 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. 76

House concurrent resolution congratulating The Pharmacy in Bennington and its founding pharmacists, Philip J. O'Neill and Edward P. Molloy, on the retailer's 50th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Brownell of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, James of Manchester, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, independent pharmacies are becoming increasingly rare, and

Whereas, Philip J. O'Neill and Edward P. Molloy both earned their bachelor's degrees in pharmaceutical sciences from the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Albany, New York, and

Whereas, on February 3, 1969, they entered the world of entrepreneurship and opened The Pharmacy in Bennington, an independently owned and community-based retail pharmacy, operating seven days a week, and

Whereas, The Pharmacy's geographic coverage encompasses portions of Vermont, Massachusetts, and New York, and

Whereas, during the past half century, The Pharmacy has served over 109,000 customers and filled more than 4,520,000 prescriptions, and its staff has tallied 2,700,000 miles delivering medications to customers, and

Whereas, as a pharmacy preceptor, The Pharmacy has mentored over a dozen pharmacy students, who were studying to enter the profession, and

Whereas, The Pharmacy achieved the distinct honor of being the first Vermont pharmacy to be awarded the coveted designation of Fellow of the American College of Apothecaries, and

Whereas, on multiple occasions, The Pharmacy has won the People's Choice Award for Outstanding Pharmacy in the Bennington area, and

Whereas, The Pharmacy has provided financial support to many worthy nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, The Pharmacy's financial generosity was an important factor in both Philip O'Neill and Edward Molloy receiving the Bowl of Hygeia Award in recognition of their outstanding records of exemplary community and civic leadership, and

Whereas, The Pharmacy Northshire is the retailer's branch store in Manchester, and

Whereas, Edward Molloy retired in 2013, but Philip O'Neill remains an active pharmacist who operates The Pharmacy with the support of a great professional and administrative staff, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates The Pharmacy in Bennington and its founding pharmacists, Philip J. O'Neill and Edward P. Molloy, on the retailer's 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to The Pharmacy and to Philip O'Neill and Edward Molloy.

H.C.R. 77

House concurrent resolution congratulating Bennington Project Independence on its 40th anniversary and the 10th anniversary of its home at the Dr. Richard A. Sleeman Center

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Brownell of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, James of Manchester, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, maximizing the ability for older Vermonters to remain residents in their own homes is a public policy goal with broad appeal, and

Whereas, starting in the late 1970s, a new approach to meeting this worthy objective was introduced through the establishment of adult day care centers, and

Whereas, the Bennington Elderly Action Committee secured State financing to establish Bennington Project Independence (BPI), which was incorporated in 1978 and opened in the basement of a local Baptist church in September 1979, and

Whereas, the founders of BPI were Beth Cheadle, Reverend Kenneth Costin, Dale Loomis, Joseph LoPiccolo, Virginia North, John Powell, Claire O'Leary, Mary Seidel, William F.D. Smith, Joseph Thorpe, and David Vilner, and

Whereas, BPI provided daytime on-site support services to both older area residents and younger adults with disabilities, and

Whereas, the original location soon proved inadequate to meet BPI's expanding needs, and in 1982 it moved to the Bennington Senior Citizens Service Center building, which also soon proved too confining, and

Whereas, a larger and more creatively designed headquarters, with the potential for future growth, was needed, and

Whereas, as the result of the extraordinary generosity of Lillian Seward, phase one of the Dr. Richard A. Sleeman Center opened its doors in 2009, and it constituted both a memorial to Lillian Seward's brother and the realization of BPI's dream for a more durable and accommodating home, and

Whereas, the center is a meticulously designed state-of-the art facility that provides exceptional care in a homelike environment, and

Whereas, BPI now serves approximately 50–55 persons per day, and potential future expansion will enable that number to increase, and

Whereas, Bennington area residents appreciate the caring and important role that BPI serves for its clientele, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Bennington Project Independence on its 40th anniversary and the 10th anniversary of its home at the Dr. Richard A. Sleeman Center, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bennington Project Independence and Lillian Seward.

H.C.R. 78

House concurrent resolution recognizing March 15, 2019 as Brain Injury Awareness Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representative Squirrell of Underhill

Whereas, brain injuries can occur unexpectedly and instantaneously and can result in cognitive, emotional, and physical challenges that may last a lifetime, and

Whereas, the Brain Injury Association of America estimates that 3.5 million Americans, including both children and adults, annually sustain brain injuries, while the organization's local affiliate, the Brain Injury Association of Vermont, estimates that 10,000 Vermonters have long-term challenges related to brain injury, and

Whereas, brain injuries may result from an infection, a lack of oxygen, a stroke, a brain tumor, or as a ramification of a drug overdose, and

Whereas, a subcategory of brain injury is traumatic brain injury, which can be precipitated by an external event such as an assault, an automobile accident, a fall, or a sports-related injury, and

Whereas, the Brain Injury Association of Vermont has compiled data that indicate that 4,500 Vermonters annually sustain traumatic brain injuries, and

Whereas, the best hope for a person to resume normal living and work activities after sustaining a brain injury is to seek medical attention as soon as possible, and

Whereas, the Brain Injury Association of Vermont offers educational and support programs, including intake and referral services, at no charge, and

Whereas, it specifically makes available the web-based Vermont School Concussion Management Toolkit that provides informative digital resources to school athletic officials, coaches, student athletes, and parents, and

Whereas, the Brain Injury Association of America has designated March as Brain Injury Awareness Month, and Vermont legislative recognition of this important health issue will increase Vermonters' awareness of brain injuries, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes March 15, 2019 as Brain Injury Awareness Day in Vermont, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 79

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Norwich University professor and Northfield civic leader Donald MacPherson Wallace Jr.

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Goslant of Northfield

Whereas, his firmly held opinions, ever-present moustache, glasses, and frequently present pipe were the hallmarks of Don Wallace, and

Whereas, Don Wallace's military service as a U.S. Army medic preceded his earning a mechanical engineering degree at the University of Vermont and a master's degree from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and

Whereas, in 1962, he settled in Northfield, beginning an extraordinary 55-year faculty career at Norwich University, interrupted only for his completion of a doctoral degree in engineering science from Columbia University, and concluding with his retirement in 2017 at 83 years of age, and

Whereas, Don Wallace served his hometown as a dedicated and effective public servant whose endeavors touched diverse aspects of the community, and

Whereas, for 26 years, he volunteered as an emergency medical technician with the Northfield Ambulance Squad, helping those in need of immediate medical assistance, and

Whereas, from 1986 until 2001, Don Wallace was the Northfield representative to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District, and in this role he was instrumental in the development of the town's waste reduction program and the construction of a local transfer station and directed the community's annual Green-Up Day activities, and

Whereas, for a term that extended from 1999 until 2008, Don Wallace's intelligence and unique perspective on municipal management were important factors in the deliberations of the Northfield Selectboard on which he served, and

Whereas, mountaineering was a lifelong passion of Don Wallace's, which he first experienced as a youth on family excursions, and

Whereas, Don Wallace was the fourth person to summit all 115 of the high peaks in the northeast, and he summited the high points in all 50 states, including the extremely challenging Denali in Alaska, and

Whereas, this true Norwich University don and respected citizen of Northfield died, at 84 years of age, on November 18, 2018, and his survivors include his companion, Mary Bellinzier, and his children, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Donald MacPherson Wallace Jr. of Northfield, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mary Bellinzier, the children of Don Wallace, and Norwich University.

H.C.R. 80

House concurrent resolution designating March 12, 2019 as Vermont Lions Day at the State House

Offered by: Representative Walz of Barre City

Whereas, Lions Clubs International traces its origin to a meeting that Dr. William Perry Woods organized in 1916, and the organization's mission evolved under the leadership of Melvin Jones, and

Whereas, the mission of Lions Clubs International is "to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs," and

Whereas, among the aims of Lions Clubs International are to organize service clubs that are united in bonds of friendship, "to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world," and "to encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward," and

Whereas, in 2019, over 200 nations are home to 47,000 Lions Clubs, and more than 1.3 million individuals are members, and

Whereas, ever since Helen Keller addressed a Lions Clubs International convention in 1925, the organization has devoted much of its attention to sight improvement programs and assisting the blind, and

Whereas, the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative is designed to combat measles, specifically in Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mali, and Nigeria, and

Whereas, from 2014 through 2018, during Lions Clubs International's Centennial Service Challenge, a special focus was placed on five broad areas of endeavor: youth programs, environmental projects, vision services, hunger alleviation, and diabetes prevention and treatment, and the Clubs' efforts served over 248 million persons, and

Whereas, Vermont constitutes District 45 of Lions Clubs International and representatives of the district are visiting the State House today to share with members of the General Assembly and the public the organization's commendable activities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March 12, 2019 as Vermont Lions Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lions Clubs International headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois, and to the organization's District 45 Governor Elizabeth Fenwick.

H.C.R. 81

House concurrent resolution honoring Daniel Roberts on his half century of exemplary service as a Tunbridge volunteer firefighter

Offered by: Representative O'Brien of Tunbridge

Whereas, Dan Roberts was born in Tunbridge in 1949, grew up in a home with four doting sisters, and now resides in this same town with his wife, Betty, and

Whereas, for this "at least" seventh-generation Vermonter, his attachment to the land is exemplified through his farming on Spring Road, and

Whereas, one of Dan Roberts's strongest associations with his hometown has been his five decades of service as a member of the Tunbridge Volunteer Fire Department, and

Whereas, Dan Roberts joined the department shortly after its establishment in 1968, and

Whereas, he recognizes the importance of remaining up-to-date in his knowledge of firefighting techniques and technology, and over the past 50 years, he has attended approximately 2,600 of the department's weekly training sessions, and

Whereas, Dan Roberts's firefighting colleagues know they can rely on him to assist in any role, be it entering a burning building to fight a fire, dousing countless chimney and brush fires or, on happier notes, helping to flood the Tunbridge Central School's skating rink for its annual ice surfacing and hiding eggs for the department's Easter egg hunt, and

Whereas, his service as the department's deputy chief extended "at least" 15 years, and

Whereas, former Tunbridge Fire Chief Brenda Field recollected that if a "challenging or, in particular, physically overwhelming" task was at hand, "Dan was the man," and Tunbridge's lack of a hydrant system is illustrative of this, and

Whereas, Brenda Field told the story about how Dan Roberts met the challenge to move the "heavy portable pump, suction hose, strainer, gas can and rolls of supply hose down to the river" on a subzero night when the ground was buried under three feet of snow, and

Whereas, Dan Roberts's dedication to serving the Town of Tunbridge at all hours of the day and night is admirable and an excellent example for others to emulate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Daniel Roberts on his half century of exemplary service as a Tunbridge volunteer firefighter, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dan Roberts in Tunbridge.

H.C.R. 82

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Assistant Sergeant at Arms and Head Doorkeeper Laurence A. Wade Sr. of East Barre

Offered by: Representatives McFaun of Barre Town and LaClair of Barre Town

Whereas, Larry Wade, who was one of nine children, helped his grandfather manage the teams of oxen that were essential for the family's Putney farming and wood-hauling operations, graduated from high school in Brattleboro, and served in the U.S. Army in France and Germany, and

Whereas, in January 1957, he became a Vermont State Police trooper assigned to the St. Johnsbury barracks, and

Whereas, in 1963, the Vermont State Police transferred him to Hardwick, and Larry Wade's 1967 promotion to detective corporal resulted in his assignment as the first State Police detective posted in Derby, and

Whereas, in 1970, as a newly minted sergeant, Larry Wade was assigned to "King Troop" and was responsible for leading the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and in 1978, he was placed in charge of the newly formed fire investigation unit where he remained until retiring, as a captain, in 1986, and

Whereas, Larry Wade graduated from the FBI National Academy, helped develop the arson course curriculum that the National Fire Academy adopted for its instructional program, and won numerous professional honors, and

Whereas, from 1987 until 1998, his many friends in the Vermont General Assembly knew Larry Wade as the always professional and courteous Assistant Sergeant at Arms and Head Doorkeeper, roles he served with distinction and pride, and

Whereas, Larry Wade belonged to many fraternal organizations, was a member of the Barre Congregational Church, and served as a justice of the peace in both Barre City and Barre Town, and

Whereas, while recently residing at Woodridge Rehabilitation and Nursing in Berlin, he held leadership roles on its resident council and, despite his blindness, dictated a memoir, *Memories of Putney*, which was later published, and

Whereas, on January 29, 2019, Larry Wade died at 87 years of age, and his survivors include 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 sympathy to the family of former Assistant Sergeant at Arms and Head Doorkeeper Laurence A. Wade Sr. of East Barre, and be it further

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

S.C.R. 6

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Linda Hall for her 30 years of outstanding volunteer leadership as the director of the Solomon Wright Public Library in Pownal.

By Senators Campion and Sears,

By Representatives Brownell of Pownal, Carroll of Bennington and Morrissey of Bennington

Whereas, the key precept of the mission of the Solomon Wright Public Library in Pownal is "to promote the joys and benefits of lifelong learning," and

Whereas, as the library's exemplary director for three decades, Linda Hall implemented this mission superbly, and

Whereas, her accomplishments, leading the library and its all-volunteer staff, were numerous and of enduring benefit to its patrons, and

Whereas, on the digital front as the library's contribution to the town's 250th birthday celebration, Linda Hall spearheaded the establishment of an online catalogue of 15,000 entries and more recently, she oversaw the introduction of a fiber optic system, facilitating mobile device Wi-Fi Internet access, and

Whereas, during her tenure, two building upgrades resulted in the library's becoming compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and adding a community room, a new reading room, and an office, and

Whereas, among her successful efforts were increased operational hours and improved children's services, such as the summer reading project, and

Whereas, Linda Hall maximized usage of the resources of the interlibrary loan system and served as an excellent genealogical research resource, and

Whereas, she coordinated book group meetings, craft nights, and an annual book sale that served as a major fundraiser, and

Whereas, Linda Hall's administrative skills were evident in her budgetary planning, town report contribution, and the library's annual achievement of the Department of Libraries' standards for public libraries, and

Whereas, after three decades of excellent leadership at the Solomon Wright Public Library, she has concluded her directorship, and

Whereas, Linda Hall will be greatly missed among the library's patrons and volunteers, but left a vastly enhanced institution that is the pride of Pownal, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Linda Hall for her 30 years of outstanding volunteer leadership as the director of the Solomon Wright Public Library in Pownal, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Linda Hall and to the Solomon Wright Public Library.