

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

March 21, 2019

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. 83

House concurrent resolution honoring Poultney civic leader and esteemed educator Francis Fressie

Offered by: Representative McCoy of Poultney

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, Frank Fressie has distinguished himself in combat and both as an educator and an elected official in his local community of Poultney, and

Whereas, as a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II, he arrived in Nagasaki, Japan, shortly after the atomic bomb had been dropped, and during the Korean War, Frank Fressie returned to military service as a U.S. Marine, was wounded, and received a Purple Heart, and

Whereas, Frank Fressie graduated from the State University of New York at Binghamton, earned his master's degree at the State University of New York at Albany, Williams College awarded him a doctorate, and he studied in Torino, Italy, as a Fulbright Scholar, and

Whereas, his several high school principalships included, most notably, Poultney High School where a new school gymnasium was constructed during his tenure, and he served as interim superintendent for the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union from May 1983 through May 1984, and

Whereas, the Poultney electorate knew Frank Fressie as a person capable of successfully completing a challenging assignment, and it elected him to serve as a town lister from 1994 until 2004, during which time two town reappraisals were conducted, and

Whereas, with his outstanding record as an educator and as a lister, Frank Fressie was a compelling candidate to serve on the Poultney Selectboard, where he thoughtfully carried out his duties from 2008 until March 2019, and

Whereas, Frank Fressie's military history proved to be an invaluable resource in his leadership of a veterans' peer group at the White River Junction VA Medical Center, and

Whereas, he offered wise and practical advice in his role as an AARP defensive-driving instructor, and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society is an organization with which Frank Fressie was an active volunteer, and

Whereas, he enjoys golfing, fishing, and hunting are all recreational pursuits that he enjoys, and

Whereas, Town Meeting Day 2019 marked the conclusion of Frank Fressie's outstanding public service in Poultney's municipal government, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Poultney civic leader and esteemed educator Francis Fressie, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 84

House concurrent resolution honoring pharmacist, entrepreneur, and community leader Frank Buonincontro of Bristol

Offered by: Representatives Elder of Starksboro, Birong of Vergennes, Conlon of Cornwall, Cordes of Lincoln, Hooper of Randolph, Lanpher of Vergennes, Norris of Shoreham, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, and Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Bray and Hardy

Whereas, in 1974, New York City pharmacist Frank Buonincontro, a graduate of St. John's University, decided to relocate his family to Addison County, and

Whereas, initially, he was employed at the Rexall Pharmacy in Middlebury, and

Whereas, Frank Buonincontro left the Rexall Pharmacy to establish a pharmacy and medical supply service at Porter Hospital, and

Whereas, in 1980, he formed the Medicine Chest, a home-based business dedicated to sales to doctors and hospitals of reasonably priced medical supplies and equipment, and

Whereas, in 1988, Frank Buonincontro decided to open his own retail store, establishing the Marble Works Pharmacy in Middlebury's historic locale, and

Whereas, his entrepreneurial daring was evident, as, unlike in 2019, minimal commercial activity existed in the area, and

Whereas, the Marble Works Pharmacy evolved into a popular destination for the purchase of medications and associated products, especially because Frank Buonincontro offered his customers friendly and highly professional service, and they appreciated that the pharmacy was open on Sundays, and

Whereas, Marble Works Pharmacy's retailing success led Frank Buonincontro to open drugstores in Bristol and Vergennes, and

Whereas, for eight years, Frank Buonincontro cohosted the *Over the Counter* medical information radio show on Middlebury's WFAD, and

Whereas, he served on the boards of both Counseling Service of Addison County and Hospice Volunteer Services, volunteered with the Meals on Wheels organization, and flew his own Cessna 172 aircraft, and

Whereas, Frank Buonincontro and his wife, Sue, have been married for 56 years and are the parents of five and the grandparents of eight, and on Saturday, March 16, 2019, Frank Buonincontro is being honored at a celebration of hospice programs at the Middlebury Inn, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors pharmacist, entrepreneur, and community leader Frank Buonincontro of Bristol, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Frank Buonincontro and to each of the retail pharmacies he established.

H.C.R. 85

House concurrent resolution honoring Weybridge's creative volunteer Michael A. Newkirk

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Bray and Hardy

Whereas, Mike Newkirk of Weybridge believes that volunteering for community projects is a civic duty of great importance, and

Whereas, he has devoted considerable time to volunteering at the town's recycling center, and

Whereas, rather than holding appointed or elected office or serving on committees, Mike Newkirk's civic roles have often involved applying his design and construction skills to the development of play structures and obstacle courses, and

Whereas, in 1994, in collaboration with parents, the staff of the Weybridge Elementary School, and other volunteers, Mike Newkirk acted as the chief designer of a nautically themed playground edifice known as The Boat, in which youngsters took great delight for many years, and

Whereas, even fantastic playground equipment is not intended to last indefinitely, as safety and stability are always the primary concerns, and

Whereas, recognizing that The Boat was ready for a well-earned drydocking, Mike Newkirk led a dedicated group of local volunteers who designed a new and exciting attraction for the Weybridge Elementary School, designated as The Castle, and

Whereas, children in Weybridge have found The Castle to be intriguing, and

Whereas, Mike Newkirk has contributed to the development of many of the obstacle courses at the Weybridge Whirl, and

Whereas, Mike Newkirk's design skills are currently dedicated to maintaining and repairing the canoe fleet at camps Keewaydin and Songadeewin at Lake Dunmore, and

Whereas, both he and his family were major participants in the Vermont Loon Conservation Project, and

Whereas, when not conceiving innovative design proposals in his home workshop, Mike Newkirk enjoys outdoor activities and family time, and

Whereas, the 2018 Weybridge Town Report has been dedicated to Mike Newkirk, in appreciation of his distinctive contributions to the community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Weybridge's creative volunteer Michael A. Newkirk, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 86

House concurrent resolution recognizing March 2019 as National Social Work Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Cina of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, and Ancel of Calais

Whereas, the social work profession is dedicated to enhancing well-being and to assisting all persons to meet their basic needs, especially individuals who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty, and

Whereas, this year's Social Work Month theme, "Elevate Social Work," reflects the need to recognize the extraordinary societal contributions of this profession, and

Whereas, during the next seven years, the number of social workers is expected to grow significantly, with more than 682,000 people expected to be employed as social workers by 2026, and

Whereas, social workers support and empower people, helping them to acquire the ability to solve problems, cope with personal roadblocks, and obtain the resources they need to succeed, and

Whereas, these talented professionals are deeply immersed in our society, being active in government, local communities, schools, social service agencies, universities, health and mental health organizations, the U.S. military, corporations, and the private sector, and

Whereas, social workers are the largest group of mental health service providers in the United States, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is one of the biggest employers of social workers with advanced degrees, and

Whereas, social workers help individuals process through issues such as death, grief, trauma, epidemics, environmental pollution, and natural and human-caused disasters, and

Whereas, for decades, social workers have been in the forefront of social justice issues, advocating for equal rights for women, African Americans, Latinx, persons with disabilities, the LGBTQ community, and various ethnic, cultural, religious, and social groups, and

Whereas, for more than a century, the social work profession has been helping create changes to make our society a better place to live, and

Whereas, social workers continue to bring individuals, communities, social service agencies, and governments together to help society solve some of the most pressing issues of the day, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes March 2019 as National Social Work Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

H.C.R. 87

House concurrent resolution designating Friday, March 29, 2019 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, Alzheimer's disease is a "type of dementia that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior," and

Whereas, it is the sixth-leading cause of death in the nation and the fifth-leading cause for persons 65 years of age or older, and Vermont has the country's highest Alzheimer's death rate, and

Whereas, from 2000 to 2017, the national heart disease death rate decreased nine percent, but in the same time period, the comparable national rate for Alzheimer's increased 145 percent, and since 2000, Vermont has seen an increase of 176 percent, and

Whereas, 13,000 Vermonters, 65 years of age or older, are living with Alzheimer's disease or a related form of dementia, and

Whereas, annually, 30,000 Vermonters provide an estimated 34 million hours of unpaid Alzheimer's care valued at \$434 million, and

Whereas, the Alzheimer's Association estimates that, nationally, 16 million Americans provide uncompensated care for an estimated 18.5 billion hours that is valued at \$234 billion, and

Whereas, caring for a person with any form of dementia, including Alzheimer's, can be emotionally, financially, and physically challenging, and

Whereas, a 2015 Alzheimer's Association report found that more than 50 percent of persons with Alzheimer's are not informed of their diagnosis, and

Whereas, in 2019, total Alzheimer's-related costs are estimated at \$290 billion, and this figure could potentially reach \$1.1 trillion by 2050, and

Whereas, today, individuals whose lives Alzheimer's directly impacts, as well as persons dedicated to improving public awareness of Alzheimer's and finding a cure, are visiting the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Friday, March 29, 2019 as Alzheimer's Awareness 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 the Vermont Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

H.C.R. 88

House concurrent resolution in memory of Lyndon Justice of the Peace Edith Bell-Brown

Offered by: Representative Troiano of Stannard

Whereas, Edie Bell grew up in northern New Jersey, but in 1978 she decided to move to Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1984, at 37 years of age, Edie Bell decided to resume her previously interrupted college education, enrolling at Lyndon State College (LSC) as an English major, and she proved to be an excellent student, and

Whereas, at graduation, she delivered one of the commencement addresses and was granted membership into the Arthur B. Elliot Honor Society, the highest honor LSC bestows on a graduate, and

Whereas, while studying at LSC, she met and married professor Robin Brown, and when Southern Illinois University appointed him its art department faculty chair, the couple moved and

Whereas, Edie Bell-Brown took advantage of her new college abode, pursuing a master's degree in English, and she was presented an honors convocation award and inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and

Whereas, after her husband died in 1999, Edie Bell-Brown returned to Lyndon and embarked on a fulfilling two-decade odyssey of teaching, community service, and political activism, and

Whereas, she taught English part-time at LSC and tutored adult learners enrolled in Johnson State College's External Degree Program, and

Whereas, Edie Bell-Brown's love of literature and poetry proved ideal for her six-year tenure as president of the Friends of the Cobleigh Public Library in Lyndon, and

Whereas, since 2014, she had served as a Lyndon Justice of the Peace, and

Whereas, Edie Bell-Brown became an unabashed activist in the Democratic Party, serving as vice chair and treasurer of the Lyndon Town Democratic committee, in several posts on the Caledonia County Democratic committee, as Caledonia County's representative to the Vermont State Democratic committee, and she ran for her local seat in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, after a long battle with cancer, Edie Bell-Brown died at 71 years of age on December 11, 2018, leaving many close friends who now cherish her memory and her good works, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences on the passage of Edith Bell-Brown, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Edie Bell-Brown's dear friends, Christine Nicosia and Mildred LaBeur, and to the Caledonia County Democratic committee.

H.C.R. 89

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont Economic Development Authority Chief Executive Officer Rosalea Bradley for her dynamic and innovative leadership

Offered by: Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Graham of Williamstown, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bock of Chester, Carroll of Bennington, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fegard of Berkshire, Hill of Wolcott, Jerome of Brandon, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Norris of Shoreham, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ralph of Hartland, Strong of Albany, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, in 1974, the General Assembly enacted 1974 Acts and Resolves No. 197 establishing the Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) with a mission "to contribute to the creation and retention of quality jobs in Vermont by providing loans and other financial support to eligible and qualified Vermont industrial, commercial and agricultural enterprises," and

Whereas, for the past 22 years, Rosalea (Jo) Bradley has served as VEDA's exemplary first female chief executive officer, and

Whereas, during her tenure, VEDA's total financial assets increased from \$65 million to \$300 million, and

Whereas, in 1997, she was instrumental in transitioning VEDA into a private funding mechanism, enabling it to borrow its lending funds in the capital markets and use the financial moral obligation of the State, and

Whereas, Jo Bradley's leadership was essential for the creation of VEDA's entrepreneurial loan fund and technology loan fund, and

Whereas, she facilitated expanded funding for agricultural and small business projects as well as a sizable increase in the percentage of the VEDA portfolio dedicated to renewable energy projects, and

Whereas, federal financial support for VEDA was maximized, in part, due to Jo Bradley's foresight and knowledge of available opportunities, and

Whereas, during the major economic downturn in 2008 and 2009, VEDA initiated a Vermont economic recovery and opportunity program that dispensed \$69 million in loans, issued with the lowest interest rates in VEDA's history, and

Whereas, the economic support VEDA granted in the wake of Tropical Storm Irene was swift and nearly heroic, and

Whereas, after 22 years of superb leadership that earned her the respect of her professional peers, Jo Bradley is stepping down as chief executive officer of VEDA, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont Economic Development Authority Chief Executive Officer Rosalea Bradley for her dynamic and innovative leadership, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 90

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Vermont Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Honorees and Distinguished Finalists

Offered by: Representatives Demrow of Corinth, Graham of Williamstown, Brumsted of Shelburne, Killacky of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals sponsor the annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, honoring secondary school students who volunteer in their communities, and

Whereas, in every state and the District of Columbia, two students are recognized as Distinguished Finalists and receive a bronze medal, and two are chosen to be State Honorees and are presented a silver medal, a \$1,000 award, and a trip to Washington, D.C. to compete for a \$5,000 national prize, and

Whereas, in Vermont, one of the 2019 Distinguished Finalists was Graniteville resident Brody Brown, a freshman at Williamstown Middle and High School, who after a close friend died of leukemia, dedicated hundreds of volunteer hours to his community by organizing an annual food drive, a toy drive for a local hospital, an anti-bullying project at his school, and

Whereas, Kathryn Gruending, a Shelburne resident and Champlain Valley Union High School junior, was honored as a Distinguished Finalist for her organization of a virtual 5K race team to participate in a 9/11 Heroes Run, raising \$1,100 for the Travis Manion Foundation, which supports veterans and the families of soldiers killed in combat, and

Whereas, Vermont Honoree Peter Forgione of South Burlington, an eighth grader at Christ the King School in Burlington, organized an Operation Shoebox drive, asking friends to bring small games, snacks, and toiletries as birthday presents to fill 100 shoeboxes to send to soldiers, and an in-school drive supplemented this effort; he also organizes and cooks dinners for the Anew Place emergency shelter, where many of the diners are veterans, and

Whereas, Sophia Thomas, a South Burlington High School senior, was chosen as the Vermont Honoree in recognition of her many volunteer hours at the University of Vermont Medical Center's pediatric unit, in gratitude for its treatment of her and her family, where she plays with patients and creates a "shared sense of trust" because she understands "what it's like to be a kid in a hospital," now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Vermont Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Honorees and Distinguished Finalists, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each student recognized in this resolution.

H.C.R. 91

House concurrent resolution congratulating Richard E. Prentiss on 50 years of dedicated firefighting service in the Town of Bennington

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Carroll of Bennington, and Corcoran of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, in April 1969, Dick Prentiss joined Putnam Hose Company No. 3 (the Company), and he continues to respond to the Company's alarm, and

Whereas, his service and leadership in the Company, on behalf of the community, has been superb, and

Whereas, in fighting blazes, Dick Prentiss has exercised on-the-scene leadership as the Company's second- and then first-assistant foreman, and

Whereas, within the Company, his administrative duties have spanned the organizational chart, and

Whereas, the Battle Day committee, responsible for the Company's role in Bennington Battle Day observances, the bylaw committee, the Ladies' Night committee, and the Old Timers' Dinner committee have benefited from his membership, and

Whereas, he served for three years as a Company trustee, from 1998–2004 as vice president of the Company, and since 2004 as president, and

Whereas, Dick Prentiss is a leader in the Bennington Fire Department’s fire prevention program and has instructed children and adults on this important public-safety topic, and

Whereas, when acting as a dispatcher, Dick Prentiss has calmly and professionally directed personnel and equipment to the scene of a blaze, and

Whereas, he is responsible for the Bennington Mutual Aid County Car 2, commonly known as MAC 2, and

Whereas, his son, daughter, and son-in-law are Bennington firefighters, and Dick Prentiss anticipates that his grandchildren will eventually don firefighters’ uniforms, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Richard E. Prentiss on 50 years of dedicated firefighting service in the Town of Bennington, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 92

House concurrent resolution congratulating William Kinney on 50 years of outstanding firefighting service in the Town of Bennington

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Carroll of Bennington, and Corcoran of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Bill Kinney’s half century of dedicated public service, answering the fire alarm at all hours, began on New Year’s Day 1969 when he joined the W. H. Bradford Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, and

Whereas, in July 1977, he transferred his firefighter’s hat and boots to Putnam Hose Company No. 3 (the Company), where he has remained to this day, and

Whereas, Bill Kinney’s commitment to the Company extends far beyond responding to the latest blaze or other emergency, and

Whereas, on the operational side, Bill Kinney has served as second and first foreman as well as in the more senior supervisory role of captain, and

Whereas, his administrative contributions to the Company are extensive, and

Whereas, he has served on many committees, including the Battle Day committee, which is responsible for organizing the Company’s role in the annual Bennington Battle Day festivities; the building committee, which oversaw construction of the unified fire station; and the bylaw committee, and

Whereas, for nine years, from 2003 to 2012, Bill Kinney compiled the informative minutes and maintained the records in his role as the Company's efficient secretary, and currently he serves as vice president, and

Whereas, Bill Kinney has advanced his knowledge of firefighting methodologies and investigation techniques through the completion of many pertinent training courses, and his fellow company members have relied on his expertise, and

Whereas, he has worked closely with the Vermont State Police on matters of mutual concern, and

Whereas, Bill Kinney has earned the respect of his colleagues, and no task is too mundane for him to volunteer his assistance, and

Whereas, his sons have joined the firefighting service, establishing a family tradition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates William Kinney on 50 years of outstanding firefighting service in the Town of Bennington, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 93

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots on winning their historic 31st consecutive State wrestling championship and 100th school victory

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Brownell of Pownal, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, and Durfee of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, wrestling holds a special place in the hierarchy of Mt. Anthony Union High School athletic competition, as the Patriots entered the 2018–2019 season as the winners of a remarkable 30 consecutive State championships, and

Whereas, despite this record of historic accomplishment, each season is a new start on the championship path, and

Whereas, the Mt. Anthony wrestlers traveled north to Essex for the much-anticipated 2019 State championship tournament, and

Whereas, this year's Patriots proved worthy to uphold the Mt. Anthony wrestling tradition, as they won in six different weight classes, clinching the 2019 State crown and their school's 100th overall victory and, as they overwhelmed second-place Essex High 286.5 to 196.5, earning the right to compete in the New England championships in Providence, Rhode Island, and

Whereas, this season's proud Patriot wrestlers were Noah Call, Chris Mayer, Gage McLaughlin, Keenan Taylor, Stephen Brillon, Keegan Coon, Adam Frost, Logan Sprague, Sam Wilkins, Dakota Blair, Robert Simmons, Jack Ware, Conner Bell, Sam Blackman, Christian Burdick, Kaleb Carpenter, Landon Davis, Hayden Gaudette, Kyle Hurley, Jed Perkins, and Tommy Raleigh, and Head Coach Brian Coon and assistant coaches Jeremy Burns, Tory Rich, and Scott Frost were great teachers and supporters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots on winning their historic 31st consecutive State wrestling championship and 100th school victory, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 94

House concurrent resolution congratulating Charles Harvey on 50 years of exemplary firefighting service in the Town of Bennington

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Carroll of Bennington, and Corcoran of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Charlie Harvey joined the Eagle Hose Company (the Company) in November 1969, and

Whereas, throughout his firefighting service, Charlie Harvey has always been the source of great camaraderie for his colleagues, and he refers to his many friends as "sport," and

Whereas, over the years, Charlie Harvey has become a master pump operator, and

Whereas, new members of the Company have learned important firefighting skills from Charlie Harvey, who has completed countless hours of training classes, and who enjoys teaching but also loves to joke with new recruits, and

Whereas, Charlie Harvey has assumed leadership at fire sites, having served as both second and first foreman of the Company, and

Whereas, he has served on the Company's Battle Day committee, that assists organizing the annual Bennington Battle Day celebrations and on the bylaw committee, and

Whereas, Charlie Harvey is a veteran member of the Bennington Rescue Squad, and

Whereas, the alarm need not ring to bring Charlie Harvey to the scene, as he was once returning from a fire and encountered a second blaze at the intersection of Union and Main Streets in Bennington, and when a man extricated a child from the burning

building and brought the youngster to Charlie Harvey, the always-prepared first responder successfully administered CPR, and

Whereas, he enjoyed attending the fire chiefs' conventions in Springfield, Massachusetts, and was the proprietor of Charlie's Hot Dogs, his popular Main Street stand, and

Whereas, after 50 years on call, Charlie Harvey still enjoys performing public service as a member of the Eagle Hose Company, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Charles Harvey on 50 years of exemplary firefighting service in the Town of Bennington, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 95

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots Division I boys' Nordic skiing championship team

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Bates of Bennington, Brownell of Pownal, Carroll of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, and Durfee of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Senators Champion and Sears

Whereas, high school varsity Nordic skiing in Vermont culminates in a two-day championship meet, the first day devoted to the individual skate and relay competitions and the concluding day to the two corresponding classic-style events, and

Whereas, in 2019, the skate events were skied at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center in Craftsbury, and the classic competition was held at the Rikert Nordic Center in Ripton, and

Whereas, the Patriots retained a narrow four-point lead heading into the final event in Ripton, and Mt. Anthony's 44-second victory margin in the classic relay clinched the win, as the team outscored Brattleboro 100-114 for the 2019 State Nordic boys' Division I championship, and

Whereas, the speedy Patriots who skied to victory were Noah Payne, Jeson Li, Maxwell Noyes, Ian Young, Brendon Bossong, Adam Sampsell, Austin Martinka, Thomas Lake, Samuel Chaney, Emiliano Salazar, Izaiah Rhodes, Dominick Metcalf, Payton Sharby, Garrett Joly, Andrew Giorgi, Jacob Lincourt, Jack Drew, Colin Gauthier, Gabriel Niles, Owen Hansen, Christopher Nolan, Aneesh Kamath, Callum DeBoer, and Charlie Dobson, and

Head Coach Rob Short and Assistant Coach Travis Mattison were encouraging mentors throughout the season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots Division I boys' State Nordic skiing championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 96

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Sylvia Rita Kennedy of Chelsea

Offered by: Representatives Demrow of Corinth and Graham of Williamstown

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, Sylvia Kennedy was born in Barre and graduated from Spaulding High School, and

Whereas, she was employed in various State government positions, and Governor Richard Snelling appointed her to a seat on the Vermont Parole Board, and

Whereas, during her first marriage, she raised her family, and

Whereas, in 1974, she married then Speaker of the House Walter L. "Peanut" Kennedy, and they spent much of their 23-year marriage dividing their time between winters in Florida and summers in Peanut Kennedy's hometown of Chelsea, and

Whereas, Sylvia Kennedy held abiding passions for religion, music, and art, and

Whereas, in the 1980s, Sylvia Kennedy served as a "witness for the Lord," traveling from Maine to Georgia, bringing the gospel to local Methodist churches, and

Whereas, her religious and musical interests merged in her role as the choral director at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and later at Trinity United Methodist Church, both in North Port, Florida, and

Whereas, in collaboration with fellow chorister Robert E. McMullen, she cofounded the still-performing North Port Concert Orchestra, and

Whereas, she exhibited her paintings at several locations in Florida and Vermont, including the Tunbridge World's Fair, and

Whereas, in 1997, upon the death of her husband, Peanut Kennedy, Sylvia Kennedy relocated permanently to Chelsea, and in 2000 stood successfully to represent Chelsea in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, Representative Sylvia Kennedy was an attentive and conscientious member of the House for three terms, serving on the Committees on Judiciary and on Government Operations, and

Whereas, Sylvia Kennedy died on November 11, 2018 at 86 years of age, and her survivors include her friend, Will Dodge, her stepchildren, and a granddaughter, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative Sylvia Rita Kennedy of Chelsea, and be it further

H.C.R. 97

House concurrent resolution in memory of Ken Tohinaka

Offered by: Representatives Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Patt of Worcester, and Sullivan of Burlington

Whereas, Ken Tohinaka was one of the nation's leading developers and advisors on weatherization programs, and

Whereas, his family experienced the indignities of the World War II internment camps that Americans of Japanese ancestry had to endure, and

Whereas, Ken Tohinaka earned a bachelor's and a master's degree from the University of Utah and a doctoral degree from Temple University, and

Whereas, he served in the U.S. Army, with postings in Korea and the former West Germany, and

Whereas, in 1981, the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) appointed Ken Tohinaka as its weatherization program director, and he introduced data-driven analysis and evidence-based methodology to improve the program and support new technologies, and

Whereas, he persevered in an effort to use independent contractors and introduced the now widely accepted metric of BTUs per square foot per heating degree day, and

Whereas, after a decade of weatherization success at CVOEO, Ken Tohinaka assumed a new role as a senior weatherization consultant at the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, where he consulted on evaluations of the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program, and

Whereas, he provided evaluations, training, and technical support for U.S. and Canadian local, state, provincial, and federal energy programs, which advanced the realization of enhancement of weatherization services, and

Whereas, the weatherization projects in which he participated often had a special focus on improving the heating efficiency in the homes of persons with low income, and he trained and mentored auditors and technicians for the Energy Star program, and

Whereas, while weatherization matters were a priority, he always found time to root for the Red Sox and possessed a unique talent for locating the best inexpensive diner when visiting a city, and

Whereas, Ken Tohinaka's partner, Shirley Haw, was central in his life, and he devoted continual attention to her needs during her long and arduous final illness, and

Whereas, Ken Tohinaka died on November 14, 2018 at his Utah home in the presence of his family, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Ken Tohinaka, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 98

House concurrent resolution congratulating Outright Vermont on its 30th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Lippert of Hinesburg, Ancel of Calais, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bates of Bennington, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Briglin of Thetford, Brownell of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Colchester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Conlon of Cornwall, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Elder of Starksboro, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Fegard of Berkshire, Feltus of Lyndon, Forguites of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Grad of Moretown, Graham of Williamstown, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Hashim of Dummerston, Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Randolph, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Jessup of Middlesex, Jickling of Randolph, Johnson of South Hero, Killacky of South Burlington, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town,

Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nicoll of Ludlow, Norris of Shoreham, Notte of Rutland City, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralph of Hartland, Redmond of Essex, Rogers of Waterville, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Seymour of Sutton, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Szott of Barnard, Taylor of Colchester, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, White of Hartford, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Greensboro

Whereas, the personal and societal challenges facing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQQ) youths 13–22 years of age are numerous and often overwhelming, and

Whereas, in November 1989, Outright Vermont was established with a mission “to build safe, healthy, and supportive environments” for these young persons, and

Whereas, Outright Vermont’s organizational model is premised on “youth-adult partnerships which create mutual opportunities for growth, learning, and skill development,” and it proudly identifies as an anti-oppression organization, and

Whereas, Outright Vermont seeks to enable LGBTQQ youths to celebrate all elements of their identities and “to live safe, healthy, authentic lives,” and

Whereas, Outright Vermont offers myriad programs and services, and

Whereas, LGBTQQ youths can socialize with their peers and gain needed support at Friday Night Group meetings statewide, and

Whereas, at the Outright Vermont Burlington headquarters, regularly scheduled hours offer LGBTQQ youths a safe and comfortable place to relax, study, and meet with their friends, and

Whereas, Gender Creative Kids is a monthly gathering for children under 13 years of age who do not identify within traditional gender groups, and

Whereas, the Trans Group is focused on the specific needs of youths who identify as or consider themselves potentially transgender, and

Whereas, the Youth Leadership Council meets regularly “to cultivate leadership and ownership over the work of making it better for queer and trans

youth in Vermont,” and the Panorama Group is for adult relatives and caregivers of queer and questioning youths, and

Whereas, the annual Queer and Allied Youth Summit is a statewide event that serves as a highlight of the year for Outright Vermont’s participants and their friends, and

Whereas, today, March 29, 2019, Outright Vermont’s staff and associated LGBTQQ youths are present at the State House to celebrate their achievements and anticipate the future with hope and pride, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Outright Vermont on its 30th anniversary, and be it further

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

S.C.R. 7

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Bag Balm on its 120th anniversary

By Senators Benning and Kitchel,

By Representatives Feltus of Lyndon and Seymour of Sutton

Whereas, in 1899, stories spread in the Northeast Kingdom that a talented Wells River pharmacist had developed a salve that ameliorated skin chafing and cracking, especially as it occurred on the udders of cows, and

Whereas, in 1900, the reportedly miraculous effectiveness of the salve intrigued Lyndonville farmer John Norris, who mounted his best horse and rode the 30 miles to Wells River to conduct a personal investigation, and

Whereas, confirming that the stories were true and the salve effective, John Norris, exercising his business acumen, secured from the pharmacist all rights to the salve, and the product has been produced in Lyndonville ever since, and

Whereas, John Norris hired a product designer who created the balm’s now famous packaging, consisting of a green tin with a cover featuring the head of a cow and the State flower of Vermont, the Red Clover, and

Whereas, the application of Bag Balm for relief of human skin irritation soon increased the product’s popularity, and among its diverse applications are to alleviate chapped lips, saddle sores, windslap, and generally dry skin, and

Whereas, Bag Balm was invaluable in 1933 when Northeast Kingdom residents experienced temperatures that plummeted below minus 50 degrees

Fahrenheit, convincing the famous Arctic explorer U.S. Admiral Richard Byrd to take it on his 1937 North Pole expedition, and

Whereas, during World War II, soldiers applied Bag Balm to their rifles in order to keep their weapons sharp, and in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks at the World Trade Center, with no fanfare, the Bag Balm corporate office donated a supply of the salve to sooth the paws of the search dogs who were combing the site for survivors, and

Whereas, Bag Balm is now sold in different sized tins, in tubes and large pails, and as a soap, and

Whereas, 2019 marks 120 years since Bag Balm was developed in a Wells River pharmacy, and this dependable multi-purpose skin care product continues to be effective in numerous ways, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Bag Balm on its 120th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the headquarters of Bag Balm in Lyndonville.

S.C.R. 8

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Alice Johnson Blair on her 100th birthday.

By Senators Kitchel and Benning,

By Representative Toll of Danville

Whereas, Alice Blair graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy, earned a bachelor's degree in home economics from the University of Maine at Farmington, and taught home economics at schools, first in Unity, Maine, and subsequently in Danville, Peacham, Concord, and St. Johnsbury, and

Whereas, in 1947, she married Kenneth Blair, a one-of-a-kind Danville handyman, and

Whereas, after 16 years in the classroom, Alice Blair embarked on a new and challenging job as the federal extension agent for Caledonia County, a role she worked at enthusiastically for 24 years, and

Whereas, she supervised 50 home demonstration clubs, for which the curriculum included canning, cooking, and sewing, and

Whereas, Alice Blair traveled to many different states for mandatory continuing education classes and has visited every one except Hawaii, and

Whereas, one of Alice Blair's regular assignments as an extension agent was offering "homemaking notes" on a local radio station, and

Whereas, upon retiring in 1979, Alice Blair observed, "I've probably learned as much on the job as I've taught," and

Whereas, following her husband's death in 1985, Alice Blair had a log cabin built at Newark Pond as her new year-round home, and

Whereas, in the middle 1990s, Alice Blair returned full time to Danville, where she has remained involved in the community as an active member of the Danville Congregational Church, almost never missing Sunday services, and

Whereas, Alice Blair remained involved in the Eastern Star organization as long as it existed locally, and

Whereas, as a devotee of the art of rug hooking, she has created beautiful rugs that adorn her home, and

Whereas, Alice Blair has caring neighbors whose support, especially for meeting various transportation requirements, has facilitated her continuing to reside in her own home, and

Whereas, this highly respected expert on the skills that makes one's abode a real home celebrates her 100th birthday on April 4, 2019, and no doubt a good meal will be part of the occasion, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Alice Johnson Blair on her 100th birthday and extends to her its best wishes on this special occasion, *and be it further*

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