

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

March 28, 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. 99

House concurrent resolution recognizing March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representative Lippert of Hinesburg

Whereas, "bleeding disorders are a group of conditions that result when the blood cannot clot properly," and

Whereas, these disorders result in "extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation," and if not properly treated they are potentially fatal, and

Whereas, these conditions are often classified as hemophilia, which affects 20,000 Americans, although another less commonly known bleeding disorder is von Willebrand disease, and

Whereas, prior to the 1960s, hemophilia often resulted in the crippling of children, and persons with this disease typically did not reach adulthood, and

Whereas, the development of factor concentrates derived from human blood enabled persons with hemophilia to inject themselves at home and live relatively normal lives, and

Whereas, despite this medical advancement, the blood that comprised the factor concentrates was not screened, and far too many individuals became infected with either Hepatitis C or HIV, and

Whereas, to increase public awareness of bleeding disorders, all six New England states and several statewide organizations in New England have established the New England Bleeding Disorders Advocacy Coalition (NEBDAC), and

Whereas, nationally, the Hemophilia Federation of America has designated March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month, and

Whereas, the NEBDAC hopes that this observance "will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia, but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease," as well as "foster a

greater sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with all inheritable bleeding disorders,” now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kristi Clemens, the Vermont representative for NEBDAC.

H.C.R. 100

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 19–25, 2019 as National Public Works Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives LaClair of Barre Town, Brownell of Pownal, Gannon of Wilmington, Harrison of Chittenden, Hooper of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, and Savage of Swanton

Whereas, public works are central to many aspects of our lives, and

Whereas, the durability of the State’s roads and bridges and the promptness of highway road clearance following a major storm are critical responsibilities of public works departments across Vermont, and

Whereas, depending upon the jurisdiction, a municipal public works department may also be responsible for essential water and sewer infrastructure systems, and

Whereas, the sophisticated equipment that is used to achieve these objectives requires the operational expertise of skilled public works employees, and

Whereas, each year, the American Public Works Association designates a week in May as National Public Works Week to celebrate the role of public works in each of our communities, and in 2019 the selected week is May 19–25, and

Whereas, “It Starts Here” is this year’s National Public Works Week theme, which “represents the many facets of modern civilization that grow out of the efforts put forth by the public works professionals across North America,” and

Whereas, in the same spirit as the national observance, the Vermont Municipal Highway Association will hold its 36th annual Field Day & Plow Contest on Wednesday, May 8 at the Barre Auditorium in anticipation of this important week, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the week of May 19–25, 2019 as National Public Works Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Municipal Highway Association Secretary-Treasurer Harry Hinrichsen.

H.C.R. 101

House concurrent resolution recognizing former Representative Ann Seibert of Norwich for her leadership in the enactment of anti-smoking legislation in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Lippert of Hinesburg, Ancel of Calais, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bates of Bennington, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Briglin of Thetford, Brownell of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carroll of Bennington, Chase of Colchester, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Coffey of Guilford, Colston of Winooski, Conlon of Cornwall, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donovan of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Emmons of Springfield, Fegard of Berkshire, Forguites of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Grad of Moretown, Hashim of Dummerston, 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, 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, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Notte of Rutland City, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Redmond of Essex, Rogers of Waterville, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, 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, at the start of the 1988 Vermont General Assembly session, Governor Kunin appointed Ann Seibert of Norwich, to a midterm vacancy in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, in March 1988, the Philip Morris Company sent every member of the General Assembly a calendar that pictured a man on the January page with a cigarette in the corner of his mouth, standing near a sign that read “Men’s Club. Women, Dogs and Vagrants need not apply,” and

Whereas, after receiving this personally offensive calendar, Representative Ann Seibert addressed the House in her maiden floor remarks: “How can we accept these gifts when lung cancer has passed breast cancer as the leading cause of death for women?” and she wrote a letter of complaint to Phillip Morris that over 60 legislators signed off on, accompanying a box of returned calendars, and

Whereas, Representative Ann Seibert’s bold response to the calendar prompted the publication of a news article in the *New York Times* and became a moment of awakening for tobacco control advocates in Vermont, and

Whereas, anti-smoking legislation became Representative Ann Seibert’s top legislative priority, and 1993 proved to be a momentous year for her cause, and

Whereas, in that year, Representative Ann Seibert was the lead on a bill that was enacted to prohibit the “possession of lighted tobacco products in any form...in the common areas of all enclosed indoor places of public access and publicly owned buildings and offices,” and

Whereas, exceptions were provided for the facilities of fraternal, religious, or social organizations, for a space where a private function was being held, and in cabarets, which were entertainment establishments where sales of alcoholic beverages were greater than those of food, and

Whereas, in 2005, during Representative Seibert’s last legislative term, she was a cosponsor of an enacted bill that eliminated nearly all of the exceptions to the 1993 no-smoking law, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes former Representative Ann Seibert of Norwich for her leadership in the enactment of anti-smoking legislation in Vermont, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 102

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ted's Pizza Shop in Rutland on its 60th anniversary

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

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, a smiling, mustached chef greets visitors to the Internet site of Ted's Pizza Shop of Rutland, enticing potential diners to indulge their pizza cravings at this popular eatery, and

Whereas, in 1958, Ted's Pizza Shop opened at 131 State Street, starting a delectable tradition of pizza dining that has continued for six decades, and

Whereas, the founding proprietors of Ted's Pizza, Raymond (Ted) Vingo and his wife, Helen, began their business as a takeout-only restaurant, but in 1959 they added a few tables for those wishing to eat their pizza on-site, and

Whereas, in 1964, Ted's Pizza Shop moved to 91 State Street, where it has operated ever since, and

Whereas, in 1975, veteran employee Tony Romero, in partnership with his mother, Leah, and sister, Julie, purchased Ted's Pizza Shop, with the goals of continuing to serve great pizza and offer friendly customer service, and

Whereas, four years later, the restaurant was renovated extensively as the old counter was removed and the now familiar red dining booths were installed, and

Whereas, although Ted's Pizza Shop has occasionally modified its menu, certain fundamentals of its culinary offerings have remained constant, namely the homemade dough and sauces that are produced daily and, of course, the outstanding, and if requested, customized pizzas, and

Whereas, Ted's Pizza Shop takes great pride in the consistency of its high-quality products, its loyal customer base, great staff, and, most importantly, the Romero family's attentive management, and

Whereas, all of these elements have contributed to Ted's Pizza Shop's deserved status as a thriving business, which in 2019 is celebrating its 60th anniversary and looking forward to a future of welcoming happy customers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ted's Pizza Shop in Rutland on its 60th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ted's Pizza Shop.

H.C.R. 103

House concurrent resolution congratulating the American Legion on its centennial

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, on March 15, 1919, in the aftermath of the 1918 armistice that ended World War I, a group of American soldiers gathered at the American Officers Club and then on March 17, 1919 at the Cirque de Paris for meetings known as the Paris Caucus, at which a new veterans' organization, tentatively named the American Legion, was established, and in May 1919, the deliberations continued at the Shubert Theater for the St. Louis (Missouri) Caucus, where the initial Paris decisions were finalized, and

Whereas, on September 16, 1919, the original American Legion Act, chartering the organization, was federally enacted, and

Whereas, in November 1919, at the first American Legion Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the American Legion Auxiliary was officially recognized, enabling women to support the then exclusively male veterans, and

Whereas, at the September 1920 American Legion Convention, convened in Cleveland, Ohio, the delegates selected the poppy as the organization's official flower, reflecting John McCrae's famous poem, "In Flanders Fields", and

Whereas, on November 11, 1921, President Warren G. Harding, World War I Allied generals, and American Legion officials buried the first Unknown Soldier at a specially prepared gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery, and

Whereas, the first American Legion Boys State convention was conducted in 1935, and in 1938, its companion, Girls State, was started, and

Whereas, as the result of the American Legion's vigorous advocacy, on June 12, 1944, President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, more popularly known as the G.I. Bill of Rights, and

Whereas, in more recent decades, the American Legion provided major financial support for the construction of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. and sponsored studies examining post-traumatic stress disorder and the impact of Agent Orange on Vietnam War veterans, and

Whereas, in Vermont, Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson, who was wounded three times as a Medical Corps member in France, participated in the Paris and St. Louis caucuses, served on the national executive committee, and organized the American Legion's Department of Vermont, and Green Mountain Post # 1 in St. Albans was the first post in the State, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the American Legion on its centennial, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the American Legion Department of Vermont and to national American Legion headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

H.C.R. 104

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters Division II girls' basketball championship team

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Helm of Fair Haven, Norris of Shoreham, McCoy of Poultney, Morrissey of Bennington, and Potter of Clarendon

Offered by: Senators Bray, Collamore, Hardy, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, in 2019, the Division II girls' basketball competition was intense, and

Whereas, once the play-offs commenced, the third-seeded Fair Haven Union High School Slaters demonstrated their command of the hardwood court, advancing to the championship game against the fourth-seeded Lake Region Union High School Rangers, and

Whereas, when the two teams met for their decisive encounter at the Barre Auditorium, fans of both squads anticipated an exciting basketball game, and

Whereas, in a closely matched contest, the Slaters were ahead 32–25 after three quarters of play, and despite a Ranger rebound that narrowed the score to a tight 32–30, Fair Haven aimed its final foul shots accurately, winning the Division II crown with a 38–31 victory, and

Whereas, the jubilant Slaters were Sydney Rathbun, Kerigan Disorda, Courtney Brewster, Ryleigh Coloutti, Katrina Bean, Abby Brown, Emma Ezzo, Megan Ezzo, Zoey Cole, Emma Briggs, Theresa Culpo, Kyleigh Grenier, and Kaleigh Brown, and

Whereas, Head Coach Kyle Wilson, assistant coaches Jay Wilson, Henry Daley and Chad Wilson, managers Jordyn Howard and Allison McIntyre, and

statisticians Joe Brown and Chad Wilson each contributed to the team's great success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters Division II girls' basketball championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 105

House concurrent resolution congratulating Bellows Falls Union High School Head Field Hockey Coach Bethany Coursen on being named the MAX Field Hockey 2018 Vermont State Coach of the Year and the New England Region Coach of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Hashim of Dummerston, Mrowicki of Putney, and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, the Bellows Falls Union High School Terriers completed a fantastic 2018 field hockey season, winning a fourth consecutive divisional title and compiling an undefeated 14–0 record, and

Whereas, the Terriers also ended the 2018 season with their 57th consecutive victory, making Bellows Falls the most successful field hockey team ever in Vermont interscholastic competition, and

Whereas, MAX Field Hockey bestows special state and regional recognition on the sports' best high school coaches, and

Whereas, in 2018, there was little doubt that the Vermonter most deserving of this sports award was Bellows Falls Union High School Head Field Hockey Coach Bethany Coursen, and

Whereas, the presenters of this award were so impressed with Bethany Coursen's record of coaching achievements, both in 2018 and in prior years, that she was honored as both the Vermont State and New England Region 2018 MAX Field Hockey Coach of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Bellows Falls Union High School Head Field Hockey Coach Bethany Coursen on being named the MAX Field Hockey 2018 Vermont State Coach of the Year and the New England Region Coach of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bethany Coursen and to Bellow Falls Union High School.

H.C.R. 106

House concurrent resolution honoring Robert S. Thorn Jr. for his innovative leadership as a mental health administrator, counselor, and educator

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

Offered by: Senators Bray and Hardy

Whereas, Bob Thorn earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in educational psychology from the University of Connecticut and a doctorate in psychology from the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, his four-decade career in Addison County began in 1979 with his appointment as coordinator at what has become Community Associates, which provides services to people with developmental disabilities, and

Whereas, in 1980, Bob Thorn became the director of the program and remained in this role until 1994, and

Whereas, Bob Thorn then assumed a new challenge as the co-executive director of the Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC), and in 1996, he became the organization's sole executive director, and

Whereas, under his inspired leadership, CSAC significantly improved its client and administrative facilities, in part through a capital campaign he led, and

Whereas, Bob Thorn's modesty is evident, as he generously credits his management team for the growth and success of CSAC, and his staff has praised his character and professional dedication, and

Whereas, his focus on the problems at hand is illustrated in his common refrain of "don't try to understand parents, just help them," and a colleague at CSAC has described Bob Thorn's influence on the organization's work environment as creating "a culture of caring" for clients and staff, and

Whereas, when the Brandon Training School was shuttered, Bob Thorn was a leader in developing new local support services and implementing community reintegration, and

Whereas, he helped develop a master's degree program in mental health counseling at Trinity College, served as an instructor and mentor to students, and supported the program's continuance through two host-college relocations, and

Whereas, Bob Thorn, who has worked tirelessly to eliminate the stigma associated with mental health and who has added dynamic new dimensions to the mental health counseling profession, is concluding his leadership duties at CSAC, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Robert S. Thorn Jr. for his innovative leadership as a mental health administrator, counselor, and educator, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bob Thorn and to CSAC.

H.C.R. 107

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 West Rutland High School Golden Horde Division IV girls' basketball championship team

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Helm of Fair Haven, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, McCoy of Poultney, Norris of Shoreham, Notte of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, as the regular season of Division IV girls' basketball concluded, the Golden Horde was awarded third seed for the playoffs, and

Whereas, although West Rutland survived the playoffs unscathed, it entered the Barre Auditorium for a championship game with the challenge of defeating the top-seeded Blue Mountain Union High School Bucks, and

Whereas, this challenge for the Golden Horde proved more daunting than it initially seemed, and

Whereas, West Rutland departed the hardwood floor at halftime with a seemingly comfortable 22–13 lead, but Blue Mountain fought back in the second half, tying the game at 33–all with only one minute and twenty seconds remaining in regulation playing time, but a critical Golden Horde three-point scoring play paved the path for West Rutland to savor a 39–33 victory and the Division IV championship, and

Whereas, the delighted Golden Horde players were Samantha Callahan, Kasey Serrani, Jenee McGee, Deanna Kenyon, Kiera Pipeling, Alissa Covarrubias, Elizabeth Bailey, Kiana Grabowski, Hannah Rivers, Madison Guay, Isabell Lanfear, Anna Cyr, and Serena Coombs, and

Whereas, Head Coach Carl Serrani, Assistant Coach Matt Serrani, and student managers Kaylee Svitak and Emily McLaren were important throughout the season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 West Rutland Golden Horde Division IV girls' basketball championship 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. 108

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III girls' basketball championship team

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford and Briglin of Thetford

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, entering the 2018–2019 season, the Thetford Academy Panthers had previously appeared in five consecutive Division III championship games, giving them a unique familiarity with the rigors of postseason competition, and

Whereas, in this season's playoffs, the second-seeded Panthers secured another championship game berth at the Barre Auditorium, where the eighth-seeded Oxbow Union High School Olympians were their surprising opponents, and

Whereas, although Thetford led throughout the contest, the fourth quarter demonstrated why the Olympians were championship contenders, as they narrowed the Panthers' lead to five points before Thetford rallied for a 42–36 victory and its third Division III title, and

Whereas, the victorious Panthers were Ellen Veracka, Lily Brown, Casey MacVeagh, Emma Colby, Grace Davis, Emi Vaughan, Kelsey Smith, Abby Berard, Namy Benjamin, Kiana Johnson, Becca Wells, and Lily MacVeagh, and

Whereas, Head Coach Eric Ward, assistant coaches Karen Colby and Jeff Vaughan, and team manager Jade Jamieson each played a key role in the Panthers' great 2018–2019 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III girls' basketball championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 109

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III boys' basketball championship team

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford and Briglin of Thetford

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, during the regular season, the Thetford Academy Panthers and the Williamstown Blue Devils split their two-game series, each winning at their opponent's home court, and

Whereas, the third-seeded Thetford Academy Panthers earned the chance in 2019 to block the Blue Devils from winning yet another Division III title, and

Whereas, despite past championship game challenges, Thetford was eager to engage Williamstown in basketball battle, and

Whereas, the game did not start ideally for the Panthers, as they trailed 16–4 at the first quarter's conclusion, but by halftime they were narrowly on top 28–27, and at the final whistle they had secured a 73–64 victory and the 2019 Division III crown, and

Whereas, the Panthers who played an amazing championship game and had a great season were Seth Boyce, Ethan Steingas, Ryen Wolf, Eli Dunnet, Tony Pippin, Alex Emerson, Carter Blain, Owen Deffner, Jake Colby, Jackson Ransom, and Eamon Deffner, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jason Gray, assistant coaches Tim Ouellette and Ray Thorburn, and team managers Skyra Colter and Allyson Perry each cheered the Panthers to victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III boys' basketball championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 110

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III boys' cross-country championship team

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford and Briglin of Thetford

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, the Thetford Academy Panthers trained enthusiastically and rigorously for the 2018 Division III cross-country championship race, and

Whereas, this goal proved challenging, as a number of strong Thetford senior runners on the 2017 team had graduated, and

Whereas, the weather and course conditions were hardly the best, but the Panthers had the advantage of the meet occurring on their familiar home course, and

Whereas, the energized Panthers fielded a great team, whose members finished first, fifth, sixth, and sixteenth in this decisive 5-kilometer race, resulting in a first-place score of 28 points, besting Stowe, which secured second place at 43 points, as Thetford clinched its first Division III crown since 2010, and

Whereas, the Panthers who thrilled their hometown fans throughout the 2018 cross-country season were Jacob Slaughter, Owen Deffner, Bel Spelman, Gabe Gaetz, Eamon Deffner, Jason Wolstenholme, Jackson Ransom, Nathan Neubauer, Liam Patterson, and Ben Acker, and their supportive coaches were Joe Deffner and Emily Silver, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III boys' cross-country championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 111

House concurrent resolution designating April 2019 as Fair Housing Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Birong of Vergennes, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Colston of Winooski, Donovan of Burlington, Gamache of Swanton, Gonzalez of Winooski, Hango of Berkshire, Hashim of Dummerston, Howard of Rutland City, Killacky of South Burlington, Long of Newfane, O'Sullivan of

Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Szott of Barnard, Troiano of Stannard, and Walz of Barre City

Whereas, on April 11, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Pub. L. 90-284, including Title VIII, known as the Fair Housing Act (the Act), and

Whereas, the Act, as amended, mandates a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or familial status, encouraging fair housing opportunities for all citizens, and

Whereas, for generations, millions of Americans were denied the housing of their choice because of these factors, and

Whereas, segregated concentrations of people with lower income, especially people of color, have been living in communities that offer less opportunity than the communities where middle- and upper-income white Americans reside, and

Whereas, 19 years after the Act was signed, the Vermont General Assembly enacted 1987 Acts and Resolves No. 74, An act relating to discrimination, establishing a new chapter in Title 9 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, and

Whereas, chapter 139, as now codified, prohibits discrimination in the sale and rental of housing based on race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, marital status, religious creed, color, national origin, having a disability, or having minor children, making Vermont's housing antidiscrimination law among the nation's most comprehensive, and

Whereas, despite both these federal and State legal guarantees, the dilemma of housing discrimination in Vermont has not disappeared, especially for persons with a disability or persons living with children, and

Whereas, 9 V.S.A. § 4503(a)(12) additionally prohibits the unfair housing practice in Vermont of discriminating "in land use decisions or in the permitting of housing," on account of "income, or because of receipt of public assistance, except as otherwise provided by law," and

Whereas, despite this statutory prohibition, the persistent lack of affordable housing in Vermont is exacerbating discrimination and remains one of the important reasons for vigilance on fair housing issues in 2019, and

Whereas, advocates for fair housing are gathered at the State House today, April 3, 2019, to remind the members of the General Assembly that fair housing continues to be an issue in Vermont in 2019, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 2019 as Fair Housing 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 Human Rights Commission.

H.C.R. 112

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Mt. St. Joseph Academy Mounties Division II boys' basketball championship team

Offered by: Representatives Howard of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Notte of Rutland City, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Burditt of West Rutland, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Harrison of Chittenden, Jerome of Brandon, McCoy of Poultney, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, the basketball prowess of the Mt. St. Joseph Mounties was evident throughout the 2018–2019 season, and these talented players were rewarded with the top playoff seed, and

Whereas, when the Mounties arrived for the championship game at the Barre Auditorium, present to greet them and stake their own claim to this basketball honor were the third-seeded Lake Region Union High School Rangers, and

Whereas, Mt. St. Joseph commanded the ball, as it led 23–17 at halftime and even more impressively 34–22 when the third quarter ended, but the Rangers exhibited fourth-quarter spunk, threatening the Mounties' victory plan, until Mt. St. Joseph's late-game foul shooting secured a 49–44 win and the Division II title, and

Whereas, Mounties William Carris, Andre Prunty, Logan Starling, Joey Giancola, Maddox Traynor, Keaton Wright Chapman, Leo Carranza, Cole Blanchard, Michael Vitagliano, Logan Montilla, Jake Williams, Chance Passmore, Keegan Chadburn, and Claude Thebaud excelled all season, and

Whereas, Head Coach Chris Charbonneau, assistant coaches Nick Davis and Steven Kapusta, and team manager Harold Saint-Surin were all essential for the championship win, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Mt. St. Joseph Academy Mounties Division II boys' basketball championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 113

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Sergeant at Arms Teresa M. Randall

Offered by: Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Hooper of Montpelier

Whereas, for over four decades, in different but always helpful ways, the delightful presence of Teresa Randall graced the State House, and

Whereas, her journey to Montpelier started from her hometown of Wisbech, in Cambridgeshire, England, where she graduated from a local high school, and

Whereas, the first step toward Teresa Randall's settling in Montpelier was her marriage in 1955 to U.S. Air Force member Herbert A. Randall in Fakenham, England, and

Whereas, in 1971, they settled in his home State of Vermont, and

Whereas, Teresa Randall's State House career began in 1972, when she started working in the cafeteria, located on what has become the Legislative Council mezzanine, and

Whereas, over the next dozen years, while serving food and beverages to the members of the General Assembly, she became acquainted with many State legislators, including then Representative Madeleine Kunin, and

Whereas, in 1985, when Governor Kunin was sworn in for her first term, she selected Teresa Randall to serve as her office receptionist, and

Whereas, at the close of 1985, Teresa Randall was hired as the Assistant Sergeant at Arms, and

Whereas, Teresa Randall, already a popular personality in the State House, renewed her legislative friendships, cemented new ones, and gained a broader and more sophisticated knowledge of the building's operations, and

Whereas, in July 1993, a midterm vacancy opened up in the Sergeant at Arms position, and Governor Howard Dean appointed Teresa Randall to the post, the first woman to hold this critical State House position, and

Whereas, Teresa Randall's 1996 retirement was in name only, as during the ensuing years she served as a legislative doorkeeper, State House tour guide, and volunteer gift shop salesperson, and she was an active member of the Friends of the Vermont State House, and

Whereas, Teresa Randall, whose life was so intertwined with our State's capitol building, died on March 1, 2019 at 86 years of age, and her survivors include her children and granddaughter, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Sargent at Arms Teresa M. Randall, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 114

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Danville School Indians Division IV boys' basketball championship team

Offered by: Representative Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Kitchel and Benning

Whereas, reaching the Division IV championship game in 2018 but falling a mere four points short gave the Danville Indians a powerful incentive to double their efforts in 2019, and

Whereas, as the top-seeded team, the Indians sailed through the playoffs, gaining another opportunity to prove themselves on the championship basketball court at the Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, their path to potential victory was hardly simple as the second-seeded Poultney Blue Devils were the Indians' formidable opponent, and

Whereas, the possible roadblock to a Danville victory was apparent as the game was tied 26—all at halftime, but the Indians' determination was evident as they accelerated their team's offensive drive to win the game 57–44 and clinch the school's seventh divisional title, and

Whereas, Danville's great roster featured Ian Steele, Jacob Baesemann, Colby Miller, Logan Young, Aaron Goodwin, Tim White, Garrett Sinclair, Cole Beliveau, Ethen Melen, Dillon Brigham, Dakota Johnson, and Tito Chamul, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jason Brigham, Assistant Coach Richie Benoit, and team managers BryAnna Goslant, Madison Young, Jasai Lisboa, and Sebastian Eldred each played an important role in this victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Danville School Indians Division IV boys' basketball championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 115

House concurrent resolution designating April 2019 as Veterans Suicide Awareness Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Strong of Albany, Austin of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Chase of Colchester, Gamache of Swanton, Hango of Berkshire, Higley of Lowell, Howard of Rutland City, Killacky of South Burlington, Morrissey of Bennington, Sibilias of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Szott of Barnard, Taylor of Colchester, Troiano of Stannard, and Walz of Barre City

Whereas, our nation's veterans encounter many readjustment challenges upon their reentry into civilian life, and too frequently they result in suicide, and

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

Whereas, according to a September 2017 media release from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the most recent data indicate that after adjustments for age and gender, the risk of suicide among veterans is 22 percent higher than that of U.S. nonveteran adults, and

Whereas, the Veterans Crisis Line reports that the suicide rate for younger military veterans who are between 18 and 34 years of age has been steadily increasing in recent years, rising ten percent from 2015 to 2016 alone, and

Whereas, more than half of the members of the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America organization are acquainted with a military serviceperson who has committed suicide, and

Whereas, these statistics paint a tragic picture that emphasizes the need to focus more intensively on this situation, and

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

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

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

Whereas, today, April 2, 2019, would have been Josh Pallotta's 30th birthday, and

Whereas, it is fitting on this occasion to honor the valiant service of our veterans on behalf of our nation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 2019 as Veterans Suicide Awareness Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont National Guard, the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs, and Valerie Pallotta.

H.C.R. 116

House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2, 2019 as Equal Pay Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Briglin of Thetford, Brownell of Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne, 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, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donovan of Burlington, Elder of Starksboro, Fegard of Berkshire, Forguites of Springfield, Giambatista of Essex, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Harrison of Chittenden, Hashim of Dummerston, Hill of Wolcott, Hooper of Montpelier, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Jessup of Middlesex, Killacky of South Burlington, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Mrowicki of Putney, Nicoll of Ludlow, Notte of Rutland City, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralph of Hartland, Redmond of Essex, Rogers of Waterville, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Szott of Barnard, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Walz of Barre City, White of Hartford, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Bray, Clarkson, Hardy, Hooker, Lyons, and Nitka

Whereas, since 1996, Equal Pay Day has signified that women who perform comparable work are paid lower wages than their male counterparts, and

Whereas, according to a 2017 report, the wage gap between the genders stands at 19.5 percent nationally, and

Whereas, in Vermont, on average, women earn 86 cents for every dollar that men earn, resulting in a 14 percent wage gap, and

Whereas, although the Vermont wage gap is the sixth-smallest in the country, both in Vermont and nationally, the wage gap for women of color is greater, and

Whereas, the Vermont wage gap is 18.6 percent for Latina women and 39.4 percent for Asian women, and, nationally, the gap for African American women is 39 percent and for Native American women is 42 percent, and

Whereas, nationally, mothers only earn 71 cents for every dollar that fathers are compensated, and

Whereas, if Vermont's working women were paid the same wage as men in comparable jobs, the poverty rate among women would fall, and

Whereas, these stark economic statistics demonstrate the continuing disparities between men's and women's earning power, and

Whereas, it is important to acknowledge these differences as a starting point toward their elimination, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April 2, 2019 as Equal Pay Day in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Commission on Women, the League of Women Voters, and the Vermont Federation of Business and Professional Women.

H.C.R. 117

House concurrent resolution celebrating the unique attributes of Green River Reservoir State Park

Offered by: Representatives Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott, Noyes of Wolcott, Patt of Worcester, Rogers of Waterville, Scheuermann of Stowe, and Yacovone of Morristown

Whereas, constructed in the 1940s as a hydropower source for the Town of Morristown and as a flood control project, the 653-acre Green River Reservoir has a surrounding 19-mile shoreline that is almost entirely undeveloped, and

Whereas, the reservoir features a common loon nesting area and a great blue heron rookery, and

Whereas, under the ownership of the Morrisville Water and Light Department, the public was invited to recreate at the site, and its increasing popularity diminished its primitive character, and

Whereas, a proposal for the State to acquire Green River Reservoir and the adjacent property, in order to restore its primitive character, came to fruition through the administrative efforts of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and the Nature Conservancy and with the financial support of the federal Forest Legacy Program and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund, and

Whereas, on March 30, 1999, the 5,110-acre Green River Reservoir State Park was officially established, and the financing of the transaction was finalized on March 29, 2000, and

Whereas, most unusually, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board and the Vermont chapter of the Nature Conservancy jointly hold a conservation easement on Green River Reservoir State Park; and

Whereas, the park is restricted to “dispersed public outdoor recreation use that is low-impact” and, with limited exceptions, “non-commercial and non-motorized, and for primitive camping resources, as well as quiet enjoyment of the Protected Property,” and

Whereas, “residential, commercial, industrial or mining activities,” are not permitted, and

Whereas, group-use permits are required for camping and day use during the summer season when the park is officially open and a license or special use permit may be needed for group use at other times of the year, and

Whereas, the restrictions on activity at Green River Reservoir State Park create a fantastic outdoor experience not readily replicated in other Vermont State parks, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the unique attributes of Green River Reservoir State Park, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation and to the Morrisville Water and Light Department.

H.C.R. 118

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Boys & Girls Clubs of Vermont Youth of the Year Award honorees

Offered by: Representative Donovan of Burlington

Whereas, the young people of Vermont are tomorrow’s leaders, and

Whereas, in Vermont, there are 10 Boys & Girls Clubs that are located in the communities of Burlington, Brattleboro, Montpelier, Rutland, Vergennes, and elsewhere, and

Whereas, the Boys & Girls Clubs are at the forefront of services for youths, including literacy programs, homework and tutorial assistance, substance abuse prevention, and recreation programs, and

Whereas, in Vermont, 8,400 youngsters avail themselves of the Boys & Girls Clubs' invaluable services, and

Whereas, in 1947, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America established the Youth of the Year program, and

Whereas, the Youth of the Year program promotes service to the club, the community, and family; academic success; strong moral character; life goals; and the combined skills of poise and public speaking, and

Whereas, it is considered the Boys & Girls Clubs' premiere program, and a specially selected group of participants, based on their performance in elements of the program, are designated as Vermont honorees, and

Whereas, in 2019, the outstanding young people being recognized as Vermont Youth of the Year Award honorees are Erin Kelley from the Washington County Youth Service Bureau Boys & Girls Club, Senga Felekeni from the Boys & Girls Club of Burlington, Michael Davis from the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes, and Zachary Buckley-Dunbar from the Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Boys & Girls Clubs of Vermont Youth of the Year Award honorees, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 119

House concurrent resolution observing April 2, 2019 as National Service Recognition Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Noyes of Wolcott, Ancel of Calais, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bancroft of Westford, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Bates of Bennington, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Birong of Vergennes, Bock of Chester, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Brownell of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Campbell of St.

Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, 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, Cupoli of Rutland City, 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, Gamache of Swanton, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Giambatista of Essex, Gonzalez of Winooski, Goslant of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, Graham of Williamstown, Gregoire of Fairfield, Haas of Rochester, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Hashim of Dummerston, Helm of Fair Haven, 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, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lefebvre of Newark, Leffler of Enosburgh, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, Mattos of Milton, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nicoll of Ludlow, Norris of Shoreham, Notte of Rutland City, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pajala of Londonderry, Palasik of Milton, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralph of Hartland, Redmond of Essex, Rogers of Waterville, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Seymour of Sutton, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibia of Dover, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Squirrell of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Szott of Barnard, Taylor of Colchester, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Toof of St. Albans Town, Townsend of South Burlington, 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, in 1993, Congress established the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), and this federal agency's mission is to "improve

lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering,” and

Whereas, CNCS “engages millions of Americans in service through its core programs—AmeriCorps and Senior Corps—and national volunteer efforts,” and

Whereas, SerVermont is the State’s partner with CNCS, and

Whereas, in Vermont, there are 30 CNCS projects, including those under the rubric of AmeriCorps National, AmeriCorps State, AmeriCorps VISTA, the Foster Grandparent Program, RSVP, and the Senior Companion Program and projects financed through the Social Innovation Fund, and

Whereas, there are 443 CNCS service organizations in Vermont, including conservation and environmental groups, counseling services, faith-based entities, food-support services, housing trusts, municipalities, museums, public libraries, recreation projects, senior and aging programs, and shelters for the homeless, and

Whereas, 2,091 Vermont service volunteers work at these organizations, earning educational scholarship funds for the volunteers’ future use, and

Whereas, in this fiscal year, CNCS is investing \$6,499,734.00 in Vermont, and local host organizations are supplying \$6,258,791.00 in additional support, and

Whereas, since 1994, more than 5,500 Vermont residents have served more than 8.2 million hours through AmeriCorps and qualified for scholarship awards worth in excess of \$19.6 million, and

Whereas, today, more than 5,200 elected officials from across the country will participate in the 7th annual National Service Recognition Day, and

Whereas, as part of this observance, Vermont service volunteers are visiting the State House, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly observes April 2, 2019 as National Service Recognition Day in Vermont, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 120

House concurrent resolution honoring U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers' century and a quarter of outstanding service to our nation

Offered by: Representative Brownell of Pownal

Whereas, in the U.S. Navy, the title chief petty officer is associated with responsibilities and privileges no other armed force in the world grants enlisted personnel, and

Whereas, these responsibilities and privileges have no official standing, but they have existed for a century and a quarter, as past and present chiefs have accepted duties beyond the call of their official assignments, and

Whereas, the performance and service of these special enlisted men and women demand the respect of naval personnel above and below their rank, as the chiefs have routinely sought greater challenges and assumed more responsibility than is required, and

Whereas, the tradition of devotion and dedication that chief petty officers have established, in combination with their sacrifice and valor, impresses today's young U.S. Navy sailors, and

Whereas, today's chiefs are as committed to serving our nation as were their original predecessors in 1893, and these contemporary chief petty officers wear their U.S. Naval hat with pride, and

Whereas, April 1, 2019 marks 126 years since the U.S. Navy established the rank of chief petty officer, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officers' century and a quarter of outstanding service to our nation, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Retired U.S. Chief Petty Officer Michael A. Walker in Pownal.