

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

April 4, 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. 121

House concurrent resolution commemorating the placement of the third statue of Agriculture atop the State House dome and honoring its creators, sculptors Chris Miller and Jerry Williams

Offered by: Offered by: Representatives Ancel of Calais, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Canfield of Fair Haven, Coffey of Guilford, Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Demrow of Corinth, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Giambatista of Essex, Goslant of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, Hooper of Montpelier, Hooper of Burlington, James of Manchester, Jessup of Middlesex, Killacky of South Burlington, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, LaClair of Barre Town, LaLonde of South Burlington, Long of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McFaun of Barre Town, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Patt of Worcester, Redmond of Essex, Rogers of Waterville, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Seymour of Sutton, Squirrel of Underhill, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Walz of Barre City, White of Hartford, and Young of Greensboro

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Benning, Cummings, Kitchel, Mazza, McNeil, Perchlik, and Pollina

Whereas, in 1858, the State commissioned the young Brattleboro sculptor Larkin Mead to create a wooden statue representing agriculture, and

Whereas, the figure he created cradled a sheaf of wheat in her left arm and carried a scroll in her right hand to symbolize a legally governed agrarian society, and it was hoisted atop the dome of the new, third State House, and

Whereas, the statue, though popularly referred to as Ceres, the Roman goddess of plenty, has never been officially so named, and

Whereas, Larkin Mead's creation survived Vermont's brutal winters for 80 years, and in 1938, State House Sergeant at Arms Dwight Dwinell, with the support of two State House janitors, whittled a replacement, and

Whereas, 80 years later, in 2018, when the statue was lowered to the ground in anticipation of a major State House dome restoration, a replacement statue was viewed as a necessity, and

Whereas, Chris Miller, the artistic proprietor of Chris Miller Studio in Calais and who has completed important sculptural commissions, was one of the sculptors chosen for this historic project, and

Whereas, his artistic partner was Jerry Williams of Johnson, who operates the Barre Sculpture Studios, a firm that creates “figurative works for monument retailers, churches and civic organizations” throughout the northeastern states, and

Whereas, as a first step in the artistic process, Jerry Williams created a clay model, based on blurry photos of the original statue and Larkin Mead’s illustrations, and

Whereas, with these photos as a guide, Chris Miller, using resilient mahogany wood and working long days, sculpted a 2,000-pound, 14-and-one-half-foot statue of Agriculture, which it is hoped will last 150 years, and

Whereas, Vermonters were welcomed to watch these artists at work as they created the new statue at their special location at the Vermont Granite Museum, and

Whereas, on November 30, 2018, in an impressive and well-attended ceremony, the third statue of Agriculture was hoisted, on schedule, to its new home atop the restored State House dome, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the placement of the third statue of Agriculture atop the State House dome and honors its creators, sculptors Chris Miller and Jerry Williams, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the sculptors, the Vermont Granite Museum, and the Friends of the Vermont State House.

H.C.R. 122

House concurrent resolution congratulating Gloria Kigonya on winning the 2019 Vermont Debate and Forensics League State Forensics Tournament’s performance poetry category

Offered by: Representatives Austin of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Chase of Colchester, and Taylor of Colchester

Whereas, on February 2, 2019, the State Forensics Tournament sponsored by the Vermont Debate and Forensics League was held at the State House, and

Whereas, the tournament featured a number of different speech formats, including performance poetry, and

Whereas, this being a statewide contest, the best students in the respective categories participated, and a freshman faced the challenge of outscoring more experienced competitors, and

Whereas, despite this challenge, Colchester High School freshman Gloria Kigonya overcame the odds and won the performance poetry category, and

Whereas, her performance consisted of two poetry recitations, “I Could Ask, But I Think They Use Tweezers” by Aziza Barnes and “How We Could Have Lived or Died This Way” by Martin Espada, and

Whereas, Gloria Kigonya selected these poems because they focus on violence perpetrated against persons of color in the United States, a topic that is of great importance to her, and

Whereas, the contest served as a platform for Gloria Kigonya to exercise her interest in activism and an ideal chance to improve her public speaking skills, and

Whereas, as a result of her Vermont victory, Gloria Kigonya will be representing Vermont in the performance poetry category at this year’s Grand National Tournament of the National Catholic Forensic League in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a tournament that the National Association of Secondary School Principals cosponsors, and

Whereas, her Vermont tournament win is a major achievement, especially for a high school freshman, and her coach, Colchester High School teacher Benjamin Beaudoin, is proud of her success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Gloria Kigonya on winning the 2019 Vermont Debate and Forensics League State Forensics Tournament’s performance poetry category and wishes her every success at the national competition in Milwaukee, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Gloria Kigonya and to Benjamin Beaudoin.

H.C.R. 123

House concurrent resolution honoring Sarah E. Carpenter for her outstanding leadership as Vermont Housing Finance Agency Executive Director

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Ancel of Calais, 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, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Johnson of South Hero, Killacky of South Burlington, Kimbell of Woodstock, Krowinski of Burlington, Long of Newfane, McCormack of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Smith of Derby, Sullivan of Burlington, Szott of Barnard, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, and Walz of Barre City

Whereas, the Vermont General Assembly established the Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) in 1974 Acts and Resolves No. 260, and its mission to “finance and promote affordable, safe and decent housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income Vermonters” includes the administration of single-family mortgage financing programs, multifamily loan programs, and the federal and State housing tax credit, as well as the development of options for housing for the homeless, and

Whereas, from 1998 until 2018, Sarah Carpenter served as VHFA's effective and innovative executive director, and

Whereas, this lifelong Burlingtonian graduated from the University of Vermont and earned a graduate degree from Harvard University, and

Whereas, Sarah Carpenter previously served as Cathedral Square Corporation's executive director, leading this nonprofit that specializes in the management of affordable housing and community support services for elder Vermonters and persons with disabilities, and

Whereas, as VHFA's executive director, Sarah Carpenter developed expertise in all aspects of affordable housing policy and became a national leader among her professional peers, and

Whereas, members of the General Assembly relied on Sarah Carpenter for informative answers and thoughtful policy recommendations, and

Whereas, as a caring and forward-looking leader in the affordable housing field, Sarah Carpenter was a founding member of both Housing Vermont and the Burlington Community Land Trust, serving terms on each organization's board of directors, and

Whereas, after a distinguished career at VHFA, Sarah Carpenter ended her admirable service in December, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Sarah E. Carpenter for her outstanding leadership as Vermont Housing Financing Agency Executive Director, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 124

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2018 Thetford Academy Panthers girls' soccer team on winning a second consecutive Division III championship

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford and Briglin of Thetford

Whereas, girls' soccer at Thetford Academy has recently reached great heights, with the Panthers appearing in the 2016 Division III championship game and winning the 2017 title, and

Whereas, 2018 proved another great season on the field, as Thetford earned the top seed in the playoff competition, and its string of victories in the preliminary rounds resulted in a playoff berth against the sixth-seeded Vergennes Union High School Commodores, and

Whereas, at the decisive game played in Randolph, both teams were battling the rainy weather as well as the opposing squad, and

Whereas, a defensively dominated first half broke open with one minute and eleven seconds remaining as Thetford scored with a head-propelled goal, and in the second half the Panthers added a crucial goal, ensuring a 2–1 victory, despite the Commodores' scoring before the game's conclusion, and

Whereas, the Panthers' 2018 championship roster consisted of Emma Berard, Emma Colby, Gevie Horster, Kiana Johnson, Abby Berard, Chloe Benjamin, Ellen Veracka, Casey MacVeagh, Emi Vaughan, Grace Davis, Namy Benjamin, Kiran Black, Jade Jamieson, Arwen Clayton, Kelsey Smith, Lily MacVeagh, Lily Brown, Madi Powers, Autumn Horniak, Emma Thorburn, Crystal Parshley, Lexi Gaetz, and Becca Wells, and

Whereas, Head Coach Dave Williams and assistant coaches Ted MacVeagh and Patty Sevigny were proud of their players' accomplishment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2018 Thetford Academy Panthers girls' soccer team on winning a second consecutive Division III championship, 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. 125

House concurrent resolution congratulating Henry Farrington on being named the 2018 Vermont Gatorade Boys' Cross-Country Runner of the Year

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

Whereas, cross-country running demands that an athlete maintain the right pace, focus on the course terrain, and think ahead, and

Whereas, among his fellow runners, Henry Farrington, a junior at Essex High School, repeatedly outdistanced his teammates and competitors during the 2018 varsity cross-country season, and

Whereas, at both the Essex High School Invitational and the Northern Vermont Athletic Conference cross-country meets, Henry Farrington won first place, and he finished second at the Woods Trail Run, and

Whereas, these major meets serve as preparation for the season's culminating event, the State championship, held at Thetford Academy in late October, and

Whereas, at this exciting season finale, Henry Farrington outpaced all of the other runners, finishing the course in a swift 16 minutes and 35.6 seconds, and led his team to a second-consecutive Division I boys' cross-country championship, and

Whereas, beyond the State's borders, Henry Farrington placed 13th at the New England cross-country championship, where he was the speediest Vermonter, and 14th at the Northeast regional meet, and

Whereas, off the course, Henry Farrington achieves good grades, is a member of the Essex High School student government, serves as a mentor for younger students, and volunteers with the Essex Fire Department, and

Whereas, in recognition of his athletic, academic, and extracurricular accomplishments, Henry Farrington was named the 2018 Vermont Gatorade Boys' Cross-Country Runner of the Year, a distinct honor reflecting his accomplishments on the running course, in the classroom, and in the community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Henry Farrington on being named the 2018 Vermont Gatorade Boys' Cross-Country Runner of the Year, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 126.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Essex High School Hornets State championship gymnastics team

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

Whereas, Essex High School's glorious reign as State gymnastics champion extended for 12 consecutive seasons, from 2006–2017, and

Whereas, the lessons learned from their 2018 second-place finish to the Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) Redhawks were remembered, as the second-seeded Essex Hornets worked with extra determination to regain their long-held gymnastics crown, and

Whereas, the Hornets, performing before a home-school crowd at Essex, were acutely aware that their many supporters were expecting nothing less than a top finish, and

Whereas, care, perseverance, and sheer determination, while not resulting in a first-place score in any specific competition category, produced the narrowest victory for Essex, and they proudly regained the State championship, defeating CVU 137.625 to 136.275, and

Whereas, the delighted Hornets who demonstrated great gymnastic skills were Livia Ball, Abigail Brooks, Kaitlin Chapman, Lila Crock, Emma Doran, Claire Emery, Amelia Frisbie, Abigael Gleason, Kiara Keenan, Ella Lesny, Emily Moll-Celis, Gabriela Schmida, and Swantje Stein, and Head Coach Mary Krug and assistant coaches Lucy Lincoln and Anna Charland were superb all season long, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Essex High School Hornets State championship gymnastics team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 127

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Essex High School Vermont Treasury Cup Challenge championship team

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

Whereas, on March 8, 2019, the Office of the Vermont State Treasurer convened the Vermont Treasury Cup Challenge, an annual statewide high school competition that tests students' knowledge and understanding of personal-financial, economic, and consumer-affairs topics, and

Whereas, the Treasury Cup Challenge is conducted as a double-elimination tournament, featuring a quiz-show style format, and

Whereas, the questions were asked and answered in a rapid and intense manner for 16 exciting and excruciating rounds, and

Whereas, when the students and quizmasters had concluded, the Essex High School team emerged victorious, and

Whereas, as the 2019 Treasury Cup Challenge winners, the Essex team secured semi-finalist status in the National Economic Challenge and the right to take a national online test in April, and

Whereas, if their test score meets the designated threshold, the Essex team will qualify as a finalist for the National Economic Challenge, which takes place in New York City on May 18, and

Whereas, the members of the Essex team were Jeremy Brennan, Grace Lu, Isabelle Petrucci, Bailey Tetrault, Henry Wu, and Nathan Wu, and the team's coach was Charlie Burnett, therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Essex High School Vermont Treasury Cup Challenge championship team and wishes it success in its subsequent competitions, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 128

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Essex High School Hornets Division I girls' ice hockey championship team

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

Whereas, in 2019, second-seeded Essex High School and top-seeded Bellows Free Academy (BFA) St. Albans renewed their Division I girls' ice hockey championship rivalry before their exuberant fans at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse, and

Whereas, despite the Comets' supposed advantage, Essex held the distinction of being BFA's only opponent this season to score more than a single goal against them, and

Whereas, after a defensively dominant first period, Essex scored the opening goal at the 10:28 mark of period two and ensured its victory and the 2019 championship by shooting an insurance goal with 7:29 remaining in regulation play, and

Whereas, the jubilant Hornets were Isabelle Seguin, Ella Gibbs, Ashley Stempel, Courtney Himes, Sydney Martin, Olivia Miller-Johnson, Francesca Martin, Grace Wiggett, Abigail Robbins, Skye Yates, Sage Amalixsen, Nielsa Maddalena, Kaylee Moody, Molly Bruyns, Madeline Young, Hannah Himes, Natalie Kedzierski, Sophia Forcier, Megan Ginnett, Madisyn Larson, and Natalie McMahon, and

Whereas, Head Coach John Maddalena and assistant coaches Kimberly Fadden, Rich Celia, Brent Farnham, and Kim Martin contributed their valuable expertise to the team's victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Essex High School Hornets Division I girls' ice hockey championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 129

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Essex High School Hornets boys' ice hockey team on winning the school's second-consecutive Division I championship

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

Whereas, the reigning Division I champion Essex Hornets' continued mastery of hockey rinks' icy surfaces merited their first-seed ranking for the 2019 playoffs, and

Whereas, Essex played magnificently in its march toward a berth in the championship contest at the University of Vermont's Gutterson Fieldhouse, where the Hornets faced off against the sixth-seeded Rice Memorial High School Green Knights, and

Whereas, after a scoreless first period, the Hornets erased any potential for a Rice upset, scoring three second-period goals and two in the final frame, plus

tallying 17 saves overall, and skated off the ice with a triumphant 5–0 win, capturing Essex’s sixteenth boys’ ice hockey crown, and

Whereas, the victorious Hornets were Maxwell Foster, Grady Cram, Adie Stevens, Aidan Haggerty, Jonah Janaro, Sam Gibbs, Hazen Pierce, Tobey Cram, Joseph Maher, Charles Wiegand IV, Ryan Clark, Matthew Cincotta, Jason Smith, Gordon Schmalz, Caleb Day, Justin Prim, William Couture, Maxwell Line, Tobias Martin, Owen Young, Tyler Millett, Ian Amalixsen, Willem Barwin, Patrick Monahan, Samuel Foster, and Paul Gordon, and

Whereas, Head Coach Chris Line, and assistant coaches Dean Corkum, Kerry Wiebe, Tyler Peckham, and Matt Desautels were all helpful mentors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Essex High School Hornets boys’ ice hockey team on winning the school’s second-consecutive Division I championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 130

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Essex High School Hornets Division I indoor track and field championship team

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

Whereas, in 2018, the Essex Hornets nearly clinched the Division I championship when they concluded the decisive meet a mere 1.5 points short of their rivals, the St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers, and

Whereas, in 2019, a reinvigorated Essex team focused on reversing the championship results, and

Whereas, Hornets finished first in the 55-meter hurdles, the long jump, the 4x200 relay, and the 1,500-meter race, and Essex convincingly swept the top three spots in the 300-meter race, all contributing to a narrow, but satisfying, 143–142 victory over the Hilltoppers, and

Whereas, the Hornets who emerged victorious were Peter Alden, Teibiroa Ambo, Robert Austin, Jackson Baker, Michael Baker, Kegan Bergeron, James Boldosser, Tate Bostwick, Jeremy Brennan, Zachary Brisson, Calvin Burnett, Jihan Dahanayaka, Tyler Dunn, Evan Dyke, Henry Farrington, Aidan Ferreira, Connor Goodrich, Colin Gorman, Jacob Hall, Jack Hamilton, Jamaal Hankey,

John Kevin Herrera, Lucius Karki, Ebin Lagasse, Cade Larcom, Krispin Laverty, Richard Laverty, Oliver Macgillivray, Brady Martisus, Aidan Mejia, Mohamud Mohamed, Kyle Moran, Robin Norstrom, Maxwell Phillippo, Samuel Phillippo, Nicholas Rancourt, Patrick Reardon, Spencer Towle, Jake Wagner, and Matthew Wosky, and Head Coach Adam Lacrosse and assistant coaches Nicholas Smith and Kaitlin White were great mentors for the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Essex High School Hornets Division I indoor track and field championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 131

House concurrent resolution congratulating Steve Gagner on his selection as the 2019 U.S. Small Business Administration's Vermont Small Business Person of the Year

Offered by: Representatives McCarthy of St. Albans City, Toof of St. Albans Town, and Gregoire of Fairfield

Whereas, while serving in Afghanistan, Steve Gagner sketched on the back of a notebook, with his friend and fellow soldier, Matt Kehaya, a business plan for a craft brewery, and

Whereas, upon their return home, they refined the plan and, with Steve Gagner as the majority owner, opened the 14th Star Brewing Company, and

Whereas, the brewery initially sold its malt beverage products directly to customers in growlers and to local restaurants for on-tap service, and

Whereas, the name, 14th Star, symbolizes Vermont's entry into the Union as the 14th state, and

Whereas, the now greatly expanded 14th Star Brewing Company is headquartered in a 20,000-square-foot space in the St. Albans Shopping Plaza, has a staff of 24 employees, and distributes its product in six states, and

Whereas, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of each batch of 14th Star's Valor Ale is donated to Purple Hearts Reunited, an organization that returns lost or stolen military medals to their rightful owners, and annually, the brewery holds a fundraising event to support the Josh Pallotta Fund, which works to prevent suicides among veterans, and

Whereas, in recognition of the brewery's many charitable projects, it was the recipient of the 2017 Tim Bovat Award for Civic Engagement, and

Whereas, Major Steve Gagner is the executive officer for the Vermont Army National Guard's Army Mountain Warfare School and an assistant professor of military science at Norwich University, and

Whereas, Steve Gagner cofounded Danger Close Craft Distilling, a company that teaches entrepreneurship to veterans, and he was named the 2018 *Military Times* Entrepreneur of the Year, and

Whereas, he has now been honored as the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2019 Vermont Small Business Person of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Steve Gagner on his selection as the 2019 U.S. Small Business Administration's Vermont Small Business Person of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Steve Gagner and to the 14th Star Brewing Company.

H.C.R. 132

House concurrent resolution congratulating Rutland High School for earning placement on the first ESPN Honor Roll, in recognition of the school's outstanding Special Olympics Unified Sports program

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Howard of Rutland City, Notte of Rutland City, Terenzini of Rutland Town, and Harrison of Chittenden

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, Special Olympics Unified Sports teams consist of students both with and without intellectual disabilities, and

Whereas, at Rutland High School, Unified Sports teams exist in three sports: basketball, bowling, and soccer, and

Whereas, nationally, more than 6,000 schools are home to Special Olympics Unified Sports Teams, and these teams instill in their participants a deep sense of pride, and

Whereas, Special Olympics had previously designated Rutland High School as a National Banner Unified Champion school, a recognition reserved for schools that "demonstrate full inclusion in their school community, primarily through Unified Sports, full school engagement and youth leadership," and

Whereas, the Rutland High School community was pleased to receive a Banner School designation, and the school is now the proud recipient of an even more prestigious award, and

Whereas, the sports television network ESPN, in collaboration with Special Olympics, awarded 30 of the 6,000 Unified Sports Schools, all of which had already earned National Banner Unified Champion school designation, a new, more exalted status as ESPN Honor Roll schools, and

Whereas, to be granted this accolade, Rutland High School was required to be at the forefront of a commitment to inclusion, and

Whereas, Rutland High School held a special assembly to celebrate this unique moment in the school's athletic history and is greatly honored to have been named to the first ESPN Honor Roll, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Rutland High School for earning placement on the first ESPN Honor Roll, in recognition of the school's outstanding Special Olympics Unified Sports program, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 133

House concurrent resolution congratulating Champlain Valley Union High School Principal Adam Bunting on being named the 2018 Vermont Principal of the Year

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

Offered by: Senators Ingram and Lyons

Whereas, Adam Bunting's own education began in the Washington, DC, public schools, but his realization that school could be a caring and not a punishing experience occurred when he moved to Vermont, at nine years of age, and enrolled in the Shelburne Community School, and

Whereas, the memory of the supportive educational environment at the Shelburne Community School remained with him through his student years at Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) and at Connecticut College, and

Whereas, the special kindness and decisive support given him as a college freshman during two unusual experiences, one that was potentially life threatening, still resonate in the way he conducts his professional duties, and

Whereas, Adam Bunting recognized that he thrived in a scholastic milieu and returned to his high school alma mater as an English teacher, and

Whereas, in due course, he was promoted to lead a house at CVU, one of the large academic units to which all CVU students are assigned, and an excellent job performance earned him the principalship at Montpelier High School, and

Whereas, in 2015, the opportunity of returning to CVU as principal was irresistible, and Adam Bunting eagerly assumed this new challenge, and

Whereas, especially noteworthy has been his unwavering affirmation of inclusion of all students, regardless of gender, race, religion, and sexual orientation, a message he has directly acted upon in confronting incidents of graffiti vandalism and in the aftermath of an assembly speaker whose background and closing comment discomfited some students, and

Whereas, Adam Bunting was nominated for the Vermont Principal of the Year Award, and the surprised CVU principal accepted this well-deserved distinction, which recognized “his work in personalized and proficiency-based learning,” with grace and modesty, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Champlain Valley Union High School Principal Adam Bunting on being named the 2018 Vermont Principal of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Adam Bunting and to CVU.

H.C.R. 134

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2019 Junior Iron Chef VT championship teams

Offered by: Representatives Sibilias of Dover, Batchelor of Derby, Bock of Chester, Briglin of Thetford, Brownell of Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burditt of West Rutland, Chase of Colchester, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Demrow of Corinth, Fagan of Rutland City, Fegard of Berkshire, Forguites of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Gregoire of Fairfield, Hill of Wolcott, Houghton of Essex, Killackey of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lefebvre of Newark, Leffler of Enosburgh, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Masland of Thetford, Mattos of Milton, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morgan of Milton, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Noyes of Wolcott, O’Brien of Tunbridge, O’Sullivan of Burlington, Pajala of Londonderry, Potter of Clarendon, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Toof of St. Albans Town, Troiano of Stannard, and Webb of Shelburne

Whereas, VT FEED is a partnership, now under the joint management of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont and Shelburne Farms, that helps “to grow robust farm to school programs,” and

Whereas, this partnership sponsors the annual Junior Iron Chef VT, a cooking competition that challenges young chefs to incorporate healthy Vermont foods into meals that could be served in school cafeterias, and

Whereas, the 12th annual Junior Iron Chef VT, held on Saturday, March 16 at the Champlain Valley Expo, featured the participation of 62 culinary teams, 264 students, and 58 farms and producers, and

Whereas, the three award categories were Crowd Pleaser, recognizing a team that “best incorporates color, texture, and taste”; Lively Local, honoring a team that “best highlights Vermont foods”; and Mise en Place, saluting “exemplary teamwork, order, and professionalism,” and

Whereas, the Crowd Pleaser winners were: the Holland Hawks (Holland Elementary School, Notchy Average Stuffed Wonton Nacho); Slice, Dice and Spice (Burlington Technical Center, Vermont Roots); Turnip the Beet (Green Mountain Union High School, Sweet Potato-Chickpea Burgers with Caribbean Slaw and VT Maple BBQ Sauce); and the GMTCC Cooks (Green Mountain Technology and Career Center, Rich and Creamy Ratatouille in a Roasted Pepper Sauce), and

Whereas, the Lively Local honorees were: the Sharon Shredders (Sharon Elementary School, Very Veggie Enchiladas with Homemade Sweet Potato Tortillas); the Sharpest Knives in the Drawer (Lake Champlain Waldorf School, Gnocchi with Vegetables and Basil Cream Sauce); the Nacho Ninjas (Milton Middle School, Vermont Style Nachos); and the Green Mountain Chieftains (Green Mountain Union High School, Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms), and

Whereas, the teams earning Mis en Place recognition were: the Bakersfield Bobcats (Bakersfield Elementary Middle School’s Afterschool Program, Butternut Squash Curry over Bulgur); the Rebel Diablos (Leland and Gray Union Middle/High School, These Ain’t Yo Mama’s Tacos!); the 4-H’ers (Vermont 4-H, Veggie Manicotti with Alfredo Sauce); and the Savage Sobas (Milton High School, Soba Noodle Soup), now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2019 Junior Iron Chef VT championship teams, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 135

House concurrent resolution saluting the Vermonters who served in the Vietnam War and honoring the memory of those who died in this conflict

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

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, the years of the Vietnam War were especially difficult for the hundreds of thousands of Americans who fought in this conflict, and

Whereas, American soldiers were engaged in consistent combat under extremely trying conditions and faced a problematic transition when they returned home, and

Whereas, according to the National Archives, 58,220 American military personnel died due to their service in Vietnam or are presumed dead, because of combat, illness, or other war-related circumstances, and

Whereas, 7,332 Vermonters served in Vietnam, and of that number, 138 are known or presumed to have perished, and

Whereas, it is especially important to remember those American military personnel, from both Vermont and across the United States, who made the ultimate sacrifice when called to serve their nation in the Vietnam War, and

Whereas, on March 29, 1973, the North Vietnamese government freed the American prisoners of war, marking the final departure of American combat troops from Vietnam, and 2019 is the 46th anniversary of this historic event, and

Whereas, on March 28, 2017, the President of the United States signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, which designated March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly salutes the Vermonters who served in the Vietnam War and honors the memory of those who died in this conflict, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 136

House concurrent resolution congratulating Katherine Suzanne Bove on winning one gold medal and one bronze medal at the 2019 Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Offered by: Representatives Till of Jericho, Squirrell of Underhill, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, as a Special Olympian, Kate Bove is part of an international movement that demonstrates that persons with intellectual disabilities can derive enormous satisfaction through participation in competitive sports, and

Whereas, the premier Special Olympians are privileged to participate in the Special Olympics World Games, which in 2019 were held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and

Whereas, the theme for this year's Special Olympics World Games was "Meet the Determined," and

Whereas, Kate Bove joined Special Olympics 25 years ago, when she moved to Vermont at five years of age, and

Whereas, she is an ardent swimmer who practices four times a week at The Edge's swimming pool in Essex, and

Whereas, the level of proficiency that Kate Bove has achieved as a swimmer earned her an invitation to be the sole Vermont competitor at the 2019 Special Olympics World Games, and

Whereas, her thrilling swims in the Handan Sports Center pool started on March 13 with a qualifying victory in the 50-meter breaststroke and a winning time of 01:29.49, and

Whereas, on March 17, Kate Bove stood on the gold medal podium, after outpacing all of her competitors in the 50-meter breaststroke finals, finishing with a medal-winning time of 01:33.14, and

Whereas, to conclude her medal-winning odyssey, on March 19, Kate Bove swam a strong race in the 100-meter freestyle, clinching a bronze medal with a time of 02:08.53, and

Whereas, Kate Bove epitomizes the Special Olympics at their very best, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Katherine Suzanne Bove on winning one gold medal and one bronze medal at the 2019 Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 137

House concurrent resolution congratulating American Legion Post 13 in Bennington on its 100th anniversary

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

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, in the aftermath of the 1918 armistice that ended World War I, a group of American soldiers gathered for two meetings in Paris during March of 1919, where they established an organization of veterans, tentatively named the American Legion, and

Whereas, deliberations continued in May 1919 in St. Louis, Missouri, and when the contours of the organization were formalized, they included its four pillars: care for veterans, a strong national defense, Americanism, and children and youth, and

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

Whereas, as these national organizational activities were occurring, local American Legion posts began to form, and

Whereas, one of these was what has become American Legion Post 13 in Bennington, which began in September 1919 when several servicemen met at the Bennington Club and elected temporary officers, and

Whereas, in November 1919, a second meeting was held in the Grand Army of the Republic rooms, and the gathered veterans elected as their permanent officers Commander Denley, Vice Commander Sibley, Adjutant Stewart, Treasurer Remington, and Historian Baechen, and

Whereas, during the past century, American Legion Post 13 has participated in numerous activities, including awarding scholarships, sponsoring the Boy Scouts and American Legion baseball, supporting the American Legion's National Emergency Fund, offering troop and family support services, and assisting with health benefits for veterans, and

Whereas, 2019 marks one hundred years since American Legion Post 13 was established, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates American Legion Post 13 in Bennington on its 100th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to American Legion Post 13 Commander Thomas Stone in Bennington.

S.C.R. 9

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former University of Vermont Dean of the College of Education and Social Services and Associate Provost Jill Mattuck Tarule of Essex.

By Senator Lyons,

By Representative Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, both of Jill Tarule's parents served on the Goddard College faculty, and she also pursued a career in academia, and

Whereas, Jill Mattuck Tarule was one of 14 graduates of the class of 1960 at the former Plainfield High School, attended Bennington College and, in 1964, earned a bachelor's degree from Goddard College, and

Whereas, her work at Boston Children's Hospital helped establish play therapy as a professional field, and she earned a master's degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1969, and

Whereas, in 1978, after employment at the Vermont Department of Education, she was appointed the Goddard Graduate College Dean and was awarded her doctorate in education from Harvard Graduate School of Education, and

Whereas, in the 1980s, she taught at what has become Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, serving for several years as Dean of the Counseling and Psychology Division, and

Whereas, in 1992, the University of Vermont (UVM) appointed Jill Tarule Dean of the College of Education and Social Services; in 2005, she became UVM's Associate Provost and assumed faculty status in 2009; and even after her 2013 retirement, Jill Tarule continued her association with UVM as a consultant, an occasional adjunct professor, and the supervisor of a number of doctoral students' research projects, and

Whereas, Jill Tarule was recognized as a prolific scholar in the field of developmental psychology, focusing much of her attention on "the ways society shapes experiences and gender and the implications this has for education contexts" as well as detailed examinations of "adult learners, women as leaders and leaders' moral decision making," and

Whereas, Jill Tarule was the recipient of an honorary doctorate from the School for Lifelong Learning at the University of New Hampshire and of the Jackie Gibbons Leadership Award from Vermont Women in Higher Education, and

Whereas, this distinguished Vermont academic leader died on February 3, 2019 at 75 years of age, and her survivors include her husband, Rob, her daughter, and her grandchildren, *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 University of Vermont Dean of the College of Education and Social Services and Associate Provost Jill Mattuck Tarule of Essex, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 10

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of creative mathematics educator and passionate Celtic folk musician Timothy James Whiteford.

By Senator Lyons,

Whereas, the gentle smile, humor, and love of life that radiated from Tim Whiteford were wonderful to behold, and

Whereas, this superb professor of numeric dichotomies and connoisseur of Celtic folk music, Volkswagen Beetles and Buses, and maple creemees was born and grew up in England, and

Whereas, while employed as a quantity surveyor in Bristol, England, Tim Whiteford realized that his life's work should be centered on how children learn "maths," a process he described as "the science of pattern and the art of making sense," and he graduated with honors from the College of St. Matthias, and

Whereas, Tim Whiteford then taught fourth graders in Bristol, England, and

Whereas, returning to the College of St. Matthias as a resident advisor, he encountered University of Illinois exchange program advisor Harold Lerch, who encouraged Tim Whiteford to pursue a master's degree, and

Whereas, Tim Whiteford's acclimation to the University of Illinois was so successful that he remained for doctoral studies, and the university was also the location where he met his wife, Lucie, whom he married in 1980, the year his doctorate was conferred, and

Whereas, in 1982, Tim Whiteford accepted a faculty position at Vermont's Trinity College, where he taught for 17 years before working in leadership roles in local school districts, focused on math and science curriculum development, and

Whereas, his second career in higher education started in 2005 at St. Michael's College, where Tim Whiteford rose to the rank of full, tenured professor and created a "penny arcade" that demonstrated mathematical concepts using pennies, and the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in New England honored him as its 2013 Richard H. Balomenos Lecturer, and

Whereas, for 30 years, Tim Whiteford was the enthusiastic leader of The Highland Weavers, a Celtic music group, and

Whereas, Tim Whiteford's grand life's journey ended on February 11, 2019 at 72 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, children, and grandchildren, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Timothy James Whiteford, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the family of Tim Whiteford.