

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House and Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

May 16, 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. 176

House concurrent resolution congratulating Brady Toof of Fairfield on winning the 2019 Elks Hoop Shoot's boys' eight to nine years of age division Vermont State championship

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

Offered by: Senators Brock and Parent

Whereas, the annual Elks National Hoop Shoot competition offers an opportunity for boys and girls, eight to 13 years of age, to demonstrate their free-throw, basketball-shooting prowess, and

Whereas, the competition starts at the local level, which a local Elks Lodge sponsors, and proceeds to increasingly challenging district, state, and regional rounds and concludes with the national finals, conducted at Roosevelt University's Goodman Center in Chicago, and

Whereas, each round is based on 25 shots at a basket, with the person scoring the highest number of successful shots declared the winner, and

Whereas, one of the outstanding 2019 Vermont competitors in the boys' eight to nine years of age division was Brady Toof of Fairfield, whose sponsoring Elks Lodge was No. 1566 in St. Albans, and

Whereas, Brady outscored his competitors at the local level, earning the chance to continue his participation, and

Whereas, his shooting accuracy was outstanding, both in the district and State competitions, earning him a State divisional championship, and the honor of serving as a Vermont competitor at the New England regional event, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Brady Toof of Fairfield on winning the 2019 Elks Hoop Shoot's boys' eight to nine years of age division Vermont State championship, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 177

House concurrent resolution in memory of Penny Walker-Reen of Morrisville

Offered by: Representatives Scheuermann of Stowe, Noyes of Wolcott, and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, for the older Vermonters of Lamoille County, Penny Walker-Reen was a special friend and dedicated advocate, and

Whereas, Penny Walker graduated from Stowe High School and actively participated in the school's alumni association, most recently as its president, and

Whereas, as a child, she accompanied her older sister to her job at a nursing home, which instilled in Penny Walker the desire to pursue a career assisting elderly Vermonters, and

Whereas, after studying to become a licensed nursing assistant, Penny Walker opted for an alternative career path, joining the staff of the Central Vermont Council on Aging, commencing an emotionally rewarding 40-year career, and

Whereas, she started at the council as an assistant nutrition supervisor and progressed to the position of meal site manager, and

Whereas, in 1985, Penny Walker left the food management portfolio, becoming a senior advocate for older Vermonters, a job later titled case manager, and

Whereas, her advocacy was enthusiastic and heartfelt as she worked to meet the needs of her clients, endeavoring to enable them to remain in their own homes, and

Whereas, while on the council's staff, Penny Walker married John Reen, her devoted husband for the past 28 years, and

Whereas, beyond her professional duties, Penny Walker-Reen assisted Lamoille County residents as a volunteer for both Meals on Wheels and Lamoille Home Health and Hospice, and

Whereas, Penny Walker-Reed was an active member of the Stowe Community Church, and

Whereas, she greatly enjoyed playing softball and golf, and

Whereas, on April 25, 2019, this extraordinary advocate for older Vermonters, community leader, and devoted family member died at 62 years of age, and her survivors include her husband John, daughters, and grandson, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Penny Walker-Reen, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Penny Walker-Reen's family and to the Central Vermont Council on Aging.

H.C.R. 178

House concurrent resolution honoring the Barre granite craftspersons who created the monoliths for the 9/11 Memorial Glade in New York City

Offered by: Representatives Anthony of Barre City, LaClair of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, and Walz of Barre City

Whereas, the National September 11 Memorial & Museum (the Memorial) serves as a tribute to the nearly 3,000 persons who perished in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the six persons killed in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, and the valiant first responders who also died, and

Whereas, the Memorial and its original architects, Michael Arad and Peter Walker, in consultation with 9/11 family members, health advocates, first responders, and local residents, have designed a pathway, known as the Memorial Glade, which six large stone monoliths flank, and

Whereas, the monoliths measure 15 feet long and 8 feet wide, are of varying heights, and appear "worn, but not beaten, symbolizing strength and determination through adversity," and

Whereas, the Memorial Glade marks the site of the main access ramp to bedrock during the post-9/11 recovery period, and

Whereas, the Memorial selected the renowned granite craftspersons of Barre's Rock of Ages/Polycor to create these symbolically significant monoliths, and

Whereas, these impressive monoliths are composed of Laurentian Green granite, quarried in Lac Morin, Quebec, and

Whereas, transporting the monoliths to the Memorial necessitated a six-hour road trip that included a traveling team of eight Vermont Division of Fire Safety personnel, and along the route, local first responders cheered this unusual patriotic procession, and

Whereas, for over a century, the granite industry has been a source of pride and economic importance for Central Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Barre granite craftspersons who created the monoliths for the 9/11 Memorial Glade in New York City, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rock of Ages/Polycor, the Barre Granite Association, the Vermont Granite Museum, the Barre City Clerk, the Barre Town Clerk, and the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York City.

H.C.R. 179

House concurrent resolution congratulating Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital on its 70th Anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Long of Newfane, Burke of Brattleboro, Coffey of Guilford, Gannon of Wilmington, Hashim of Dummerston, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Pajala of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Sibia of Dover, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital in Townshend, with its mission “[t]o serve the healthcare needs of our community; to promote wellness, relieve suffering, and restore health,” epitomizes the importance of small rural hospitals in Vermont, and

Whereas, the hospital’s original building was a home built by Reverend Horace Fletcher in 1844 that, in 1949, Miss Mary Plumb, the then owner, donated to Dr. Carlos Otis for establishing a local hospital, and

Whereas, Dr. Carlos Otis founded the hospital on August 7, 1949, naming it for the wife of his friend, Dr. Abel Grout, who offered the hospital a financial bequest, and

Whereas, on opening day, Dr. Carlos Otis and hospital staff members Eunice Bills, Bessie Leonard, Valerie Streeter, Lillian Lyons, and Emma Castle greeted 830 guests, and

Whereas, family donations of the adjacent Stratton and Heins homes in 1950 and 1978, respectively, expanded the hospital's campus, and

Whereas, Dr. Carlos Otis was named Vermont Physician of the Year in 1984, and in 1990, the community demonstrated its support for the hospital with \$1,000,000 for the "To Be Or Not To Be" fundraising campaign, and

Whereas, improvements to the Grace Cottage campus have included the Wolff Outpatient Building in 1992; the Messenger Valley Pharmacy in 1996, which was expanded in 2012; the new 19-bed, 18,750 square-foot hospital building in 1998; the community wellness room in 2009; the diagnostic imaging suite in 2011; Dr. Carlos Otis's daughters' donation of the Dennison House in 2013; and the Shelia B. Friedli Entrance and Catherine B. Stratton Reception Area in 2015, and

Whereas, in 2017 and 2018, the National Rural Health Association honored Grace Cottage Hospital as a Top 20 Critical Access Hospital for "Best Practices in Patient Satisfaction," and

Whereas, since 1949, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has tirelessly served southeastern Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital on its 70th Anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital.

H.C.R. 180

House concurrent resolution in memory of Mary Nikitas Geannelis of Bennington

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

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Mary Nikitas spent her early youth in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and graduated from Columbia High School in East Greenbush, New York, and

Whereas, in 1956, Mary Nikitas married Richard Geannelis, and from 1970 to 1985, they owned and operated Geannelis' Restaurant in Bennington, and

Whereas, after her husband's death in 1995, Mary Geannelis reopened the family's restaurant from 1997 to 1999, and

Whereas, during the following two decades, Mary Geannelis was a civic leader whose fundraising brilliance and administrative guidance on behalf of nonprofit and business organizations in Bennington were pivotal for the success of numerous capital campaigns and managerial initiatives, and

Whereas, among the numerous Bennington community organizations with which she was associated were Bennington Area Aids Project, Bennington Chamber of Commerce, Bennington Museum, Bennington Project Independence, Better Bennington Corporation, Bennington Co-op Savings and Loan, Oldcastle Theatre, and the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, and

Whereas, throughout her life, Mary Geannelis treasured her ties to the local Greek community and, while residing in Bennington, she worshipped at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church in Troy, New York, and

Whereas, the Bennington community recognized Mary Geannelis' special leadership skills, as she was the recipient of various awards, and

Whereas, Mary Geannelis served as a supervisor for the unorganized town of Glastenbury, and

Whereas, the community spirit that imbued Mary Geannelis was widely appreciated in the town of Bennington, and

Whereas, this gracious, modest, and highly respected citizen of Bennington died on April 14, 2019 at 85 years of age, and her survivors include her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Mary Nikitas Geannelis of Bennington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mary Geannelis' family.

H.C.R. 181

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Sunrise Family Resource Center on its 50th anniversary

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

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, a succinct and vital mission of the Sunrise Family Resource Center in Bennington is "Strengthening Families," and

Whereas, this proud and essential multipurpose organization was established in 1969 as the Bennington Child Day Care Center, and in 1982 restarted as the Sunrise Family Resource Center (Sunrise), and

Whereas, during the mid-1980s, Sunrise began offering parent-education outreach services and became the Bennington County contractor for a family advocacy program, and

Whereas, in 1988, the General Assembly enacted the system of parent-child centers and Sunrise assumed this designation for Bennington County, and

Whereas, in 1993, Reach Up services, helping teens and young parents attain self-sufficiency, were added to the Sunrise program menu, and

Whereas, in 2000, Sunrise launched an on-site compendium of initiatives for high school students, now known as Opportunities, including a State-approved high school completion curriculum for pregnant and parenting teens that has graduated 79 students to date, and

Whereas, at the start of the 21st century, Sunrise began assisting adults preparing to enter the job market, and

Whereas, Sunrise was a local participant in the initiation of Building Bright Futures, has earned a five-star rating from the Vermont Child Development Division, and more recently, started a Dads Create program in partnership with Vermont Arts Exchange, and

Whereas, Sunrise plays a special and welcomed role in the lives of numerous Bennington County residents, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Sunrise Family Resource Center on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Sunrise Family Resource Center.

H.C.R. 182

House concurrent resolution congratulating Katherine LeVine on her dual literary contest first-place awards

Offered by: Representative Sullivan of Dorset

Whereas, Kate LeVine is a talented middle school student, whose love of reading and writing is creatively combined, and

Whereas, during the 2017–2018 academic year, as a sixth grader attending Halifax School, she entered the Rudyard Kipling Young Writers Award contest, and

Whereas, this unique writing competition is open to fourth, fifth, and sixth graders in Windham County who are instructed “to write a story inspired by Rudyard Kipling’s *Just So Stories*,” which the famous British author wrote at Naulakha, his 1890s Dummerston residence, and

Whereas, at a surprise ceremony held in Brattleboro's Latchis Theatre, Kate LeVine was honored as the contest's Grand Prize winner, and

Whereas, in the current school year, Kate LeVine, now a seventh grader at The Dorset School, entered the Letters About Literature contest, a project of the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress, and

Whereas, students in grades four through 12 from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories are eligible, and Kate LeVine competed in the grades seven and eight level-two division, and

Whereas, the contest directs students to write a letter to the author of a literary work that "creates a conversation with the author in which the student expresses thoughts, feelings, and/or ideas inspired by the author's writing," and

Whereas, the contestants initially compete at the state level, and the Center for the Book then judges the state honorees and selects national winners, and

Whereas, Kate LeVine wrote her letter to Jerry Spinelli, the author of the *New York Times* bestseller and multiple award-winning young adult novel *Stargirl*, and

Whereas, her eloquent and well-crafted letter was judged the best Vermont level-two entry, and she will be honored at a State House ceremony on May 31, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Katherine LeVine on her dual literary contest first-place awards and extends best wishes for her entry in the 2019 Letters About Literature national competition, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 183

House concurrent resolution in memory of educator, coach, Camp Billings Race Around the Lake director, and Bradford civic leader Lawrence E. Drew

Offered by: Representatives Briglin of Thetford, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, and Masland of Thetford

Whereas, whether teaching in the classroom, coaching or directing an athletic event, or serving the town of Bradford in a civic capacity, Larry Drew inspired others to strive for success, and

Whereas, Larry Drew graduated from Bradford Academy and earned a bachelor's and a master's degree from Saint Michael's College, and

Whereas, for many years, Larry Drew taught mathematics, including at his alma mater, Bradford Academy, and at Thetford Academy, and

Whereas, aside from his classroom work, Larry Drew coached basketball, cross-country, track and field, and skiing, and

Whereas, the town of Bradford benefited from his service in the spheres of planning and the oversight of water and sewer infrastructure, and

Whereas, Larry Drew was especially proud of his 47-year association with Camp Billings at Lake Fairlee, where he served as assistant director and head of maintenance, and

Whereas, in 1970, Larry Drew originated the Camp Billings Race Around the Lake as a two-person contest with Bob Green, which Larry Drew won, and

Whereas, in 1971, the two colleagues decided on a rematch, and the expanded field of 17 runners started an annual summer tradition of traversing the hilly 6.2-mile course, and thousands have participated in this challenging event, and

Whereas, the inclusiveness of this race is reflected in its free admission, the invitation to neighboring camps to send runners, 15 divisional awards, and the presence of the ever-important support van, and

Whereas, featuring a well-marked course and efficient management, the race has also included elements of whimsy and of civic purposefulness, such as tuxedo-costumed runners and the incorporation into the event of a massive roadside cleanup, and

Whereas, the 50th Camp Billings Race Around the Lake, scheduled for July 27, 2019, will be dedicated in loving memory of Larry Drew, and

Whereas, Larry Drew died on December 2, 2018 at 85 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Margaret, his children, and his 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 Lawrence E. Drew of Bradford, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 184

House concurrent resolution in memory of U.S. Navy Commander Robert Healy Eastman III

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

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, U.S. Navy Commander Rob Eastman's distinguished military service was combined with the friendship of his colleagues, a Vermonter's

passion for skiing, a marathoner's stamina, and most importantly, the love of his wife, Sarah, and

Whereas, Rob Eastman grew up in Shaftsbury and graduated from Mt. Anthony Union High School and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, the latter coinciding with his commissioning as a U.S. naval officer, and

Whereas, on completing rigorous flight training school, Rob Eastman was awarded the coveted U.S. naval flight officer's Wings of Gold, and

Whereas, after further flight training and deployments on the USS *Theodore Roosevelt*, his superb airmanship resulted in an assignment as a flight instructor, and

Whereas, his subsequent U.S. naval service was aboard the USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower*, at Aviano Air Base in Italy, and with the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, where he met Sarah Mehlhaff, and the couple were married in July 2015, and

Whereas, Commander Rob Eastman flew over 100 combat sorties in support of coalition forces in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya, and his overall flight record totaled 3,000 airborne hours and over 500 aircraft carrier landings, and

Whereas, he was the recipient of numerous military commendations, and

Whereas, in March 2018, Commander Rob Eastman assumed command of Electronic Attack Squadron One Three Four, based at the Naval Air Station Whidbey Island in Washington, and

Whereas, he was on a career path that would lead to his commanding a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, and

Whereas, U.S. Navy Commander Rob Eastman died tragically and unexpectedly on February 2, 2019 at 41 years of age, will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, and his survivors include his wife, Sarah Eastman, and his parents, Bob and Sally Eastman, of Shaftsbury, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of U.S. Navy Commander Robert Healy Eastman III, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Commander Rob Eastman's family.

H.C.R. 185

House concurrent resolution designating Sunday, September 22, 2019 as the first Castleton Day

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

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, on September 22, 1761, New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter for the town of Castleton, which covered a tract of land equaling 36 square miles, and

Whereas, in the spring of 1767, early settlers Amos Bird and Noah Lee arrived in Castleton from Salisbury, Connecticut, and

Whereas, in May 1775, Ethan Allen, Seth Warner, Edward Mott, John Brown, and Benedict Arnold met to finalize the attack on Fort Ticonderoga, while 250 American troops camped at the farm of Richard Bentley, and

Whereas, in 1779, Fort Warren was constructed as a Revolutionary War defense facility for the new nation's northern frontier, and

Whereas, in 1787 in Castleton, the Rutland County Grammar School was established, which later became a high school and then a seminary before it became a college for teachers, and it is the direct predecessor of today's Castleton University, and

Whereas, the historic Higley House, which the Castleton Historical Society maintains and uses for exhibits, was built between 1810 and 1811, and

Whereas, in 1818, Castleton Medical College became the first medical school in Vermont, and its home, now known as the Old Chapel, is the oldest building on the Castleton University campus, and

Whereas, in 1848, the General Assembly granted a charter to the Rutland and Whitehall Railroad, also known as the Castleton Company, and by 1850, the company had constructed a railroad from Castleton to Fair Haven on the New York state border, and

Whereas, during the decades following the Civil War, Castleton's population diversified to include Irish, Italian, and Slavic immigrants who came to work in the town's mills and quarries, and

Whereas, the Town of Castleton retains an architectural heritage and tree-shaded charm, reflecting two hundred years of Vermont history, and

Whereas, on September 22, 2019, the Castleton Historical Society and other community organizations will celebrate the town's history at the first Castleton Day, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Sunday, September 22, 2019 as the first Castleton Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Castleton Town Clerk and the Castleton Historical Society.

H.C.R. 186

House concurrent resolution honoring Lieutenant David Gregory on a highly accomplished career as a Vermont State Game Warden

Offered by: Representatives Seymour of Sutton and Feltus of Lyndon

Offered by: Senator Benning

Whereas, a Vermont State Game Warden must master the intricacies of fish and wildlife law, be equally adept at preparing prosecutions and testifying in different forums, and endure potentially challenging field duty, and

Whereas, one Vermont State Game Warden who has fulfilled these duties with uncompromising and unparalleled dedication is Lt. David Gregory, whose 25-year career stands as a model for his colleagues to emulate, and

Whereas, for 15 years, he served as a Non-Lethal Use of Force (NLUOF) instructor, a role involving extensive training and a commitment to maintaining the requisite certifications, and given this assignment's physical toll, such an extensive tenure as an NLUOF instructor is unusual, and

Whereas, the Musket Award honors "a warden convicting a poacher of shooting a deer at night," an award many wardens never receive, but in "true testament to his dedication and work ethic," David Gregory is a four-time recipient of this accolade, and

Whereas, for many years, David Gregory served as a lead instructor of the advanced trapper education course, even after his promotion to a supervisory position that typically does not include this responsibility, and

Whereas, it is hardly surprising that David Gregory was named Warden of the Year, but more remarkable was his five-time nomination for this honor, and

Whereas, based on his professional excellence, in 2015, Warden David Gregory was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, with the accompanying designation as the district supervisor of the northeast supervisory unit of the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Warden Division, and repeatedly, his job performance has been praised, and

Whereas, David Gregory has been popular with not only his supervisors, but also his peers who elected him to several Vermont Game Wardens' Association leadership offices, including president, and

Whereas, after a superb quarter century of commitment, dedication, and sacrifice, Vermont State Game Warden Lt. David Gregory is concluding his

public service with the Department of Fish and Wildlife in July 2019, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Lieutenant David Gregory on a highly accomplished career as a Vermont State Game Warden, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont State Game Warden Lt. David Gregory.

H.C.R. 187

House concurrent resolution congratulating The Collaborative of Londonderry on two decades of outstanding health and substance abuse education programs in southern Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Pajala of Londonderry, Browning of Arlington, James of Manchester, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Balint, Campion, Clarkson, McCormack, Nitka, Sears, and White

Whereas, The Collaborative (TC) “is a youth substance use prevention coalition” that conducts programs in 18 towns in Bennington County, western Windham County, and southern Windsor County, and

Whereas, the organizational mission of TC is “promoting healthy communities and substance free youth through education, programming, environmental strategies and policy development,” and

Whereas, TC’s initiatives have focused on preventing youth from using alcohol and tobacco products, the proper use of prescription medications, and youth-parent education programs designed to encourage healthy living, and

Whereas, a critical vehicle for TC has been working directly with schools through projects such as a licensed afterschool program at the Flood Brook School that features creative playtime, a healthy snack, and homework assistance and the Refuse to Use substance-prevention curriculum that has been taught to 300 middle and high school students, and

Whereas, a series of free skate nights at the Riley Rink in Hunter Park and a youth summer camp are also TC initiatives, and

Whereas, in an antitobacco context, TC has worked with municipalities to promote smoke-free policies and ordinances, and

Whereas, TC has partnered with licensed alcohol retailers to educate these commercial establishments about the legal consequence of providing alcohol products to underage customers, and

Whereas, in the prescription medication realm, TC has established the Shires Rx Alliance as a community partner prescription drug education task force, and

Whereas, its publications include a primer about substance misuse prevention for Bennington County and educational materials on marijuana law, opioids, and the consequences of vaping electronic cigarettes, and

Whereas, for two decades, TC has conducted valuable educational and promotional activities with a broad community benefit, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates The Collaborative of Londonderry on two decades of outstanding health and substance abuse education programs in southern Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to The Collaborative in Londonderry.

H.C.R. 188

House concurrent resolution honoring the Chester Andover Elementary School fourth graders who drafted thoughtful State legislative proposals

Offered by: Representatives Bock of Chester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Fegard of Berkshire, Norris of Shoreham, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Partridge of Windham, and Strong of Albany

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, Nitka, and Pearson

Whereas, the fourth-grade class at Chester Andover Elementary School desired to express its concern on issues of great importance through a project proposing State legislation that could be introduced in the General Assembly, and

Whereas, each student wrote a personal letter to the member from Chester, advocating for a bill on a selected issue, and

Whereas, one student, seeing the amount of food wasted in the school's cafeteria, proposed that schools should save leftovers and donate them to homeless people, enabling them to "have a full belly and be healthier," in the belief that their improved physical condition would preclude them from "sleeping on the streets," and

Whereas, four students proposed that animal shelters be prohibited from killing animals, writing: "Vermonters don't just need people, they need pets too," it would give shelter "animals a second chance," "it would save tons of animals," "people can train the dogs to help to be guide dogs," and "you can give the cats to people who do not have enough company," and

Whereas, seven students suggested legislation banning plastic bags and straws, citing the harm they can inflict on animals and the environment, and

Whereas, the students advocated for this ban because “turtles think plastic bags are jellyfish and they eat the bag,” “animals are choking on them,” “straws get stuck in animals’ noses and they die,” the bags and straws “sit in a landfill and take 10–1000 years to decompose,” and most globally and poignantly, “plastic might help us, but it doesn’t help the earth,” and

Whereas, the students learned first-hand about the lawmaking process, and

Whereas, these thoughtful Chester Andover Elementary School fourth graders, who also visited the State House to discuss their ideas with their local representative, included Ava Crawford, Kaylee DeBartolo, Andrew Goyette, Madison Gramling, Kaiden McCarthy, Mason Parker, Morgan Reed, Callie Spaulding, Madelyn Spires, Caden Spittle, Elijah Tyrrell, and Sofia Elisa Wakayama; and their teacher, Kathleen Cherubini, is to be commended for her implementation of this educational initiative, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Chester Andover Elementary School fourth graders who drafted thoughtful State legislative proposals, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 189

House concurrent resolution in memory of Michael W. Stone of Orange

Offered by: Representatives O’Brien of Tunbridge, Demrow of Corinth, Graham of Williamstown, Anthony of Barre City, LaClair of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, and Walz of Barre City

Whereas, Mike Stone was a leading entrepreneur and civic leader in the Barre area, and

Whereas, his mechanical skill repairing motor vehicles was second to none, as this ability dated from childhood, and

Whereas, he graduated from Spaulding High School and then worked for several local employers, always aspiring to become a commercial garage owner, and

Whereas, in 1985, this goal became a reality when Mike Stone purchased the former MacDonald’s Service Station in Barre with his stepmother, Sue Stone, who was an invaluable business partner, and

Whereas, he proved an outstanding businessman, maintaining a great rapport with his customers, and was a fantastic mentor to his employees, and

Whereas, for a decade, Mike Stone served as the trail master of the Central Vermont ATV (all-terrain vehicle) Club, was the steward for 17 miles of local ATV trails, and worked cooperatively with the affected land owners, and

Whereas, Mike Stone also enjoyed other outdoor recreational activities, was a supporter of many community causes, and delighted in spending time with his family, and

Whereas, after the death of his wife, Mary Hebert Stone, in 2002, Mike Stone met Terri Crawford and they combined their families, and

Whereas, Mike Stone died in a tragic car accident on November 9, 2018, prematurely ending the life of a great Vermonter, and his survivors include his stepmother, Sue Stone, his fiancée, Terri Crawford, and his children, stepchildren, 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 Michael W. Stone of Orange, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mike Stone's family.

H.C.R. 190

House concurrent resolution in memory of Representative Robert Joseph Forguites of Springfield

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, during his approximately two and one-half terms, as one of the members from Springfield, Representative Bob Forguites earned the friendship and respect of his colleagues on all sides of the political aisle, and

Whereas, Representative Bob Forguites was not prone to offering long soliloquies on the House floor but, rather, concise and pertinent remarks, and

Whereas, his life's journey began in Forest Dale, and he graduated from the former Brandon High School and attended the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, during the early 1960s, Bob Forguites served in the U.S. Army, and

Whereas, upon completion of his military duty, Bob Forguites returned home to Brandon and served his community as a selectboard member and on the Otter Valley Union High School Board of Directors, and

Whereas, aside from his engagement in municipal civic service, Bob Forguites worked in the banking sector, rising through the ranks from bookkeeper to board chair, and

Whereas, the Town of Springfield made a wise selection in hiring Bob Forguites as its comptroller, and

Whereas, after four successful years of Bob Forguites's supervising the town's finances, the impressed Springfield Selectboard hired him as town manager, a role he performed effectively for 16 years, and

Whereas, on three occasions, starting in 2014, the voters of his legislative district elected Bob Forguites to the House of Representatives, and he served on the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife, and

Whereas, Representative Bob Forguites was a great listener who always made his legislative decisions based on his perception of his district's and the State's best interests, and

Whereas, he was a member of Rotary International and St. Mary's Catholic Church, serving on the church's finance committee, and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly, as well as Bob Forguites's son and other family members, were saddened to learn of his death, on April 9, 2019 at 80 years of age, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the members of the family of Representative Robert Joseph Forguites of Springfield, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Representative Bob Forguites's family and to the Springfield Town Clerk.

S.C.R. 13

S.C.R. 13. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of James Hester of Burlington.

By Senator Kitchel,

Whereas, Jim Hester was a true champion for improving the nation's health care and worked creatively to develop systems to make this goal a reality, and

Whereas, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in aerospace, aeronautical, and astronautical engineering and a doctorate in urban studies and affairs from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master's degree in education from Saint Michael's College, and

Whereas, during an amazing career that spanned approximately a half century, Jim Hester was employed in the academic, nonprofit, and public sectors, and

Whereas, his higher education appointments were at what has become the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, University of Cincinnati, University of Massachusetts, and University of Vermont, and

Whereas, in senior roles at Kaiser Permanente in California, ChoiceCare in Cincinnati, Tufts Medical Center in Boston, and MVP Healthcare in Williston, Jim Hester focused on developing new solutions to challenges in health care delivery and financing, and

Whereas, from 2007 to 2010, Jim Hester served as director of the General Assembly's Health Care Reform Commission, developing innovative new ideas for the provision of health care in our State and playing a leading role in Vermont's Blueprint for Health and Accountable Communities for Health programs, and

Whereas, Jim Hester served as a senior advisor at the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation and as the first director of its Population Health Models Group, and at the federal Centers for Disease Control, Jim Hester furthered his work on transforming the nation's health care system, and

Whereas, in recent years, as an advisor at the Vermont Public Health Institute, he continued his important work as an innovative national leader in the formation and implementation of health care policy, and

Whereas, Jim Hester was an outstanding board member of academic, health care, and business organizations, and he enthusiastically backpacked, bicycled, and engaged in interesting photography projects, and

Whereas, Jim Hester, who was thought of as a wonderful professional colleague and friend, died on May 12, 2019, and his survivors include his wife, Sarah, their 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 James Hester, *and be it further*

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