

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

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Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rules 16a -16d

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration in the member's chamber prior to adjournment of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Senate Secretary's Office or the House Clerk's Office, as applicable.

H.C.R. 247

House concurrent resolution in memory of Norman Paul Bartlett of Putney

Offered by: Representative Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by: Senators Hashim and Harrison

Whereas, Norm Bartlett will be remembered as a kind and intelligent human being with an insatiable curiosity and a penchant for singing, and

Whereas, professionally, he devoted more than half a century to improving the lives of Vermont's educators and nonfaculty school staff, and

Whereas, in 1969, after a brief teaching stint in St. Albans, Norm Bartlett joined the staff of the Vermont Education Association (now VT-NEA) for an amazingly lengthy career that extended until May 31, 2021, and

Whereas, Norm Bartlett's first organizational role was as assistant executive director; then, in 1973, he became the VT-NEA's UniServ Director for the Northeast Kingdom; and, in 1987, he assumed a similar role for southern Vermont, and

Whereas, while at VT-NEA, Norm Bartlett diligently and successfully negotiated over 500 local school contracts, and

Whereas, although deeply dedicated to the cause of improving the pay and working conditions of all of Vermont's school personnel, Norm Bartlett also enjoyed an immensely busy life away from the bargaining table, and

Whereas, his broad range of hobbies included cooking, golfing, reading, sailing, and skiing, and

Whereas, numerous skiing adventures, both near and far away, were a highlight of his family's life, and

Whereas, the Bellows Falls Country Club benefited from his leadership as president as he established the Club's Thursday morning Gentlemen's League, and he also represented the Town of Putney on the governing board of Rescue Inc., the regional first-responder service, and

Whereas, Norm Bartlett’s personally fulfilling life ended with his death on March 13, 2024 at 82 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Kathleen, his children, and his grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Norman Paul Bartlett, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 248

House concurrent resolution congratulating Shaftsbury First Assistant Fire Chief Michael Taylor on being named the 2024 Shaftsbury Ordinary Hero Award winner

Offered by: Representative Durfee of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, in 2014, the Shaftsbury Historical Society (the Society) presented its first Ordinary Hero Award to the late author Ruth Levin, whose book, *Ordinary Heroes: The Story of Shaftsbury*, describes the early citizens of the Town of Shaftsbury who contributed heroically to the development of the community, and

Whereas, in 2024, the Society resumed its presentation of this accolade and, after careful review of potential honorees, selected Vermont Technical College graduate and Shaftsbury First Assistant Fire Chief Mike Taylor as this year’s honoree, and

Whereas, 24 years ago, Mike Taylor joined the Shaftsbury Fire Department (the Department) and proved to be an outstanding firefighter, and

Whereas, in 2008, his firefighting colleagues selected Mike Taylor as their second assistant fire chief; and, a decade later, recognizing his natural leadership ability, chose him as the Department’s first assistant chief; and his financial and administrative acumen have resulted in his designation as both secretary and treasurer of the Department, and

Whereas, among his departmental responsibilities were leading the vehicle extrication team and an associated instructor’s role, and

Whereas, Mike Taylor chairs the Vermont State Firefighters’ Association’s judging and awards committee, and

Whereas, his sons, Nick and Ian Taylor, of whom Mike and Sue Taylor, his wife of 45 years, are proud, have followed their father into the Department, and

Whereas, in a related role, Mike Taylor has served on the Bennington Rescue Squad's Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, Mike Taylor is hardworking, reliable, and always goes above and beyond the call of duty, and he is an ideal choice for this special recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Shaftsbury First Assistant Fire Chief Michael Taylor on being named the 2024 Shaftsbury Ordinary Hero Award winner, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michael Taylor and to the Shaftsbury Fire Department.

H.C.R. 249

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 6–12, 2024 as National Nurses Week in Vermont and designating May 9, 2024 as ANA-Vermont Hill Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Priestley of Bradford, Andrews of Westford, Anthony of Barre City, Austin of Colchester, Boyden of Cambridge, Brown of Richmond, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buss of Woodstock, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Casey of Montpelier, Chase of Chester, Cina of Burlington, Coffey of Guilford, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Dodge of Essex, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Headrick of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Krasnow of South Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Nicoll of Ludlow, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Parsons of Newbury, Pouech of Hinesburg, Rachelson of Burlington, Roberts of Halifax, Satcowitz of Randolph, Sibia of Dover, Stone of Burlington, Taylor of Milton, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, White of Bethel, Williams of Barre City, Williams of Granby, and Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hardy, Perchlik, Watson, Weeks, and Wrenner

Whereas, nurses in the United States constitute our nation’s largest health care profession, and the breadth of the nursing profession continues to meet the different and emerging health care needs of the American population, and

Whereas, professional nursing is an indispensable component of safe and effective health care, and the demand for nursing services will increase as the nation’s population ages and as new life-sustaining technologies develop, and

Whereas, the high-quality health care services that nurses provide will be an increasingly important component of the United States health care delivery system in the future, and

Whereas, annually, during the first full week in May, the American Nurses Association (ANA) and the ANA-Vermont celebrate and promote the nursing profession through the observance of National Nurses Week, and

Whereas, in 2024, National Nurses Week is May 6–12, and this commemoration is centered on the theme “Nurses Make the Difference,” and

Whereas, the highlight of ANA-Vermont’s 2024 commemoration of National Nurses Week will occur on May 9 when ANA-Vermont Hill Day is observed at the State House as an appreciation for Vermont’s nurses’ unparalleled impact during the pandemic, their vital contribution to health care, and as an open invitation to Vermonters to thank nurses for their efforts, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 6–12, 2024 as National Nurses Week in Vermont and designates May 9, 2024 as ANA-Vermont Hill Day at the State House, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 250

House concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of public awareness of tardive dyskinesia

Offered by: Representative Bartley of Fairfax

Whereas, tardive dyskinesia (TD) “is a persistent, involuntary movement disorder...characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal and repetitive movements of the face, torso, limbs, and fingers or toes,” and

Whereas, 600,000 Americans are living with TD and nearly 65 percent of these individuals have not received a proper diagnosis, and symptoms of TD can impact individuals physically, socially, and emotionally, and

Whereas, the “prolonged use of antipsychotic medication that may be necessary to treat individuals living with mental illness[es],” such as bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, schizoaffective disorder, and schizophrenia, can, in some cases, result in TD, and

Whereas, individuals who are taking any of these medications and are 55 years of age or older, have a substance use disorder, or are postmenopausal are more susceptible to contracting TD, and

Whereas, this illness may affect an individual’s ability to sleep (64 percent); write or type, or both (48 percent); or eat or drink (37 percent), and

Whereas, in 2017, after extensive research, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Ingrezza (valbenazine) as the first drug to respond to TD, and

Whereas, medical authorities stress how important it is that health care providers who prescribe an antipsychotic medication monitor the patient for possible indications of TD, and

Whereas, nationally, the first full week of May—this year occurring from May 5–11—is observed as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week, and Governor Scott has recognized this important observance in the State of Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the importance of public awareness of tardive dyskinesia, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to BGR Senior Policy Analyst Ellen Brown in Washington, DC.

H.C.R. 251

House concurrent resolution recognizing June 2024 as National Scoliosis Awareness Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representative Roberts of Halifax

Offered by: Senator Harrison

Whereas, “Scoliosis is a sideways curvature of the spine that most often is diagnosed in adolescents,” and

Whereas, although on occasion coinciding with “cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy, the cause of most childhood [instances] of scoliosis is unknown,” and

Whereas, “most cases of scoliosis are mild, but some curves worsen as children grow,” and “[s]evere scoliosis can be disabling,” and

Whereas, severely curved spines “can reduce the amount of space within the chest, making it difficult for [an individual’s] lungs” to exercise the normal breathing functions, and

Whereas, careful monitoring is sufficient for those children with mild cases of scoliosis, but the more severe situations may require the wearing of a brace or corrective surgery to halt the worsening of the condition, and

Whereas, the purpose of National Scoliosis Awareness Month, which is observed annually in June, is “to highlight the growing need for public education [and] early detection and awareness” concerning this potentially serious and painful disease, and

Whereas, this annual event “unites scoliosis patients, families, physicians, clinicians, [health care and medical research] institutions and related businesses in collaborative [and mutually beneficial] partnerships,” now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes June 2024 as National Scoliosis 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 Scoliosis Research Society and the Vermont Orthopaedic Society.

H.C.R. 252

House concurrent resolution congratulating the JK Adams Co. of Dorset on its 80th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Rice of Dorset

Whereas, JK Adams, Dorset’s largest employer, was established on December 31, 1944, when founder Josiah Knowles Adams held an organizational directors’ meeting at Barrow’s House Inn in Dorset, and

Whereas, this Vermont firm “designs, manufactures and markets a line of customizable, functional, and high-quality wood products for the kitchen and home,” and

Whereas, central themes for JK Adams are “rooted in nature, crafted for the home,” and “the kitchen is the heart of the home,” and

Whereas, in 1949, engineer and attorney Malcolm Cooper Sr. secured partial ownership in the company; in 1959, he bought out Josiah Adams; and, today, his son and grandsons hold corporate leadership roles in this family-owned business, and

Whereas, the Jones Garage in Dorset, today an office building, was the company’s first production location, but, soon thereafter, JK Adams purchased the abandoned South Dorset icehouse, and this site, following early additions to the building, sustained a devastating 1962 fire that resulted in the construction of a new 22,000-square-foot metal structure, and after further expansion, this facility remains its manufacturing home, and

Whereas, over the decades, JK Adams has introduced new products and computerized production technology; opened the Kitchen Store, a retail facility, in Dorset; and has manufactured kitchen and homeware products for its own sales and those of other retailers, such as Crate & Barrel, Sur la Table, and Uncommon Goods, and

Whereas, JK Adams maintains a 19-acre plot of trees and forest that is subject to a forest-management plan; in 2009, it became the first company in its industry to earn Forest Stewardship Council certification; and, in 2022, the company became a Vermont State Benefit Corporation “expanding on its mission to sustainably craft heirloom products that nurture sharing food and connections, while investing in a culture of social opportunity and environmental responsibility,” now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the JK Adams Co. of Dorset on its 80th anniversary, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 253

House concurrent resolution honoring Washington County Mental Health Services Executive Director and former Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health Mary Moulton of Moretown on her extraordinary leadership

Offered by: Representatives Houghton of Essex Junction, Anthony of Barre City, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Brumsted of Shelburne, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cina of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln, Demar of Enosburgh, Donahue of

Northfield, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Galfetti of Barre Town, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield, McCann of Montpelier, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Mihaly of Calais, Noyes of Wolcott, Patt of Worcester, Peterson of Clarendon, Williams of Barre City, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, in an exemplary career during which she found time to earn a master's degree in public administration from Norwich University, Mary Moulton has served with distinction at the most senior levels in Vermont's mental health organizations, and

Whereas, her life as a respected mental health counselor and administrator began in 1990 at Washington County Mental Health Services as an emergency services clinician on the mobile crisis team, and

Whereas, in 2005, Mary Moulton was promoted to the directorship of intensive care services where, to no one's surprise, she performed her duties magnificently; and, in 2010, she was deservedly named the organization's chief of operations, and

Whereas, in 2011, after Tropical Storm Irene devastated many Vermont communities, Mary Moulton's career at Washington County Mental Health Services was paused when State officials requested that she be granted a leave of absence to assume a leading role at the Department of Mental Health (the Department), initially as deputy commissioner and, subsequently, as commissioner, and

Whereas, Mary Moulton's primary mission at the Department was to oversee the implementation of 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 79, "An act relating to reforming Vermont's mental health system," and she supervised the development of law enforcement and crisis team training, a process in which she remains engaged, and

Whereas, in 2013, Mary Moulton became Washington County Mental Health Services Executive Director, and she has also coordinated the State's Behavioral Health Disaster Response Team, and

Whereas, in 2024, Mary Moulton is concluding her remarkable tenure at Washington County Mental Health Services, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Washington County Mental Health Services Executive Director and former Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health Mary Moulton of Moretown on her extraordinary leadership, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 254

House concurrent resolution honoring Michele Burgess for her 47-plus years of outstanding and supportive service at the Vermont Veterans' Home

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

Offered by: Senators Champion and Sears

Whereas, Michele Burgess, a longtime member of the Vermont State Employees' Association, was a much admired and resourceful staff member at the Vermont Veterans' Home (the Home) in Bennington, and

Whereas, on October 27, 1976, she started her lifetime employment at the Home as an institutional orderly, and, beginning in 1978, in recognition of her strong work ethic, compassionate caring for the residents, and attitude of service above self, she was assigned increasingly important responsibilities in the activities department; and, in 1986, she became its supervisor, a post she held with pride until March 24, 2024, the balance of her 47-plus-year career, and

Whereas, as a longtime and active member of the American Legion Post #13 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Michele Burgess was the ideal person to serve as the Home's liaison with the veterans' service organizations that support the Home's residents, and

Whereas, Michele Burgess's creativity, enabled the breadth of activities offered to the residents to be broadened, and they now include onsite events such as arts programs, bingo, exercise sessions, music groups, off-site trips to Lake Shaftsbury and Lake George, and special occasions, such as the Elks' dinner, the ladies' tea hour, and fishing derbies, and

Whereas, her initiative resulted in new support services, for example, providing golf carts—with which, as an avid golfer, she is familiar—to improve the residents' mobility, and

Whereas, Michele Burgess earned a wonderful place in the lives of the Home's residents, and her departure truly marks a farewell to a special friend, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Michele Burgess for her 47-plus years of outstanding and supportive service at the Vermont Veterans' Home, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 255

House concurrent resolution honoring Barbara Reilly for her more than four decades of dedicated public service at the Vermont Veterans' Home

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

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, in August 1977, when she was 18 years of age, Barbara Reilly joined the staff of the Vermont Veterans' Home (the Home) and enjoyed a warm and caring rapport with the veterans, and

Whereas, this Vermont State Employees' Association member started her career at the Home working in the kitchen, and, after two years, she moved to the housekeeping staff, on which she remained for the following decade, and

Whereas, subsequently, Barbara Reilly worked in the activities program in an area of the Home known as the Social Room, and

Whereas, her reputation as a hard worker who was devoted to the veterans and their families was well-deserved, and she personally considered them as part of her family, and

Whereas, Barbara Reilly loved her work at the Home, rarely missed a day, and brought a sense of fun into the activities for which she was responsible, and

Whereas, gardening and attending musical events, at which she would dance and sing with the veterans, were especially pleasurable activities for her, and

Whereas, Barbara Reilly concluded her 42 years as a Vermont Veterans' Home employee in December 2019, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Barbara Reilly for her more than four decades of dedicated public service at the Vermont Veterans' Home, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 256

House concurrent resolution honoring Theresa Snow for her leadership in the promotion of agricultural gleaning in Vermont

Offered by: House Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry

Offered by: Senate Committee on Agriculture

Whereas, the biblical concept of gleaning—allowing those in need of sustenance to gather the remnants of crops from harvested fields—has 21st-century agricultural and food security relevance, and

Whereas, a leading proponent and implementer of modern gleaning is Theresa Snow, a 2001 graduate of Sterling College, and she sharpened her farming knowledge while employed at Pete’s Greens, the notable agricultural enterprise in Craftsbury, and

Whereas, in 2004, with the goal of teaching Vermonters about food, Theresa Snow piloted a gleaning project at Pete’s Greens, and

Whereas, in 2005, under the fiscal umbrella of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont, she cofounded Salvation Farms “to reduce food loss on farms, increase the use of locally grown foods” and to “build increased resilience in Vermont’s food system through agricultural surplus management,” and

Whereas, while leading Salvation Farms, Theresa Snow was instrumental in establishing the following: the Vermont Commodity Program, a distributor of gleaned food crops to “charitable or institutional food sites”; a low-risk-offender gleaning project at the Southeast State Correctional Facility; the Pick for Your Neighbor orchard initiative in collaboration with the Vermont Food Bank; and a workforce development program for categories of persons who would experience difficulties securing employment, and she spearheaded the formation of the Vermont Gleaning Collective, and

Whereas, Theresa Snow was a founding member of the national organization known as the Association of Gleaning Organizations, and is a recipient of both the Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility’s Young Changemaker Award and the Ben & Jerry’s Local Hero Award, and, in 2024, she is concluding her duties as Salvation Farms Executive Director, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Theresa Snow for her leadership in the promotion of agricultural gleaning in Vermont, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 257

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Berbeco of Winooski, Andrews of Westford, Andriano of Orwell, Arrison of Weathersfield, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Boyden of Cambridge, Brown of Richmond, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buss of Woodstock, Campbell of St. Johnsbury, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chase of Chester, Cina of Burlington, Cole of Hartford, Cordes of Lincoln, Demar of Enosburgh, Dolan of Essex Junction, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Graning of Jericho, Headrick of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Jerome of Brandon, Krasnow of South Burlington, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Logan of Burlington, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, Minier of South Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Ode of Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, Scheu of Middlebury, Stebbins of Burlington, Stone of Burlington, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, White of Bethel, Whitman of Bennington, Williams of Barre City, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, one in five adults in the United States experiences mental illness each year, and everyone faces challenges in life that can impact their mental health, and

Whereas, an individual's mental health is an essential part of overall well-being, impacting individuals, families, and communities across Vermont, and

Whereas, despite its prevalence, mental health issues remain stigmatized, preventing many from seeking help, and

Whereas, early intervention and access to quality care are crucial for managing mental health conditions and improving quality of life, and

Whereas, individuals with mental health conditions can lead full and productive lives, and

Whereas, every business, school, government agency, care provider, and Vermonter shares the burden of unmet mental health needs and has a responsibility to promote good mental health and wellness, and

Whereas, since 1949, May has been recognized nationally as Mental Health Awareness Month, providing an opportunity to raise awareness, combat stigma, and promote mental health resources, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Vermont and to the Commissioner of Mental Health.

H.C.R. 258

House concurrent resolution honoring Michelle Carter of Barre City on the 30th anniversary of her dedicated service as a Vermont Legal Aid Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Offered by: Representatives Noyes of Wolcott, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Anthony of Barre City, and Williams of Barre City

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, “the Vermont Long-Term Care Ombudsman Project protects the health, welfare and rights of people who live in licensed long-term care facilities... [as well as of those] who receive long-term care through...[the] Choices for Care...program,” and Vermont Legal Aid is an important resource for long-term care ombudsman support services, and

Whereas, for three decades, Michelle Carter, a graduate of Norwich University, has proudly served as a highly respected Vermont Legal Aid Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and, for nearly all of the prior decade, held a similar position in Vermont and Minnesota, and

Whereas, her expertise, compassion, and intuitive pedagogic skill have provided an outstanding foundation for training and mentoring many of her Vermont ombudsman colleagues, and

Whereas, she continues to exemplify a true dedication to the ombudsman role, a remarkable ability to resolve issues that arise in practice, and good humor, and all of these attributes contribute to a stellar professional performance, and

Whereas, Michelle Carter’s reputation as a model ombudsman has garnered her much praise and admiration, both among her clients in Vermont and her peers throughout the country, and

Whereas, her vibrant life is equally devoted to her family and many hobbies, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Michelle Carter of Barre City on the 30th anniversary of her dedicated service as a Vermont Legal Aid Long-Term Care Ombudsman, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michelle Carter and to Vermont Legal Aid.

H.C.R. 259

House concurrent resolution honoring Lynda Hill for her enthusiastic and beneficial community service in the Town of Johnson

Offered by: Representatives Noyes of Wolcott and Carpenter of Hyde Park

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, the residents of the Town of Johnson know Lynda Hill as a person who not only expresses concern and compassion for her neighbors but takes hands-on action to effectuate tangible results, and

Whereas, her involvement in community projects is a regular occurrence, and she always performs with no expectation of recognition but rather as her selfless response when a helping hand is required, and

Whereas, during the July 2023 flood, which resulted in extensive damage in the Town of Johnson, Lynda Hill stepped up to volunteer her time at the emergency operations center, the emergency shelter, and the donation center, and she even housed a town employee for a couple of days during the height of the crisis, refusing any form of reimbursement for her lodging services, and

Whereas, recognizing the importance of public education, Lynda Hill has served as a member of the Johnson School Board, and

Whereas, in 2022, seeking to contribute to the decision-making process for the operation of the municipal government, Lynda Hill successfully stood for election to the Town of Johnson Selectboard, her two-year term as a member of the municipality’s legislative body was productive, and her municipal legislative service enhanced policy deliberations, and

Whereas, although Lynda Hill opted not to seek reelection in 2024, she will no doubt remain active in the civic life of Johnson, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Lynda Hill for her enthusiastic and beneficial community service in the Town of Johnson, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 260

House concurrent resolution honoring the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II

Offered by: Representative Christie of Hartford

Whereas, despite the racial restrictions that kept the U.S. Armed Forces segregated until 1948, from 1940 to 1946, the Tuskegee Airmen, the first U.S. Black military aviators, flew and fought valiantly during World War II, and

Whereas, their saga began when the 99th Pursuit Squadron was activated at Chanute Field in Rantoul, Illinois, on March 19, 1941; and, in June 1941, the squadron was transferred to Tuskegee Army Airfield in Alabama, and

Whereas, the Black airmen of the 99th were under the command of Captain Benjamin O. Davis Jr., one of only two Black U.S. Army line officers then serving, and

Whereas, in April 1943, the 99th was transferred to North Africa; assigned to the 33rd Fighter Group; flew its inaugural mission on May 30, 1943, attacking the small island of Pantelleria off the Italian coast; and the squadron subsequently flew combat missions over Sicily, and

Whereas, by January 1944, the 100th, 301st, and 302nd Fighter Squadrons of Tuskegee Airmen arrived in the war zone and were transferred to the 332nd Fighter Group, ultimately under the command of now-Colonel Benjamin O. Davis Jr., and

Whereas, the 332nd was stationed at the Ramitelli Airfield on Italy's Adriatic coast and initially conducted dive-bombing and strafing missions, and

Whereas, from June 1944 to March 1945, the 332nd escorted and protected the Fifteenth Air Force's heavy bombers flying over Nazi Germany, and when the 332nd was issued P-51 Mustang Fighters marked with red paint on the aircrafts' tails, the pilots became famously known as the Red Tails, and

Whereas, in total, the Tuskegee Airmen flew 15,533 combat sorties on 1,578 missions; 55 of the pilots were credited with destroying 112 German aircraft in the air; three Distinguished Unit Citations were awarded; 66 pilots were killed in action or accidents; and, overall, 150 died and 32 were captured and held as prisoners of war, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Friends of Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site in Tuskegee, Alabama.