

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**February 15, 2018**

## **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. 239.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Class of Boy Scout Eagle rank recipients in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Briglin of Thetford, Browning of Arlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Cina of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Conlon of Cornwall, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Dunn of Essex, Emmons of Springfield, Forguites of Springfield, Frenier of Chelsea, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Giambatista of Essex, Grad of Moretown, Graham of Williamstown, Harrison of Chittenden, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Jickling of Randolph, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keefe of Manchester, Keenan of St. Albans City, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lewis of Berlin, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Masland of Thetford, Mattos of Milton, McCormack of Burlington, McCoy of Poultney, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nolan of Morristown, Norris of Shoreham, Ode of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans Town, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Quimby of Concord, Rachelson of Burlington, Read of Fayston, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Squirrell of Underhill, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Dorset, Taylor of Colchester, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Troiano of Stannard, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Eagle is the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn, and

Whereas, achieving the rank of Eagle requires commitment and perseverance, starting from the moment a young man is inducted into the Boy Scouts of America, and

Whereas, the myriad merit badges a Boy Scout must earn to reach this honor introduce him to many useful skills, and

Whereas, Gordon Ashcroft-Billings, Matthew Bassette, Hogan Beazley, Edward Bromley, Riley Burger, Devin Burroughs, Craig Cameron, Andrew Cassidy, Liam Center, Connor Chandler, Oliver Cole, Robert Collins, Brian Cookingham, Joshua Coppola, Roger Danilek, Seth Davidson, Eric DeWitt, James Dionne, Kevin Donley, Liam Drew, Daniel Durgin, Fletcher Eddy, Michael Ferro, Riley Flynn, Noah Gilbert-Fuller, Zachary Grupp, Alexandre Hamel, Matthew Hancock, Teagan Hart, John Hawks III, Zachary Hines, Victor Hinojosa, Yvain Hoekstra, Brandon Houle, Matthew Kempe, Phoenix King, Michael Kirkpatrick, Will Klinck, Soren Kurth, Akash Kushwaha, Kristian Labrie, Mark Lang, Ryan Lathrop, Cole Leroux, Zachary Loiter, Riley MacDonald, Zachary McGuinness, Thomas McHugh, Sawyer McNaney, Asa Mears, Nathaniel Mick, Joseph Nakamura, James Pastula, Daniel Perry, Troy Potter, Jordan Poulin, Zachary Preston, Jarrod Price, Kolding Rasmussen, Vinkel Rasmussen, Andrew Raymond, Chase Reagan, Christopher Reinfurt, Wilson Rimberg, Trent Ripley, Ethan Sausville, Anthony Scelza, Douglas Schmidt, Bradley Smith, Devon Spaulding, Parker Strawbridge, David Thibault, William Thomas, James Tilden, David Wilder, Cameron Wilk, Nicholas Williams, and Mason Wood have achieved this goal, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Class of Boy Scout Eagle rank recipients in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each Eagle Scout honored in this resolution.

#### **H.C.R. 240.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Gordon N. Stafford of Brighton

Offered by: Representatives Lefebvre of Newark, Batchelor of Derby, Feltus of Lyndon, Higley of Lowell, Lawrence of Lyndon, Marcotte of Coventry, Martel of Waterford, Quimby of Concord, Smith of Derby, Strong of Albany, Troiano of Stannard, Viens of Newport City, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Benning, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, although he was an identical twin, Gordy Stafford's distinctive presence and persona were well known in his legislative district and in the General Assembly, where his colleagues called him "Tiny," and

Whereas, Gordy Stafford was born on October 19, 1938 and attended elementary school in Island Pond and St. Patrick's High School in Berlin, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, a proud veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Gordy Stafford served in the

Vietnam War, continued his post-active-duty military service as a member of the Vermont Army National Guard, and won a state championship on the all-Army pistol team, and

Whereas, after his discharge from active-duty military service, he returned home to Island Pond, becoming a welder on the Canadian National (later St. Lawrence and Atlantic) Railroad, working on the rail line running through Island Pond to Portland, Maine, and

Whereas, active as a labor leader at work, Gordy Stafford served on the Vermont Labor Council for 20 years, and

Whereas, in the Island Pond community, Gordy Stafford's memberships included the American Legion, of which he was first vice commander, the Knights of Columbus, the Masonic Lodge, the National Rifle Association, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and

Whereas, he was a parishioner of St. James the Greater Catholic church, and

Whereas, aside from these activities, Gordy Stafford was a participant in the political arena, chairing the local Republican committee for 20 years, and

Whereas, his political activism led Gordy Stafford to stand for election to the General Assembly, where he served with distinction for seven consecutive terms beginning in 1985, and he was a member, clerk, and vice chair of the House Committee on General and Military Affairs, and

Whereas, former Representative Gordy Stafford was a man of independent beliefs that he held dear, and

Whereas, Gordy Stafford died on September 25, 2017 at 78 years of age, and his survivors include his wife of nearly 52 years, Mary; children, Timothy, Paul, and Paula; five grandchildren; twin brother, Gregory; and sisters, Jane and Joan, 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 Representative Gordon N. Stafford of Brighton, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Gordy Stafford's family and to the Brighton Town Clerk.

### **H.C.R. 241.**

House concurrent resolution honoring former Bethel Town Clerk and Treasurer Jean Burnham for her nearly half century of illustrious municipal public service

Offered by: Representative Haas of Rochester

Offered by: Senators Clarkson, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, in 1970, Jean Burnham stood for election as Bethel Town Clerk and Treasurer in order to serve her community and, being well-known and respected locally, her electoral quest was successful, and

Whereas, the citizens of Bethel came to appreciate Jean Burnham's attention to administrative details, unwavering professionalism, and the high ethical standards that she applied in performing all her clerk-related duties, including the retention of public records and the administration of elections, and

Whereas, in her treasurer's role, Jean Burnham took great pride in overseeing the town's daily financial management accurately, responsibly, and in compliance with the financial standards that municipal governments are required to meet, and

Whereas, Jean Burnham greeted with a smile the public entering the town clerk's office and she created a friendly work environment for her staff, and

Whereas, since 1970, the Bethel Town Clerk and Treasurer's office has evolved into a far more technologically advanced environment, and Bethel's municipal land records' growth has progressed from 45 to 112 volumes, and

Whereas, the demands on town treasurers have become increasingly complex, as municipal and state taxation systems are now more closely intertwined, and

Whereas, as these changes occurred, Jean Burnham kept apace and ensured that the Bethel Town Clerk and Treasurer's office was current with the latest innovations and mandates, and

Whereas, Jean Burnham became a mentor for her newer colleagues across the State as an acknowledged expert on all facets of serving as a town clerk and treasurer, and

Whereas, after nearly half a century, Jean Burnham recently concluded one of the longest tenures of any town clerk and treasurer in Vermont, and she can be extremely proud of her accomplishments, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Bethel Town Clerk and Treasurer Jean Burnham for her nearly half century of illustrious municipal public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jean Burnham in Bethel and to the Bethel Town Clerk.

## **H.C.R. 242.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the U-32 High School Raiders on winning a fifth consecutive boys' outdoor track and field championship

Offered by: Representatives Jessup of Middlesex, Ancel of Calais, Donahue of Northfield, Lewis of Berlin, Nolan of Morristown, and Yacovone of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, the boys' track and field program at U-32 High School has become legendary for its continued dominance in Division II competition, and

Whereas, in 2017, the Raiders did not disappoint their many fans, as this well-coached team of runners and field-event specialists excelled at the State championship meet held at the friendly locale of their own school's grounds, and

Whereas, the extended depth of Raider athletic talent enabled U-32's "B" running squad to finish in first place in the 4 x 800 relay, and

Whereas, when all the meet's events had concluded, the Raiders had compiled an overwhelming 109-point margin (195–86) over second-place Milton High School and easily secured their fifth consecutive Division II track and field crown, and

Whereas, Raiders Gary Arleth, Jacob Bradley, Jalen Carter, Conor Cooley, Andrew Crompton, Benjamin Davis-Noe, Kiernan Edraney, Issac Kingwood, Waylon Kurts, Dane Liebermann, Stephen Looke, Martin McMahon, Finn Olson, Trevor Patterson, Eric Scharf, Mackinley Shaffer, Nathan Smoller, Ian Voyer, and Alexander Warner each contributed to this undeniably impressive victory, and

Whereas, Head Coach Mark Chaplin and assistant coaches Andrew Tripp, Robert Dunkle, and George Olson served as mentors of the first order, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the U-32 High School Raiders on winning a fifth consecutive outdoor track and field championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to U-32 High School.

### **H.C.R. 243.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of John T. Ewing of Burlington

Offered by: Representatives Ancel of Calais, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of Burlington, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Krowinski of Burlington, McCormack of Burlington, Ode of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sullivan of Burlington, Webb of Shelburne, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Sirotkin, Ashe, Baruth, Ingram, Kitchel, Lyons, Mazza, McCormack, and Pearson

Whereas, John Ewing, whose energy, passion, and vision knew no bounds, was an extraordinary advocate for a more pristine Vermont, and

Whereas, he graduated from Amherst College and Yale Law School, and

Whereas, after he had practiced law in Burlington, the Bank of Vermont appointed John Ewing as its general counsel, ultimately naming him its president, and he supported the financing of community-based projects, and

Whereas, John Ewing was a proponent of the bank's headquarters remaining in downtown Burlington, reflecting his belief in focusing development in town centers, a public policy he actively promoted as the founding chair of Smart Growth Vermont, and

Whereas, he drafted Act 250's restrictions on development above 2,500 feet and later chaired the District 4 Environmental Commission, and

Whereas, in 1995, Governor Howard Dean appointed John Ewing Environmental Board Chair, a decision the Governor later described as the best appointment he ever made, and

Whereas, John Ewing was a founder of the Vermont Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, helped established the Lake Champlain Trust, and served as a founding board member of ECHO, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, and

Whereas, he worked to organize a group focused on the problems associated with wind power siting, and

Whereas, John Ewing helped establish the Winooski Valley Park District that manages conserved lands in seven Chittenden County municipalities, and

Whereas, as chair of the Burlington Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission, John Ewing was instrumental in raising \$1 million for the rehabilitation of the city's bike path, and

Whereas, the city of Burlington declared May 31, 2017 as John Ewing Day, citing his environmental and economic leadership, and

Whereas, John Ewing was the first recipient of the Vermont Natural Resources Council's Arthur Gibb Award for Individual Leadership, and

Whereas, an essential element of John Ewing's life was his wonderful 42-year

marriage to Jane Ewing, and between them, they were the parents of eight children and had 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and

Whereas, this broadly respected Vermonter died on November 25, 2017 at 85 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 family of John T. Ewing of Burlington, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 244.**

House concurrent resolution designating February 13, 2018 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, on average, two Vermonters die each week by suicide, and

Whereas, the Vermont Suicide Prevention Center (VTSPC) is a public-private partnership that the Department of Mental Health and the nonprofit Brattleboro-based Center for Health and Learning established to address all aspects of the suicide public health crisis, and

Whereas, the Vermont Suicide Prevention Coalition is a group of over 70 organizations and individuals concerned about suicide, including persons who are survivors of a suicide attempt or family members of persons who died by suicide, and

Whereas, Vermont has the 11th-highest suicide rate among the 50 states, and

Whereas, for the latest year for which data is available, there were 102 suicide deaths in Vermont, and

Whereas, it is estimated that there are 25 attempted suicides for every suicide death, and

Whereas, the Agency of Human Services has established an interdisciplinary Suicide Prevention Data and Surveillance Work Group, and

Whereas, the Vermont All-Payer Model aims to reduce the suicide rate, and

Whereas, the VTSPC is a developer of Umatter Suicide Prevention and is an advocate of Zero Suicide, a nationally established set of evidence-based principles to prevent suicide, and



Whereas, Zero Suicide implementation has begun at Howard Mental Health in Chittenden County and parts of Grand Isle County, at Northwestern Counseling and Support Services in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties, and at Lamoille County Mental Health, and

Whereas, a new and innovative project for the Department of Mental Health is the Crisis Text Line that connects individuals with trained counselors through a free 24/7 text support line, and

Whereas, today, February 13, 2018, Vermont Suicide Prevention Coalition members are visiting the State House to remind legislators of the serious implications of the suicide crisis in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 13, 2018 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Day, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 245.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps on winning both a U.S. Forest Service Culture of Inclusion Award and The Corps Network's recognition for the Health Care Share program

Offered by: Representatives Gardner of Richmond, Belaski of Windsor, Bock of Chester, Brumsted of Shelburne, Buckholz of Hartford, Canfield of Fair Haven, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Dunn of Essex, Forguites of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Giambatista of Essex, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Joseph of North Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Murphy of Fairfax, Partridge of Windham, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sheldon of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) is dedicated to “teaching young people personal responsibility through meaningful work that connects us to the land, community, and one another,” and

Whereas, this mission is implemented through projects conducted throughout Vermont and at the VYCC farm and restored-barn headquarters in Richmond, and

Whereas, during the past three decades, VYCC has involved over 6,000 Vermonters from 15 through 24 years of age in activities that are educationally

enriching and enhance the State's natural resources and workforce, and

Whereas, in 2017, VYCC won two special accolades reflective of the organization's outstanding performance, and

Whereas, the VYCC's Conservation Spike Crew for American Sign Language Youth received the U.S. Forest Service's Culture of Inclusion Award to honor this especially worthy initiative, and

Whereas, separately, VYCC's Health Care Share (HCS) was one of four programs that The Corps Network, the national organization of Youth Corps, recently honored, and

Whereas, HCS, a community-based public health project, connects Vermont families unable to afford or access nutritious food, with a weekly or monthly share of farm-fresh food, and

Whereas, VYCC farm crews grow, pack, and deliver the food shares to hospitals, family practices, and community clinics for distribution to recipients who have distinct needs, and

Whereas, The Corps Network's President and Chief Executive Officer, Mary Ellen Sprenkel, praised VYCC for its innovation and leadership demonstrated through HCS, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps on winning a U.S. Forest Service Culture of Inclusion Award and on The Corps Network's recognition of the Health Care Share program, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 246.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont State Police Lieutenant Matthew Nally Sr. of Cabot for his exemplary public service as a law enforcement officer

Offered by: Representative Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, Matthew Nally served in the Vermont State Police for 20 years, having been sworn in on February 3, 1998, and

Whereas, his initial posting was to the Brattleboro Barracks, and

Whereas, on October 17, 2004, after six and one-half years of performing his daily responsibilities in an outstanding manner, Officer Matthew Nally was promoted to the rank of detective sergeant for the Special Investigations Unit-North, and

Whereas, for many years, he was assigned the important duty of working as a team leader in search and rescue operations, and

Whereas, on January 26, 2014, Detective Sergeant Matthew Nally was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and assigned to the Middlesex Barracks, and

Whereas, during his posting to Middlesex, Lieutenant Matthew Nally has served with distinction in the pivotal role of station commander, and

Whereas, a consequential responsibility during his Middlesex tenure has been acting as the Vermont State Police's lead point of contact for all activities and events occurring at the State House in need of possible Vermont State Police support, and

Whereas, Lieutenant Matthew Nally has provided immeasurable assistance to the Capitol Police and other law enforcement agencies in supporting security operations for Executive Branch officials, legislators, the State House staff, and the general public, often under demanding circumstances, and

Whereas, residents of Cabot, Lieutenant Matthew Nally and his wife, Becky, are the proud parents of five children: Matthew Jr., Laura, Ian, Will, and Henry, and

Whereas, despite his demanding schedule, Lieutenant Matthew Nally has devoted time to serving his community as an assistant scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts, and

Whereas, after 20 years on the force, Lieutenant Matthew Nally is now concluding his role as a Vermont State Police Officer and looks forward to new life challenges, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont State Police Lieutenant Matthew Nally Sr. of Cabot for his exemplary public service as a law enforcement officer and wishes him every success in his future endeavors, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 247.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Patrick C. Scheidel for his exemplary 27-year career as Essex Town Manager

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

Whereas, the role of a town manager is central to the smooth administration of town government, and

Whereas, after growing up in Connecticut, Pat Scheidel served our country as a naval corpsman, stationed aboard the USS *New Jersey* off the Vietnamese coast during the Vietnam War, and

Whereas, upon his honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy, Pat Scheidel pursued an academic path, earning an undergraduate degree in English and political science at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, and a master's in public administration from Syracuse University, and

Whereas, during his early municipal public service career in Connecticut, Pat Scheidel served as the administrative assistant to the Mansfield Town Manager and then as the Groton Assistant Town Manager, and

Whereas, departing his home state for neighboring Rhode Island, Pat Scheidel accepted the post of Narragansett Town Manager, subsequently traveling west to serve in similar roles in Washington and Illinois, and

Whereas, in 1990, Pat Scheidel became the Essex Town Manager, and

Whereas, for the next 27 years, he performed this role magnificently, and

Whereas, his original jurisdiction was limited to overseeing the Essex Town municipal government, but starting in 2013, he also assumed the managerial helm for the Village of Essex Junction, and

Whereas, Vermont municipalities beyond Essex benefited from Pat Scheidel's managerial expertise through his board membership at the Vermont Town and City Management Association as well as his nearly quarter-century involvement with the Vermont Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, including 20 years as the organization's president, and

Whereas, he was the 2015 recipient of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Municipal Service Award, and

Whereas, among his other community roles have been serving on the Governor's Rail Council, on the board of the former Fanny Allen Hospital, and as Essex Rotary President, and

Whereas, Pat Scheidel has now concluded his laudable tenure as Essex Town Manager, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Patrick C. Scheidel for his exemplary 27-year career as Essex Town Manager and more recently Essex Municipal Manager, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Patrick Scheidel and to the Essex Town Clerk.

### **H.C.R. 248.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Vermont National Guard Sergeant Major Michael Evan Cram of Milton

Offered by: Representatives Bissonnette of Winooski, Gonzalez of Winooski, Johnson of South Hero, Joseph of North Hero, Mattos of Milton, and Turner of Milton

Whereas, Michael Cram graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School and Ashford University, majoring in history and criminal justice, and

Whereas, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, served in the 165th Military Police Company, and graduated from the Fort Lewis K-9 Corps training program, and

Whereas, in 1990, he joined the 1st Detachment of the 172nd Law and Order Division of the Vermont Army National Guard, and

Whereas, during a 19-month deployment to Iraq, Michael Cram led a 40-man law enforcement platoon, covering over 20,000 miles of convoy security and proudly returning all his troops home safely to the United States, and his subsequent service in Afghanistan earned him the Army Commendation Medal with Valor, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart, and

Whereas, Sergeant Major Michael Cram was the recipient of a Meritorious Service Award on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of his military career, and

Whereas, on the civilian side, Michael Cram graduated from the Vermont Police Academy and served as a Milton police officer before joining the Chittenden County Sheriff's Department in 1994, and

Whereas, in 2006, Michael Cram became a Winooski police officer, rose to the rank of lieutenant, and developed the department's new motorcycle unit, and

Whereas, in 2017, Lieutenant Michael Cram was the recipient of the Winooski Police Department Chief's Award for dedicated leadership and service to the citizens of Winooski, and his identification number of 919 was subsequently retired, and

Whereas, in the town of Milton, Michael Cram was actively involved in his community and served as a conscientious member of the selectboard, and

Whereas, this honorable soldier, law enforcement officer, civic leader, and avid outdoorsman died on December 17, 2017, and his survivors include his wife, Patricia; children, Jonathan and Nathan; parents; and many other family members, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Vermont National Guard Sergeant Major Michael Evan Cram of Milton, and be it further

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