

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**HOUSE AND SENATE
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**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

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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 today's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration must be communicated to the House Clerk's office or Senate Secretary's office respectively.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 120.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the students of Monument Elementary School in Bennington for their special effort to assist the victims of the recent natural and nuclear disasters in Japan

Offered by: Representatives Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Mook of Bennington and Morrissey of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, as the world has witnessed with enormous sadness the recent earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster that have befallen Japan, the students at the Monument Elementary School in Bennington displayed a degree of understanding and generosity which greatly impressed their parents and the local community, and

Whereas, two sisters from Japan are currently students at the school, and the school's parent-teacher organization known as AIM (Adults Interested in Monument) decided it would be a fitting gesture of support to make a donation to the massive relief efforts in Japan, and

Whereas, AIM set aside \$300.00 for this worthy purpose and arranged for collection jugs to be placed in each classroom as a challenge to the students to contribute loose change in an effort to match the AIM gift, and

Whereas, to the surprise and delight of the AIM leadership, these young elementary school students more than met the adults' challenge, and

Whereas, when the money from the jugs was tabulated, over \$480.00 was counted, and the AIM leadership was extremely proud of the responsibility and willingness the students demonstrated in raising this large a sum, and

Whereas, at the recommendation of the Japanese family whose daughters are students at the Monument School, the money will be contributed to the Japanese Red Cross, and

Whereas, the Monument School students merit the special thanks and recognition of this legislature for the wonderful way in which they have

expressed their personal solidarity with the victims of the recent events in Japan, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the students of Monument Elementary School in Bennington for their special effort to assist the victims of the recent natural and nuclear disasters in Japan, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the students at the Monument Elementary School in Bennington.

H.C.R. 121.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of the town of Hartford

Offered by: Representatives Bohi of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, Aswad of Burlington, Haas of Rochester, Jerman of Essex, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Potter of Clarendon and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, on July 4, 1761, New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth issued a charter establishing the town of Hartford “Beginning at a White Pine Tree marked Opposite to the South West Corner of Labanon cros the river Connecticut,” and

Whereas, Hartford, West Hartford, Quechee, Wilder, and White River Junction (at the confluence of the Connecticut and White rivers) are the five villages of the town, and

Whereas, the village of Quechee, previously known as Quechy and Queechy, is centered on the Ottauquechee River whose powerful flow proved attractive for the construction of industrial mills, and the river created the visually panoramic Quechee Gorge, which today is a tourist destination, and

Whereas, Wilder is the site of dams and canal locks that served as a commercial infrastructure for 19th-century manufacturing, and

Whereas, railroad transportation in Vermont began in White River Junction with the inauguration of service to Bethel on June 26, 1848, and the village became a major rail center, and Interstates 89 and 91 now meet there as well, and

Whereas on the night of February 5, 1887, 31 persons perished after a Montreal-bound train derailment caused the Woodstock Bridge, a trestle spanning the White River, to catch fire and burn, an incident recalled in the song *The Montreal Express*, and

Whereas, shortly after the railroad first arrived, Colonel Samuel Nutt purchased the Grafton House in Enfield, New Hampshire and arranged for its dismantling and reconstruction in White River Junction as the Junction House, which was rebuilt following fires in 1878 and 1925, and continues to serve guests as the Hotel Coolidge, and

Whereas, from 1890 to 1928, White River Junction hosted the Vermont State Fair at a specially constructed site featuring a kite-shaped track, and

Whereas, during the 1920s, an ice flow in the White River was the setting for a Lillian Gish silent film that did not use special effects or stunt personnel, and

Whereas, the regional veterans medical center, a thriving artists' studio complex in the renovated Tip Top building, and the Center for Cartoon Studies each call the vibrant village of White River Junction home, and

Whereas, 2011 marks the 250th anniversary of the town of Hartford which remains a thriving community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 250th anniversary of the town of Hartford, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 122.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Stafford Technical Center SADD chapter on winning the 2010 National SADD Chapter of the Year Award

Offered by: Representatives Shaw of Pittsford, Acinapura of Brandon, Andrews of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Courcelle of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Fagan of Rutland City, Font-Russell of Rutland City, French of Shrewsbury, Helm of Fair Haven, Malcolm of Pawlet, McNeil of Rutland Town and Potter of Clarendon

Whereas, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) is dedicated to preventing students from engaging in underage drinking, drug use, impaired driving, and other activities that can be personally destructive, and

Whereas, in 2009, the Stafford SADD chapter won recognition as the best in Vermont, and

Whereas, this achievement motivated the Stafford students to intensify their dedication to implementing the organization's goals, and

Whereas, among the many projects the students pursued in 2010 were those intended to:

- raise awareness of and reduce the incidence of speeding, distracted driving, and driving under the influence or without using seat belts;
- reduce alcohol, drug, and tobacco use among young Vermonters;
- discourage Internet sexting and unsafe Internet practices among students at schools in addition to Stafford;
- cosponsor a dinner for families of deployed Vermont National Guard personnel;
- reduce teen dating violence;
- assist with training projects at the local regional ambulance service and the Vermont police academy; and
- work cooperatively with other SADD chapters on similar projects, and

Whereas, these meritorious activities, combined with the Stafford SADD chapter's strong dedication to SADD's mission, led to its being named the 2010 National SADD Chapter of the Year at the organization's national conference in Orlando, Florida, and

Whereas, the Stafford SADD members who earned this national recognition were Ginger Vaughn, Kimberley Rupe, Nicole Bogucki, Emily Fredette, Emily Johnson, Ashley Smith, Korey Russell, Hayley Cotrupi, Amber Hannan, Alan Greenier, James Reed, Kyle Lenher, and Cierra Phelps, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Stafford Technical Center SADD chapter on winning the 2010 National SADD Chapter of the Year Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the SADD chapter at the Stafford Technical Center in Rutland.

H.C.R. 123.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Civil War

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, the Civil War was a defining moment in our nation's history, as the Union was preserved and slavery abolished, and

Whereas, the sesquicentennial of the War will be observed from 2011 to 2015, and

Whereas, Vermont was the first state to outlaw slavery, played an important role in the abolition movement, opposed and legislated against the Fugitive Slave Act, and provided numerous stops on the Underground Railroad, and

Whereas, the bravery of Vermonters on the battlefield is well documented, including the First Vermont Brigade which saw action in nearly every major eastern battle; the Second Vermont Brigade which broke the right flank of Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg; the Battle of Cedar Creek, in which more Vermont units were involved than in any other battle and is memorialized in the largest painting located in the state house; and the Vermont-led attack that broke Confederate lines at Petersburg, and

Whereas, there were 298 Vermont African Americans credited with enlisting in the U.S. Colored Troops, of which 238 (so far) are listed on one of the plaques on the African American Civil War Memorial in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, the Confederate raid on St. Albans was the northernmost land action of the war, Vermont's most famous bank robbery, and a military incident that nearly caused a major conflict with Great Britain, and

Whereas, Vermont manufacturers produced large quantities of war matériel, and the state's women worked tirelessly to provide the Vermont soldiers with necessary items at the front and in hospitals, and

Whereas, Vermont's Civil War story extends beyond battlefields and includes many locales within our state's borders, and the war is the fundamental event in understanding the evolution of freedom, civil rights, and national unity, and

Whereas, the state's residents and visitors will have many opportunities to explore and celebrate Vermont's rich Civil War heritage through visits to sites associated with the Civil War and events that commemorate its legacy, including a Farmer's Night presentation to be held at the state house on April 6, 2011, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the sesquicentennial of the Civil War and Vermont's role in this pivotal conflict in our nation's history, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 124.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division II championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Savage of Swanton, Consejo of Sheldon, McAllister of Highgate and Pearce of Richford

Offered by: Senators Brock and Kittell

Whereas, a boys' basketball championship had always eluded Missisquoi Valley Union High School, and

Whereas, with only two defeats and a perfect, regular season record in Division II competition, the first-seeded Thunderbirds sailed through the playoffs into the decisive game at the Barre Auditorium against the third-seeded Slaters of Fair Haven Union High School, and

Whereas, the Thunderbirds recognized from the opening minute that defeating the Slaters would be a challenging enterprise as their opponents constituted a talented team, and

Whereas, the low-scoring first quarter ended with an 8–5 Missisquoi scoring advantage, and at halftime, the Thunderbirds continued to be narrowly ahead, 17–14, and

Whereas, the legitimacy of the Slaters' place on the championship court was shown as only one point separated the two teams well into the third quarter of play, and

Whereas, at that point, Missisquoi took command of the ball and began a scoring spree that featured two three-point plays and enabled the Thunderbirds to end the third quarter on top of Fair Haven, 35–24, and

Whereas, although the Slaters made a valiant try in the fourth quarter to surpass the Thunderbirds, the effort never reached its objective as Missisquoi joyously exited the floor with a 47–40 victory and the Division II championship, and

Whereas, the Thunderbirds playing Missisquoi's memorable and victorious last Division II boys' basketball game, prior to its transfer next season to Division I, were Kyle Lumsden, Ben Fournier, Adam Hubbard, Jeff Larose, Jeremy Nadeau, Craig Laroche, Nic Kosac, Robert Dabrowski, Matt St. Amour, Nate Lumsden, Alex Larose, Troy Rocheleau, and Tyler Cooper, and

Whereas, coach Jim Bose and assistant coach David Turner provided wise leadership, and team managers Genny White and Anastasia Nichols were always ready to provide assistance, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Missisquoi Valley Union High School Thunderbirds Division II championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 125.

House concurrent resolution acknowledging the many Vermonters living with Alzheimer's disease and designating April 1 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Alzheimer's is one of society's most tragic illnesses as it causes individuals to lose their life memories, and prevents individuals, who had the gift of remembering the most detailed information and performing intricate tasks, from even recognizing family members, and

Whereas, this debilitating disease is not a normal part of aging, and

Whereas, although Alzheimer's is not the only medical cause of memory loss, it is the most common form of dementia, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's only worsens over time, but the disease is not an instant killer as afflicted individuals typically live with it for a number of years, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's has an extremely emotional impact on friends and families who are forced to witness the deterioration of an individual's personality, and family members often sadly conclude they have no option except institutionalization, and

Whereas, although medical researchers are advancing their knowledge of Alzheimer's, the cure that is fervently desired has yet to emerge, and

Whereas, in 1999, the General Assembly enacted Act 57, establishing the commission on Alzheimer's disease and related disorders to "advise state agencies on matters of state policy relating to Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-related disorders," including: evaluating existing state services and advising on their potential expansion, reviewing and participating in the

development of laws and rules that may affect individuals with either Alzheimer's or another dementia-related disorder, and broadening public understanding and capacity to meet the needs of individuals with Alzheimer's, and

Whereas, the work of the commission and the Vermont chapter of the national Alzheimer's Association is extremely important, and

Whereas, on April 1, 2011, members of the commission and others working to improve the lives of those with Alzheimer's will be visiting the state house to educate the legislature about this serious disease, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly acknowledges the many Vermonters living with Alzheimer's disease and designates April 1, 2011 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the commission on Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and to the Vermont chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

H.C.R. 126.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Jack Gabriel Hannan, champion freeskier

Offered by: Representatives Howard of Cambridge, Acinapura of Brandon, Ancel of Calais, Brennan of Colchester, Buxton of Royalton, Devereux of Mount Holly, Greshin of Warren, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krebs of South Hero, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Olsen of Jamaica, Peaslee of Guildhall, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Ram of Burlington, Smith of Morristown, Wright of Burlington and Young of Albany

Whereas, Jack Hannan was born in Portland, Oregon, and his affinity for the mountains was sealed when, before first grade, he scaled Clifty Mountain in Idaho, and

Whereas, his life journey continued as his parents moved to Vermont, where they found a new home in the town of Holland, and

Whereas, Jack Hannan found his way to Jay Peak, and he developed an intimate association with this northern Vermont ski area including as an alpine skier for North Country Union High School, as a pioneer of the mountain's new glades, as one of Jay's youngest instructors, and in truth as a nearly full-time winter resident of the ski area, and

Whereas, when the snow melted, he found other outdoor activities to enjoy, including hiking the entire Long Trail with his parents, attending the Green Mountain Conservation Camp, and working with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, the Green Mountain Club's Long Trail Patrol, and the United States Forest Service in its Rochester Ranger District, and

Whereas, the call of the West and its more challenging ski terrain proved irresistible, and he packed his \$50 Datsun and headed for Crested Butte, Colorado, where his passion for skiing and his skills as a landscaper and carpenter were all put to good use, and

Whereas, Jack Hannan became one of the best extreme skiers, winning the 2003 U.S. Freeskiing Championship in Crested Butte and other events at Kirkwood, Snowbird, and Whistler Mountains, and

Whereas, in Colorado, he met Laura Ogden, also a champion freeskiier, and in 2007, they permanently relocated to Pemberton, British Columbia, where they were happily ensconced, and in 2008 they became husband and wife, and

Whereas, on March 31, 2010, just as they and others had finished skiing down a couloir on Mount Currie, the loud noise of an approaching Class 3 avalanche was heard and all escaped to safety except Jack, and

Whereas, Jack Hannan was only 35, and his life was celebrated and mourned with tributes in the skiing press, and his survivors include his wife; his father, former Representative Paul Hannan, now of Calais; his mother, Carolyn Hannan of West Charleston; his birth father, George Reeves of Washington state; his sister, Adelaide Hannan of Calais; and his brother, Cedar Hannan of Craftsbury, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the skiing accomplishments and memory of Jack Hannan, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 127.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation on its 20th anniversary and designating April 13, 2011 as Vermont Children's Trust Foundation Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Lenex of Shelburne, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Buxton of Royalton, Campion of Bennington, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Crawford of Burke, Davis of Washington, Donovan of Burlington, Fisher of Lincoln, Font-Russell of Rutland City,

Gilbert of Fairfax, Hooper of Montpelier, Jewett of Ripton, Larocque of Barnet, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford, South of St. Johnsbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Woodward of Johnson and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Baruth, Doyle, Fox, Miller, Nitka and Snelling

Whereas, the Vermont Children's Trust Fund was created pursuant to No. 177 of 1985 (Adj. Sess.) "for the purpose of providing funds for community-based primary prevention programs that have been shown to be effective for juveniles," and

Whereas, one of the sources of authorized funding was private donations from individuals or organizations, and

Whereas, in order to encourage and maximize private contributions to the fund, in 1991, the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation was established, and

Whereas, in 1996, the public was provided a new opportunity to contribute to the fund through a new income tax check-off, and

Whereas, the money in the fund, regardless of its source, is allocated to promote a set of positive family and youth outcomes, including assuring that pregnant women and young children thrive; that children are ready for and succeed in school and live in stable and supportive families; and that youths choose healthy behaviors, and

Whereas, in recent years, the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation has annually awarded grants totaling approximately \$475,000.00 to 75 worthy community-based prevention programs serving children from ages 0-18, and in some instances, their parents or prospective mothers, and

Whereas, the staff, trustees, and friends of the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation will gather at the State House on April 13, 2011 to begin the 20th anniversary celebration of this important community organization that attempts to direct young Vermonters in the right direction on life's journey, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation on its 20th anniversary and designates April 13, 2011 as Vermont Children's Trust Foundation 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 Linda Allen, the Co-Executive Director of the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation, in Burlington.

H.C.R. 128.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Peace Corps on half a century of exemplary public service

Offered by: Representatives Haas of Rochester, Howrigan of Fairfield, Scheuermann of Stowe, Andrews of Rutland City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Burke of Brattleboro, Champion of Bennington, Cheney of Norwich, Conquest of Newbury, Courcelle of Rutland City, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Degree of St. Albans City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Gilbert of Fairfax, Head of South Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Leriche of Hardwick, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Trieber of Rockingham, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Woodward of Johnson, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Albany

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Ashe, Ayer, Carris, Fox, Giard, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Nitka and Starr

Whereas, in 1960, presidential candidate John F. Kennedy challenged students to work abroad in less-developed countries as a new way to promote a more peaceful world, and

Whereas, on March 1, 1961, as the nation's new President, he issued an executive order establishing the Peace Corps, and

Whereas, the mission of the Peace Corps is threefold: to help "people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women," "promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples

served,” and “promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans,” and

Whereas, during the past 50 years, over 200,000 Americans have proudly served as Peace Corps volunteers in 139 countries, and

Whereas, the geographic scope of Peace Corps programs is broad, including Africa, Latin America, Asia, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Pacific Islands, and in more recent years Eastern Europe, and

Whereas, the range of Peace Corps assignments includes agriculture, education, health and HIV/Aids awareness, business development, the environment, youth development, and information technology, and

Whereas, although the Peace Corps was initially envisioned as an international public service program for young Americans, seven percent of the volunteers are over 50 and have included Lillian Carter, the mother of former President Jimmy Carter, who joined at age 68, and

Whereas, today, over 8,500 volunteers serve in 77 nations, and Vermont is well represented, and

Whereas, in 2010, on a per-capita basis, Vermont had the largest number of Peace Corps volunteers (59); the Burlington–South Burlington area was ranked second nationally among metropolitan areas sending volunteers; and both the University of Vermont and Middlebury College are in 2011 prodigious contributors of Peace Corps volunteers for schools of their respective size, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Peace Corps on half a century of exemplary public service benefiting peoples around the world, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Peace Corps Director Aaron S. Williams and to the Peace Corps representative at the University of Vermont.

H.C.R. 129.

House concurrent resolution congratulating James Kochalka on his designation as the first Vermont cartoonist laureate

Offered by: Representatives Martin of Springfield and Emmons of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, since the inception and subsequent flourishing of the Center for Cartoon Studies in White River Junction, colorful illustrative cartoons have become a respected and sophisticated art form, and

Whereas, the center's publication of graphic novels, staging of exhibitions, and hosting of forums featuring prominent cartoonists, including *Doonesbury* creator Garry Trudeau, have enabled Vermont to become a national mecca for cartooning, and

Whereas, in celebration of cartooning's new place on the state's artistic scene and in recognition of the art form's communicative power, the Center for Cartoon Studies, with the enthusiastic support of the Vermont Arts Council and Governor Peter Shumlin, has designated James Kochalka, a Springfield native, University of Vermont graduate, and highly acclaimed and creative cartoonist, as the first Vermont cartoonist laureate, and

Whereas, for a three-year term, he will characterize life in Vermont as only the cartoonist can, and

Whereas, in a recent edition of his *American Elf* cartoon series, in which James Kochalka humorously depicts his own life, he acknowledged to his thrilled agent the importance of being designated the first Vermont cartoonist laureate, but then refused to discuss the matter further citing an immediate preoccupation with making grapefruit-peel candy with his sons Eli, 7, and Oliver, 3, and

Whereas, as the creator of many cartoon collections including *Dragon Puncher*, *Johnny Boo*, *Pinky & Stinky*, *Monkey Vs. Robot*, *Squirrelly Gray*, and of course the *American Elf*, he has earned a large following of enthralled fans, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates James Kochalka on his designation as the first Vermont cartoonist laureate, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to James Kochalka and to the Vermont Center for Cartoon Studies.

H.C.R. 130.

House concurrent resolution designating April 27, 2011, as National Walk@Lunch Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Frank of Underhill, Andrews of Rutland City, Batchelor of Derby, Bohi of Hartford, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Royalton, Champion of Bennington, Clarkson of Woodstock, Dakin of Chester, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Larocque of Barnet,

Lenes of Shelburne, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Springfield, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Mrowicki of Putney, Nuovo of Middlebury, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Sweaney of Windsor, Toll of Danville, Trieber of Rockingham, Woodward of Johnson and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, getting 30 minutes of moderate physical activity, such as a brisk walk, at least five times a week can result in significant health benefits, such as lowering the risk of developing or dying from cardiovascular disease, hypertension, or type 2 diabetes and improving the health of muscles, bones, and joints, and

Whereas, the United States Department of Health and Human Services estimates the cost to treat illness and chronic disease caused by inactive lifestyles is nearly \$1,000.00 for every family in America, every year, and

Whereas, physical activity is vital to the well-being of all Americans, and National Walk@Lunch Day is an opportunity for Americans to carve time out of their busy work schedules to exercise and become healthier, and

Whereas, National Walk@Lunch Day is a workplace walking event that encourages employees to walk during their lunch break, making exercise a convenient and easy choice during the day, and

Whereas, many states will participate in National Walk@Lunch Day, improving the health of those residents on a step-by-step basis, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 27, 2011, as National Walk@Lunch Day and encourages Vermonters to walk at lunch, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to BlueCross BlueShield of Vermont in Berlin.