

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. 142.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Michael Smith on his winning the 2011 CVPS-Zetterstrom Environmental Award

Offered by: Representatives Andrews of Rutland City, Courcelle of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Font-Russell of Rutland City and McNeil of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, Michael Smith's love affair with Pine Hill Park, and role as a tireless conservationist and motivator of the city's youth, came to pass because of a long neglected gift to the city, and

Whereas, former Rutland City Mayor Henry Carpenter (1908–1910) bequeathed to his hometown a mountain (Pine Hill) "for the recreation and enjoyment of the citizens of Rutland," and

Whereas, as a youngster, Michael Smith, accompanied by his golden retriever, Rembrandt, began a clandestine trail construction project on this largely neglected 300-acre tract, and

Whereas, in 2001, the tract's future and the life of its special guardian were dramatically altered for the better when he successfully organized local recreational enthusiasts in opposition to a proposed road easement intended as the prelude to a housing subdivision on Pine Hill, and

Whereas, with the road and housing proposal scuttled, Michael Smith, with the support of Shelley Lutz; Cindi Wright, Recreation Director of the Rutland City Recreation & Parks Department; Keith Wright; and Tom Vile, initiated an effort to transform the dream of Pine Hill Park into a reality, and in 2008, they formed a nonprofit friends' group, the Pine Hill Partnership, and selected Michael Smith as its president, and

Whereas, Michael Smith recruited a group of eager fifth graders who, with a little help from a GPS unit, found all but one of the tract's survey markers, enabling the first Pine Hill Park map to be published in 2002, and

Whereas, in the following years, Michael Smith has recruited many young persons from school and community organizations to construct trails, including one named in Rembrandt's memory, and he has taught and inspired them, and adult volunteers as well, to appreciate parks and despite his countless hours in the park, he has found time to be an effective grant writer on its behalf, and

Whereas, his leadership of youth in trail development activities is as truly remarkable as his lasting impact on Rutland's landscape, and

Whereas, Michael Smith has been selected, from among 18 nominees, as the recipient of the 2011 CVPS-Zetterstrom Environmental Award which honors an individual who exemplifies the environmental legacy of conservation activist and osprey restorer Meeri Zetterstrom, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Michael Smith on his winning the 2011 CVPS-Zetterstrom Environmental Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michael Smith in Rutland.

H.C.R. 143.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the St. Francis Xavier of Winooski boys' basketball team on winning the 2011 New England Catholic Youth Organization seventh- and eighth-grade parish division championship

Offered by: Representatives Bissonnette of Winooski and Atkins of Winooski

Whereas, Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) basketball provides youngsters a great opportunity to enjoy athletic competition while learning the importance of team cooperation and good sportsmanship, and

Whereas, the 2010–2011 St. Francis Xavier of Winooski seventh- and eighth-grade boys' basketball team will be remembered as an especially talented squad of young players that ascended to a regional championship plateau which no other seventh- and eighth-grade boys' CYO basketball squad in Vermont had reached since 1968, and

Whereas, the St. Francis Xavier boys brought their undefeated winning streak to the parish division championship game and left the court triumphantly, and

Whereas, winning the Vermont title enabled the St. Francis Xavier boys to proceed to the New England regional CYO basketball tournament played during the first weekend of April in Manchester, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, in the first contest against Sacred Heart of Hartford, Connecticut, St. Francis Xavier scored a stunning 62–37 victory, and although the team’s second opponent, St. Vincent of Boston was a much stronger team, the Vermonters held their own, defeating the boys from Massachusetts 57–44, and

Whereas, having earned the right to play in the championship game, the St. Francis Xavier boys faced the hometown team from St. Pius X in Manchester, but the Vermonters’ skillful and strategic playing was superior, as St. Francis Xavier won this decisive game 47–37 along with the 2011 New England CYO boys’ seventh- and eighth-grade parish division basketball title, and

Whereas, St. Francis Xavier team members Cody Greene, Nate Miles, RJ Dunning, Eli DiGrande, Ben Shungu, James Wells, Hunter Robare, Connor Drown, Arnold Vainqueur, Jamal Alkarawi, Connor Beard, and Nghia Duong impressed all of the spectators, and coaches Jeff Brosseau, Ted DiGrande, and Rob Miles were major contributors to the boys’ success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate the St. Francis Xavier of Winooski boys’ basketball team on winning the 2011 New England Catholic Youth Organization seventh- and eighth-grade parish division championship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jeff Brosseau in Winooski.

H.C.R. 144.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Middlebury Union High School on being named a 2011 Fit & Healthy Kids School Wellness Award gold-level winner

Offered by: Representatives Nuovo of Middlebury, Ralston of Middlebury, Jewett of Ripton, Smith of New Haven and Stevens of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, as obesity and the lack of physical exercise have become a growing problem among youngsters, educators have come to realize it is an issue that must be addressed, and

Whereas, encouraging practices and habits that lead to healthy living is a commendable endeavor for a school and complements the department of health’s efforts to support healthy people living in healthy communities, and

Whereas, the Vermont departments of health and of education, Vermont's Action for Healthy Kids, and the New England Food and Dairy Council annually sponsor the Fit & Healthy Kids School Wellness Awards, and

Whereas, these awards are presented to schools whose administrative and operational policies promote the importance of healthy lifestyles for both students and school staff who can set an example for their pupils, and

Whereas, schools receive recognition on the gold, silver, and bronze levels, and

Whereas, the 2011 high school gold-level winner is Middlebury Union High School, whose programs to promote healthy living can serve as a model for other secondary schools, and

Whereas, in recognition of its selection as a gold-level award winner, during a morning wellness walk in Montpelier on May 11, Middlebury Union High School will be presented a 2011 Fit & Healthy Kids School banner and a \$3,000.00 grant to support continued wellness efforts for students and school staff, and

Whereas, Middlebury Union High School can be proud of this outstanding achievement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Middlebury Union High School on being named a 2011 Fit & Healthy Kids School Wellness Award gold-level winner, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 145.

House concurrent resolution honoring the town of Ludlow on its 250th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Devereux of Mount Holly

Offered by: Senators Nitka, Campbell and McCormack

Whereas, on September 16, 1761, New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter for the town of Ludlow in the Black River valley beside the Green Mountains, and

Whereas, not until 1784 when James Whitney arrived from Massachusetts did anyone attempt to establish a permanent settlement in Ludlow, and

Whereas, on March 31, 1792, the first town meeting was held and Jesse Fletcher was elected town clerk, and that same year, the General Assembly transferred 11,739 acres of the original tract to form part of the new town of Mount Holly, and

Whereas, in the early decades of the 19th century, Ludlow was a community of farms and small mills, and

Whereas, on December 21, 1832, a village, similarly named, was incorporated in the central part of the town, and it became a bustling commercial and mercantile center, and

Whereas, a momentous event in the town's academic life occurred on October 23, 1834 when Act 45 incorporating the Black River Academy became law, and among its notable alumni were President Calvin Coolidge; John Garabaldi Sargent, United States Attorney General in the Coolidge administration; Ida Fuller, the first recipient of Social Security; the Vermont historian Abby Hemmenway; and Governor W.W. Stickney who also served as Speaker of the Vermont House of Representatives, and

Whereas, in the 1970s, the Black River Academy building from 1889 to 1939 became the home of the Black River Academy Museum, and

Whereas, by the middle of the 19th century, Ludlow was becoming a major manufacturing center, home to woolen mills, the Ludlow Toy Manufactory, and, for much of the 20th century, General Electric, and

Whereas, Okemo Mountain Resort opened in 1955, eventually spawning vacation residences and many visitor amenities, and

Whereas, 2011 marks the 250th anniversary of the granting of the Ludlow charter, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the town of Ludlow on its 250th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Ludlow town clerk and the Black River Academy Museum and Historical Society.

H.C.R. 146.

House concurrent resolution honoring the town of Plymouth on its 250th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Devereux of Mount Holly

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, on July 6, 1761, New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth issued a charter for a new town of “Six and one third Miles square, . . . Beginning at the South West Corner of Reading from thence North Sixty five Degrees,” and continuing on as described in the document back to the starting point, and it was named Salt Ash (Saltash), the same as a market town situated near the English town of Plymouth, and

Whereas, on February 22, 1797, the general assembly enacted “An act altering the name of the township of Saltash to that of Plymouth,” and

Whereas, the first known settler in Plymouth was John Mudge, and the deed conveying land to him is the oldest document in the land records of the town, and

Whereas, two primary settlements emerged in Plymouth, one being Plymouth Kingdom, whose leadership included Congregational Church Deacon Daniel Clark, who lived to the age of 101, and

Whereas, for much of the 19th century, Plymouth Kingdom was a predominately farming community and included the church, a brick parsonage, a schoolhouse, two blacksmith shops, an inn, and a number of residences, and

Whereas, in the 1830s, an iron ore mine was operated near Plymouth Kingdom on Weaver Hill, and nearby along Buffalo Brook, gold was discovered in the early 1850s, and

Whereas, the other settlement was Plymouth Notch, the birthplace in 1872 of President Calvin Coolidge, and in his home at 2:47 a.m. on August 3, 1923, following news of the death of President Warren Harding, Colonel John Coolidge, administered the presidential oath of office to his son, and

Whereas, the Plymouth Cheese Factory, which Colonel John Coolidge, along with others, established in 1890, continues to operate, and

Whereas, the village of Plymouth Notch is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, has been designated as a National Historic Landmark and as Plymouth Notch Historic District, and is a Vermont state historic site, and

Whereas, in 2011, the idyllic town of Plymouth, home to Camp Plymouth and Coolidge state parks, is observing its 250th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the town of Plymouth on its 250th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Plymouth town clerk and the Plymouth Historical Society.

H.C.R. 147.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the incorporation of Vermont towns observing their 250th anniversary in 2011

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Acinapura of Brandon, Andrews of Rutland City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bohi of Hartford, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Royalton, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Donaghy of Poultney, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Font-Russell of Rutland City, French of Shrewsbury, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of Canaan, Komline of Dorset, Lanpher of Vergennes, Malcolm of Pawlet, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Moran of Wardsboro, Nuovo of Middlebury, Olsen of Jamaica, Peaslee of Guildhall, Potter of Clarendon, Ralston of Middlebury, Shand of Weathersfield, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor and Wilson of Manchester

Whereas, the state of Vermont declared its legal existence and independence from Great Britain in January 1777, but many towns in the newly formed state had already been incorporated, and

Whereas, prior to January 1777 and for a number of years thereafter, both New Hampshire and New York claimed political jurisdiction over the territory now consisting of the state of Vermont, resulting in violent disputes over the validity of municipal incorporation charters that New Hampshire's Royal Governor Benning Wentworth was liberally issuing for large fees, and

Whereas, defense of the New Hampshire grants was the catalyst for the formation of Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys, and

Whereas, Governor Wentworth granted his first municipal charter on January 3, 1749 for the establishment of the town of Bennington, and

Whereas, aside from the reservation of a large parcel for his personal use, these charters, typically six miles square in size, required that five acres of each grantee's land be cultivated within five years, a directive that not infrequently was ignored, and

Whereas, it was not unusual for many years to pass before a town saw its first settler, who often was not one of the proprietors, and

Whereas, in 2011 the municipalities of Addison, Andover, Arlington, Barnard, Brandon, Bridgewater, Bridport, Brunswick, Castleton, Cavendish,

Clarendon, Cornwall, Danby, Dorset, Fairlee, Ferdinand, Glastenbury, Granby, Guildhall, Guilford, Hartford, Hartland, Killington, Leicester, Ludlow, Maidstone, Manchester, Middlebury, Mount Tabor, New Haven, Norwich, Panton, Pawlet, Peru, Pittsford, Plymouth, Pomfret, Poultney, Reading, Rupert, Rutland (the original encompassing both the current city and the town), Salisbury, Sandgate, Shaftsbury, Sharon, Shoreham, Shrewsbury, Somerset, Springfield, Stockbridge, Strafford, Stratton, Sunderland, Thetford, Tinmouth, Tunbridge, Wallingford, Weathersfield, Wells, Weybridge, Windsor, Winhall, and Woodstock are observing their 250th anniversary of their legal establishment, and

Whereas, many of these communities will hold festive celebrations throughout 2011, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the incorporation of Vermont municipalities marking their 250th anniversary in 2011, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the town clerk of each municipality honored in this resolution.

H.C.R. 148.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Karen Ann Quill of Burlington

Offered by: Representatives Pearson of Burlington and Ram of Burlington

Whereas, Karen Quill was dedicated to improving the lives of others, both as a registered nurse and as a labor advocate and union official, and

Whereas, she grew up in western Massachusetts and graduated from Westfield High School, and

Whereas, interested in a career as a health care professional, Karen Quill enrolled in the University of Vermont College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and

Whereas, a deep concern for the livelihood and organizational rights of working persons was an intensive focus of Karen Quill's college life, and in 2006, she was among the founders of the University of Vermont chapter of Student Labor Action, and

Whereas, upon graduating from the University of Vermont, she became a surgical intensive care nurse at Fletcher Allen Hospital, and

Whereas, within the organized Vermont health care community, Karen Quill served on the United Professions AFT Vermont board and as Vice

President of the Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals (VFNHP) as well as the union's grievance chair and chief steward, and

Whereas, she was an active member of the Vermont Workers' Center and an early participant in the Healthcare is a Human Right Campaign as a moving testifier at the 2009 Burlington People's Forum of Healthcare and many other events, and

Whereas, Karen Quill led the VFNHP through the model union process, was actively involved in its committee on political education, and worked tirelessly as an organizer, and

Whereas, her health professional peers recognized Karen Quill as a dedicated advocate for high-quality patient care and safety, and

Whereas, in April 2011, Karen Quill tragically died at age 26, and survivors include her sister, Cathryn, also an intensive care nurse at Fletcher Allen Hospital; her parents, John and Alberta Quill; and a far larger family of nursing colleagues and advocates for working Vermonters and their right to organize, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Karen Ann Quill, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to her parents, to her sister, and to the Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Care Professionals in Burlington.

H.C.R. 149.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice on being named one of the top 500 home health agencies in the United States

Offered by: Representatives Andrews of Rutland City, Acinapura of Brandon, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Courcelle of Rutland City, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Fagan of Rutland City, Font-Russell of Rutland City, French of Shrewsbury, Haas of Rochester, Komline of Dorset, Malcolm of Pawlet, McNeil of Rutland Town, Potter of Clarendon, Shaw of Pittsford and Stevens of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) was established in Rutland City in 1946 "to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services," and

Whereas, in 1967, RAVNAH became Medicare-certified, enabling it to offer much-needed medical support programs not only in Rutland City but throughout Rutland County, and

Whereas, Executive Director Ronald Cioffi and the RAVNAH management team have extensively expanded the menu of medical services offered, and

Whereas, additional specialty services instituted include: Kids on the Move, the only pediatric rehabilitation program within a 60-mile radius; a merger with the Rutland Area Hospice to provide comprehensive hospice and palliative care for terminally ill patients and their families; pediatric hi-tech care; CAIRR, the Coalition for Adult Immunization in the Rutland Region to provide flu and pneumonia vaccines at public clinics; Care Plus, private in-home care to offer support for seniors to continue living independently; long-term care through the Choices for Care program; supportive housing services; community and workplace wellness; telehealth (noninvasive daily health care monitoring via telecommunications technologies); and the maternal child health program, and

Whereas, in 2007, RAVNAH merged with Dorset Nursing Association to expand its services to the Dorset, Rupert, and Pawlet areas, and

Whereas, in 2010, RAVNAH made over 87,000 home visits as it cared for 2,680 patients, and

Whereas, Home Care Elite is the home health industry standard for measuring organizational performance through a detailed performance analysis, and

Whereas, the 2010 Home Care Elite assessment, which evaluated 9,300 similar agencies nationwide, designated RAVNAH as one of the top 500 home health agencies in the United States, the only Vermont agency ranked in the upper five percent, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice on being named one of the top 500 home health agencies in the United States, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice Executive Director Ronald Cioffi.

H.C.R. 150.

House concurrent resolution congratulating former Jamaica town clerk and treasurer Warren Patrick on his centennial birthday

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Jamaica

Whereas, Warren Patrick enthusiastically composes letters to the Brattleboro Reformer expressing his views on life from the perspective of a person who has lived for nearly a century, and

Whereas, among his observations is that old age is a gift to be treasured and that with aging comes great freedom, which he is using to write a memoir that begins on June 13, 1911 when he was born in New Britain, Connecticut, and

Whereas, after graduating from high school, he was employed at a hardware store until the economic impact of the Great Depression forced the store's owner to terminate his employment, and

Whereas, enlisting in the federal Civilian Conservation Corps, Warren Patrick assisted in the construction of state parks until a new job opportunity arose at Firestone Tire and Rubber in Hartford, Connecticut, and

Whereas, during World War II, he was employed at Pratt & Whitney, which was manufacturing military aircraft engines, and

Whereas, following the war, Warren Patrick and his wife, who died in 1994, moved to Jamaica where he has resided for over 60 years, and

Whereas, for many years, he constructed seasonal and year-round homes in the Jamaica area, including one he resided in for decades, and

Whereas, by 1957, Warren Patrick was a well respected member of the community who agreed to serve as town clerk and treasurer on an interim basis when a vacancy occurred, and

Whereas, instead of the originally planned few months, he ably served in these dual posts for 11 years, and

Whereas, he has worked locally in the insurance and real estate industry, and

Whereas, at age 97, Warren Patrick remained a man of enormous vigor and posed standing on top of a car for the front page of the Jamaica annual town report issued in 2009, and

Whereas, he has been active in local religious and civic organizations, served as treasurer of the Jamaica Historical Foundation, and is an avid photographer whose photos have been locally displayed, and

Whereas, on June 13, Warren Patrick will joyously celebrate his 100th birthday as will his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate former Jamaica town clerk and treasurer Warren Patrick on his centennial birthday, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 151.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks Division I championship boys' hockey team

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

Whereas, Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) has been represented in the final faceoff in Division I boys' ice hockey playoffs for each of the last four years, and

Whereas, in the season's opening weeks, CVU compiled a solid 9–0 record before emerging with a 1–1 tie from the only regular season encounter against the Essex High School Hornets, its eventual championship game opponent, and

Whereas, when the regular season concluded, the Hornets' 15–4–1 record merited the second seed in the Division I playoff competition, and

Whereas, the Redhawks defeated South Burlington and BFA St. Albans in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds, respectively, and

Whereas, having skated their way onto the championship ice, the Redhawks were excited to battle for another chance at the divisional championship, and

Whereas, the presence of a large crowd of cheering Redhawk fans gave the players an added incentive to defeat the top-seeded Essex Hornets who brought a 16-game undefeated streak onto the ice, and

Whereas, the first period ended in a scoreless tie as defense proved the dominating form of play, and

Whereas, in the midst of the second period, a Redhawk fired a shot under the crossbar with barely sufficient room for the puck to travel between the Essex goalie and the bar, but enough to enable CVU to record the second period's, and ultimately the game's, only goal, and

Whereas, although the Hornets made serious attempts to score during the second period, the Redhawk goaltender proved a powerful defender, recording 15 saves during the middle third of the game and 29 overall, and

Whereas, Redhawks Mayson Kropf, Kirk Fontana, Robbie Dobrowski, Drew Davis, Jeremy Lerner, Wilson Yandell, Jamie Thayer, Derek Goodwin,

Quinn Kropf, Max Hopper, Ethan Childs, Teddy Marshall, Adam Kaminsky, Chris Bulla, Griffin Brady, Jeffrey Thompson, Patrick Keelan, Kyle Logan, JP Benoit, Alex Bulla, Erick MacLean, Jason O'Brien, and Zackery Weimer were thrilled with their victory and welcomed the support of Head Coach Mike Murray, assistant coaches Matt Hopper and Ben Psaros, team manager Kyler Murray, and athletic trainer Tony Lora, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Champlain Valley Union High School Redhawks Division I championship boys' hockey team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 152.

House concurrent resolution honoring Frank Thornton of Charlotte

Offered by: Representative Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Baruth, Fox, Lyons, Miller and Snelling

Whereas, Frank Thornton is perhaps more intimately acquainted with the history of Charlotte than any other living resident of the town, and

Whereas, as the town's unofficial historian, Frank Thornton is well versed in Charlotte's legal development dating from its being chartered in 1762, and

Whereas, the entire breadth of selectboard minutes and adopted ordinances, and even those proposed that never gained the board's assent, extending back to the 18th century are documents he knows well, and

Whereas, the research methodology Frank Thornton prefers is premised on firsthand observations and not only archival and library-centered investigations, and

Whereas, he has often walked through Charlotte, both alone and as the leader of organized community outings, many under the auspices of the Charlotte Historical Society, identifying older homes, the location of farms, and learning about the individuals associated with these sites, and

Whereas, Frank Thornton researched the history of Charlotte's roads, and his comprehensive findings are compiled in a book which is now kept in the town vault, and

Whereas, on a continuing basis, he has written a series of articles entitled "Looking Back" which have been published in the *Charlotte News*, and

Whereas, among the topics covered in his historical vignettes are shifty brides, discussing the correlation of a woman's marital status and right to own property; poverty in Charlotte, discussing the pauper laws and their impact on Charlotte; and an analysis of 19th-century town warnings ordering the departure from the town of specified individuals, and

Whereas, a desire to serve Charlotte's citizenry in a more contemporary context prompted Frank Thornton to stand for election to the Charlotte selectboard, on which he served with great distinction for many years and was a much-respected member, and

Whereas, in 2010, Frank Thornton concluded his tenure on the selectboard, and on February 23, 2011, a grateful town honored him for his roles as community servant and town historian, and paid tribute to his wife, Mary, who is so much a part of his life, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Frank Thornton of Charlotte, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Frank Thornton in Charlotte.

H.C.R. 153.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the role of registered nurses in the delivery of health care in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Spengler of Colchester, Keenan of St. Albans City, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Acinapura of Brandon, Atkins of Winooski, Batchelor of Derby, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Royalton, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donahue of Northfield, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, Gilbert of Fairfax, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of South Hero, Kilmartin of Newport City, Koch of Barre Town, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, McFaun of Barre Town, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Pearson of Burlington, Peaslee of Guildhall, Perley of Enosburgh, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Taylor of Barre City, Toll of Danville and Townsend of Randolph

Offered by: Senators Kittell and Ayer

Whereas, 14,931 registered nurses licensed in Vermont represent our state's largest health care resource, and

Whereas, 855 advanced practice registered nurses collaborate with physicians to serve Vermonters as adult, pediatric, and family nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, clinical specialists, and nurse anesthetists, and

Whereas, registered nurses make up 70 percent of the health care providers in Vermont, and

Whereas, these registered nurses use nursing research and evidence-based practice to provide care to the citizens of Vermont in hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, clinics, physician offices, correctional facilities, workplaces, and homes, and

Whereas, registered nurses increase their education, design their practice, and direct their research to advance nursing care in collaboration with other medical care to promote health, prevent illness, manage chronic diseases, improve the health care delivery system, and provide for the unmet health care needs of our most vulnerable citizens, and

Whereas, April 20, 2011 is Vermont Nurses' Day at the state house in recognition of the crucial role of registered nurses in the delivery of health care in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the role of registered nurses in the delivery of quality health care, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont State Nurses' Association.

H.C.R. 154.

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

Offered by: Representative Shaw of Pittsford

Offered by: Senator Flory

Whereas, on October 12, 1761, New Hampshire's Governor Benning Wentworth granted a charter to a group of proprietors for the town of Pitt's Ford (later changed to Pittsford), in honor of British Prime Minister William Pitt and in recognition of a ford on Otter Creek, which crosses the granted tract, and the new town's boundaries were described as "Beginning at the northwesterly corner of Rutland,..." and

Whereas, among the earliest, if not the first, settlers were half brothers Gideon and Benjamin Cooley who arrived in 1767 to farm, and

Whereas, the first existing record of a proprietors' meeting dates from 1771 and was held in Pittsford at the home of Ebenezer Hopkins who was elected moderator for the meeting, and

Whereas, in 1780, Fort Vengeance was constructed to protect local residents against British soldiers and in response to recent Indian attacks, and

Whereas, the first successful effort to organize a religious congregation occurred in April 1784 when the Congregationalist Church was established, and a Baptist Church followed soon thereafter; and the first structure to serve as a religious (for the Baptist Church) and secular gathering place was a log meeting house built in 1786, and

Whereas, a few acres that form a triangle in Sugar Hollow are known among native fern enthusiasts as the fern capital east of the Mississippi, and Pittsford summer resident, fern authority, and author, Margaret Slosson, has identified a new variety of beech fern that is named for her, and

Whereas, the marble quarries of Pittsford have long been known near and far as a major resource for a much-sought-after construction material, and the railroad provided a means to transport this natural resource, and

Whereas, Pittsford has been home to iron blast furnaces and the Granger Company's handsomely molded cast iron stoves, abundant sheep farms, and the Vermont State Sanatorium for tuberculosis patients, and it is the location of the ice cave located between Bald and East peaks, and

Whereas, the town of Pittsford will celebrate its 250th anniversary at the annual Pittsford Day festivities on Saturday, June 25, and the Pittsford Historical Society, the Lothrop School, and the Maclure Library, which will host a series of programs highlighting the town's history, will also mark the occasion, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 250th anniversary of the town of Pittsford and extends best wishes to the town, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Pittsford town clerk and the Pittsford Historical Society.

H.C.R. 155.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Revitalizing Waterbury on its 20th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury and Ellis of Waterbury

Whereas, since the early 19th century, downtown Waterbury has been an historic commercial center in central Vermont, and

Whereas, after decades of deterioration, the Stimson & Graves building was threatened to be demolished and replaced with a car wash, and

Whereas, in 1991, Kathy O'Dell Thompson, Bob McLeod, and Jeff Kilgore executed a purchase and sale agreement for the Stimson & Graves building and formed the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization Revitalizing Waterbury, and

Whereas, the original mission of Revitalizing Waterbury was “to preserve and enhance the economic, historic and social vitality of downtown Waterbury,” and

Whereas, ensuring that downtown Waterbury remains a welcoming and inviting destination for visitors and residents has been a continuing goal, and

Whereas, Revitalizing Waterbury recognizes that its mission is not one to be completed in the short term but represents a commitment to a continuing process, and its executive director, Jeanne Kirby, board of directors, and committees work collaboratively to make downtown Waterbury a more enticing destination, and the organization publicizes its activities in its *Revival News & Notes* newsletter, and

Whereas, among the most important efforts was assisting Waterbury in successfully securing state downtown designation in 2006 and the economic and tax benefits which it provides, and

Whereas, with respect to brick and mortar projects, Revitalizing Waterbury is especially proud of its contribution to the beautiful historic restoration of the Stimson & Graves Block in 1992 and the Waterbury railroad station in 2006, and

Whereas, these building projects created previously unavailable downtown spaces for economic development, affordable housing, and community activities through public and private partnerships with local governments and businesses, and

Whereas, during 2011, Revitalizing Waterbury is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a number of exciting activities, the first of which was the ninth annual Waterbury Community Fair which was held at the Thatcher Brook Elementary School on February 27, and

Whereas, later this year, on July 15–16, the Stowe Street Arts Festival will take over this downtown thoroughfare, featuring musicians and dancers, great food for eating, dozens of artists displaying their creations, and programs for children, and

Whereas, the fifth annual Waterbury Holiday Stroll will round out the year on December 3, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Revitalizing Waterbury on its 20th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jeanne Kirby at Revitalizing Waterbury.

H.C.R. 156.

House concurrent resolution designating April as Fair Housing Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington and Ram of Burlington

Whereas, the right to dwell wherever any individual wishes without regard to race, religion, national origin, gender, or age was not historically enshrined in federal law, and

Whereas, for generations, millions of Americans were denied the housing of their choice because of one of these factors, and

Whereas, despite the United States Supreme Court's prohibition in 1948 of judicial enforcement of restrictive covenants in the case of Shelley v Kraemer, discriminatory housing policies in neighborhoods and even entire communities continued to be legal if privately enforced, and

Whereas, by the middle 1960s, following Congress's passage of both the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, housing discrimination remained a barrier in both the rental and sales markets, and

Whereas, the open housing marches that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led in Chicago in 1966, his assassination on April 4, 1968, and the riots that followed in its wake proved the catalyst that finally persuaded Congress of the necessity to enact federal fair housing legislation, and

Whereas, Congress responded with unusual haste to President Johnson's urgent appeal, and, within days, on April 11, 1968, he signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Title VIII of which is known as the Fair Housing Act, and

Whereas, the legislative breakthrough achieved in this act began a process of guaranteeing that individuals could rent or purchase a home without regard to their race, religion, national origin, age, or gender, and, as the act was later amended, disability, and

Whereas, in observance of the signing of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, many jurisdictions are designating April as Fair Housing Month in order both to remember the passage of this historic legislation and to renew the commitment to fair and open housing for all Americans, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April as Fair Housing Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Human Rights Commission.

H.C.R. 157.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Twinfield Union High School Trojans Division IV championship boys' basketball team

Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

Whereas, cheering on the Twinfield Union High School Trojans 2011 boys' basketball team proved to be an exhilarating experience from their opening tip-off until the season's grand championship finale at the Barre Auditorium, and

Whereas, when regular season play concluded, the undefeated Trojans had earned a second seed for the playoff tournament, and

Whereas, as many players and fans anticipated, the championship contest matched Twinfield against the first-seeded Danville High School located just 17 miles north of Twinfield on Route 2, and

Whereas, Twinfield scored the first five points and never trailed Danville, but the Indians were still talented opponents, and

Whereas, the Indians tied the game at 13–all, but the combination of jumper and bucket shots enabled Twinfield to finish the first quarter ahead 17–13, and

Whereas, Danville briefly equaled Twinfield on the scoring board early in the second quarter, but by halftime, the Trojans were leading 31–26, and at the third quarter's conclusion, owned a 48–38 advantage, and

Whereas, although Danville put on a final 8–0 surge at the fourth quarter's start, Twinfield followed with a succession of 10 successful foul-line shots to win the game 64–58 and the 2011 Division IV boys' basketball championship, and

Whereas, the Trojans who achieved an impressive 24–0 undefeated season were Chet Tyrol, Miguel Gonzales, Avery Whitcomb, Dillon Austin, Jacob Chouinard, Brandon Gibbs, Neil Weinreich, Tyson Robinson, Chad Copeland,

David Codling, Cody Brickey, Ethan Barnett, Bradley Brickey, and Merle Darling, and

Whereas, Twinfield coach Ira Wheeler and assistant coach Jeremy Cushing provided inspiring leadership, and team manager Jack Whalen was of great assistance, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Twinfield Union High School Trojans Division IV championship boys' basketball team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 158.

House concurrent resolution congratulating L. Raymond Massucco on being named the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce 2011 Person of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Trieber of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce serves communities surrounding the gorge waterfalls on the Connecticut River, including the village of Bellows Falls, and

Whereas, each year, the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce designates a person of the year, and

Whereas, in 2011, this distinct honor belongs to attorney L. Raymond (Ray) Massucco, who for four decades has served the village of Bellows Falls and Windham County in many professional and volunteer capacities, and

Whereas, as a distinguished lawyer with the firm of Massucco Law Offices, P.C., Ray Massucco's professional roles have included a decade of membership on the Vermont Board of Bar Examiners, service since 1975 as an acting state court judge, and serving as past president and current secretary of the Windham County Bar Association, and

Whereas, he has represented the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union and is legal counsel to the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union High School District 27, Rockingham Memorial Hospital, and since 1983, the village of Bellows Falls has relied on his wise legal advice as its attorney, and

Whereas, beyond the context of his law office, Ray Massucco has chaired the Rockingham Planning Commission and the Rockingham Free Public

Library Board of Trustees, and he is the president and founding member of Rockingham Townscape, Inc., and

Whereas, Ray Massucco's great interest in the arts is reflected in his ownership of Vermont Festivals, LLC, an organization which sponsors musical and theatrical performances at the Bellows Falls Opera House and the annual Roots on the River Festival which attracts enthusiastic audiences, and

Whereas, the selection of Ray Massucco as the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce 2011 Person of the Year honors his leadership in Bellows Falls and throughout Windham County, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates L. Raymond Massucco on being named the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce 2011 Person of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ray Massucco in Bellows Falls.

H.C.R. 159.

House concurrent resolution honoring Joan Goodrich for her exemplary higher education leadership in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Campion of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington and Morrissey of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, since 1979, Joan Goodrich has made a sustaining and vital contribution to higher education in Vermont, and

Whereas, she has helped keep Bennington College on the path of educational excellence, and

Whereas, Joan Goodrich's leadership at Bennington College has been especially timely in recent years when, despite challenging circumstances, in her role as vice president for planning and special programs, she has enabled the college to reclaim its pioneering role in American higher education, and

Whereas, her passionate commitment to making higher education accessible in Vermont has been repeatedly exhibited in her work with the Vermont Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and

Whereas, from October 1, 1985 to June 30, 2003, Joan Goodrich served on the board of the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC), including service as its vice chair and subsequently as chair, and

Whereas, three governors—Kunin, Snelling, and Dean—appointed her to the seat on the VSAC board reserved for a financial aid officer, and

Whereas, her wise and steadfast leadership in this position helped secure VSAC's financial position, breadth of services, and clarity of mission, helping countless students to pursue a college education and take advantage of opportunities little imagined, and

Whereas, the Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE) in Bennington has greatly benefited from her leadership, including her service as a board member from 1990 to 1996 and as its president from 1992 to 1996, and

Whereas, Joan Goodrich, who has been an extraordinarily engaged citizen of Vermont, will retire from her position as vice president for planning and special programs at Bennington College on June 30, 2011, and she will leave a legacy of professional accomplishment and institutional improvement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honor Joan Goodrich for her exemplary higher education leadership in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joan Goodrich at Bennington College.