

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**HOUSE AND SENATE
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**Text of House and Senate
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. 160.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Blair Hamilton

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Acinapura of Brandon, Ancel of Calais, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Royalton, Campion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Fisher of Lincoln, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gilbert of Fairfax, Greshin of Warren, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Larson of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Derby, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Munger of South Burlington, Nuovo of Middlebury, Olsen of Jamaica, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Smith of Morristown, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Townsend of Randolph, Trieber of Rockingham, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of

Burlington, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Albany

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Sears, Snelling, Starr, Westman and White

Whereas, Blair Hamilton was among the foremost innovators in the development of clean and efficient energy initiatives, and

Whereas, he graduated from Antioch College and earned a degree in architecture from McGill University, and

Whereas, Blair Hamilton and his life partner and public policy partner Beth Sachs helped to establish energy-related organizations in California and Montana, and then founded the Memphremagog Group in Newport, and

Whereas, in 1986, they established the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC), which provides consultancy services to both the public and private sector around the globe, and

Whereas, VEIC has facilitated the implementation of creative and successful energy efficiency policies and projects that have reduced the consumption of fossil fuels and introduced more efficient use of energy resources, and

Whereas, Blair Hamilton was the individual most responsible for the formation of Efficiency Vermont, our state's vibrant energy efficiency utility, which has served as a model for other states, and

Whereas, his pioneering work in promoting energy efficiency has been honored repeatedly, including the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy's naming Blair Hamilton a "Champion of Energy Efficiency" and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government granting VEIC an innovation award which Blair Hamilton accepted on the organization's behalf, and

Whereas, in 2010, Vermont Law School conferred upon him an honorary doctor of law degree, and

Whereas, in the moments he was not focused on matters related to energy efficiency, Blair Hamilton enjoyed singing folk songs, skiing, and living in Burlington with Beth Sachs, and

Whereas, Blair Hamilton lived a vigorous life despite having been diagnosed in 1991 with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, but on Friday April 8, his valiant effort to live life to the fullest ended with his death at age 61, and his survivors include Beth Sachs, son Ben, his parents, and his siblings Bruce,

Ann, and Lynne, and many persons who have lost a special friend, now therefore be it

Resolved: That the General Assembly extends sincere condolences to the family of Blair Hamilton, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation and to members of his family.

H.C.R. 161.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Andre Messier of Lake Region Union High School on being named the 2012 Vermont MetLife/NASSP High School Principal of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Young of Albany, Strong of Albany, Batchelor of Derby, Higley of Lowell, Johnson of Canaan, Kilmartin of Newport City, Lewis of Derby and Marcotte of Coventry

Offered by: Senators Illuzzi and Starr

Whereas, the NASSP (National Association of Secondary School Principals) and MetLife jointly sponsor the National Principal of the Year Award competition for both middle and high schools, and

Whereas, two principals are selected from every state, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity program, and these winners compete for semifinalist and finalist national honors, and

Whereas, the criteria that the judges consider include personal excellence, collaborative leadership, curriculum instruction and assessment, and personalization, and

Whereas, for the award's 2012 cycle, Andre Messier of Lake Region Union High School in Orleans was named the Vermont winner, and

Whereas, Andre Messier's special relationship with Lake Region derives from his being a graduate, a former teacher, and a former assistant principal, and since becoming principal two years ago, he has worked collaboratively with students and teachers to attack the school's high dropout rate, and

Whereas, it is exciting that a principal from one of the state's small rural high schools in the Northeast Kingdom was given this award which also honors the innovative school leadership that he has implemented, and

Whereas, he was informed in advance of this thrilling career milestone and was requested not to reveal his selection as this year's recipient of the Vermont

award until an official announcement was released, but such great news proved impossible to keep secret in the closely knit Lake Region community, and

Whereas, once the news was leaked, the school conducted a special honor assembly that everyone except Andre Messier knew was scheduled, and the challenging logistics included the students figuratively, if not literally, tiptoeing to the event, and the vice principal summoning Andre Messier to the event via a walkie-talkie transmitted request, and

Whereas, upon Andre Messier's arrival at the assembly, the students, faculty, and staff proudly presented their principal with a commemorative plaque, and

Whereas, Andre Messier will now be Vermont's contender for MetLife/NASSP National High School Principal of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate Andre Messier of Lake Region Union High School on being named the 2012 Vermont MetLife/NASSP High School Principal of the Year and extend best wishes in the national competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Andre Messier at Lake Region Union High School.

H.C.R. 162.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Willis Lansing Curtis

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, Willis (Will) Curtis of Woodstock celebrated the events, people, and natural history of Vermont through his delightfully written and beautifully illustrated books and informative radio broadcasts, and

Whereas, born in Marlboro, Massachusetts in September 1917, his ties to Vermont date to the late 1930s when he attended the Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, and

Whereas, Will Curtis and his wife, Jane, who was a close partner and collaborator in all his life's endeavors, operated a dairy farm in Hartland, and

Whereas, his active participation in agricultural associations expanded his civic horizons, and he served as the member from Hartland in the House of Representatives during the 1963 Biennium, and

Whereas, Will and Jane Curtis's literary passions served them well during their proprietorship in the 1960s of the Yankee Bookstore in Woodstock, and

Whereas, their love of books, and special interest in Vermont's cultural heritage, motivated them to celebrate our state as coauthors of a number of volumes, including ones on historic Woodstock, George Perkins Marsh, Calvin Coolidge, and military sites in the Champlain Valley, and looking beyond the state's borders, they were among the authors of a monograph on the artists of Monhegan Island, Maine, and

Whereas, Will Curtis's volunteer work with the Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences served as the springboard for his best known role as the host of "The Nature of Things" radio series, aired for many years on Vermont Public Radio and distributed nationwide for listeners to enjoy and to learn about our natural environment, and his writings about Jane Curtis's and his journeys to exotic locations and his scripts were compiled into two anthologies, and

Whereas, Will Curtis was an active and avid member of the Ottaquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club who, with his wife, led outdoor excursions ranging from historic walks to mountain ascents, and they were coauthors of the Green Mountain Club's 75th anniversary volume, *Green Mountain Adventure: Vermont's Long Trail*, and

Whereas, Will Curtis's long and well-lived life has now concluded at the age of 93, and his survivors include his wife, Jane, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of former Representative Willis Lansing Curtis, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jane Curtis in Woodstock.

H.C.R. 163.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Global Campuses Foundation on its tenth anniversary

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph, Townsend of Randolph, Christie of Hartford, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Donahue of Northfield, Emmons of Springfield, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Kilmartin of Newport City, Leriche of Hardwick, Marcotte of Coventry, Martin of Springfield, Reis of St. Johnsbury and South of St. Johnsbury

Whereas, Global Campuses Foundation (GCF) is a federally tax-exempt 501(c)(3) corporation established in 2001 with the purpose of promoting social profit through its educational programs, and

Whereas, its Vermont headquarters is in Randolph, and

Whereas, the worldwide mission of Global Campuses Foundation is to support adults of differing abilities to create, manage, and sustain campuses of advanced learning, and

Whereas, under the leadership of its founders, James and Sheryl Tewksbury, GCF established innovative grassroots educational programs and responded to an invitation from adults with disabilities in the Northeast Kingdom to facilitate the development of three Global Campuses in their community, and

Whereas, the GCF educational model has expanded to serve adults with differing abilities in other locations in Vermont and in New Hampshire and Thailand, and

Whereas, the work of GCF celebrates persons of differing abilities and enhances the lives of hundreds of persons, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate Global Campuses Foundation on its tenth anniversary and the participants in the organization's programs in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Thailand, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Global Campuses Foundation in Randolph.

H.C.R. 164.

House concurrent resolution designating October 15, 2011, as the sixth annual Vermont Pumpkin Carving Day

Offered by: Representatives Wilson of Manchester, Browning of Arlington, Komline of Dorset and Olsen of Jamaica

Whereas, the carving and displaying of pumpkins are nearly as symbolic of October in Vermont as the countryside's colorful pageantry of leaves, and

Whereas, in October 2006, the first Vermont Pumpkin Carving Day was held in Manchester, and in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010, the general assembly renewed its official recognition of each year's festive fall gathering, and

Whereas, after several successful pumpkin carving celebrations in the town of Manchester, it is now an ideal time to extend statewide this exciting prelude to the holiday season, and

Whereas, the Manchester and the Mountains Regional Chamber of Commerce is inviting every Vermont town to stage a pumpkin carving event that will serve as a substantial local economic driver, and

Whereas, in order to celebrate the art of pumpkin carving and as an incentive to encourage the economically important Columbus Day holiday weekend visitors to linger in Vermont just a little longer, a mid-October statewide pumpkin carving day would encourage other communities to conduct pumpkin carving festivities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Saturday, October 15, 2011, as the sixth annual Vermont Pumpkin Carving Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Executive Director Berta Maginniss of the Manchester and the Mountains Regional Chamber of Commerce, President Betsy Bishop of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director Steven Jeffrey of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Secretary Chuck Ross of the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, and Commissioner Megan Smith of the Department of Tourism and Marketing.

H.C.R. 165.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the town of Pawlet

Offered by: Representative Malcolm of Pawlet

Whereas, on August 26, 1761, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth granted to Jonathan Willard and other proprietors a charter for the town of Pawlet that encompassed an area not to be greater than six miles square, “Begining the North West Corner of Rupert from thence runing due North Six Miles Thence due East Six Miles thence Due South Six Miles to the North East Corner of Rupert . . .”, and

Whereas, Jonathan Willard visited the site in either 1761 or 1762 and cleared some land but he remained only briefly, and

Whereas, although the first known meeting of the proprietors occurred in 1764, the first settler, Dr. Simon Burton, arrived in 1768, and he became Pawlet’s first town clerk in 1769, and

Whereas, Pawlet’s citizens fought bravely during the Revolutionary War, and

Whereas, the first religious congregation organized in Pawlet was the Congregational Church founded in 1781, and

Whereas, due to the fertility of the land in the Mettowee River Valley, agricultural pursuits were central to Pawlet’s early economy as was the production of potash and maple sugar, and

Whereas, several mills operated in Pawlet during the 19th century by deriving water power from either the Flower Brook or the Mettowee River, and

Whereas, the opening in 1851 of the Rutland and Washington Railroad through West Pawlet spurred the opening of slate quarries and the arrival of a sizeable community of Welsh and other immigrants with mining backgrounds, and

Whereas, musically speaking, in 1855, Pawlet's Joshua Stoddard was granted a patent for a steam calliope, and

Whereas, during the Civil War, Pawlet native Marcellus Jones fired the first shot at the Battle of Gettysburg, and

Whereas, while Pawlet's brave men were defending the union at great risk to their own lives, the Consider Bardwell farm in West Pawlet opened Vermont's first cheese factory in 1864, and

Whereas, in 1881, construction commenced on Pawlet's town hall, which has served the citizenry well for over century, and

Whereas, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of its charter, Pawlet is planning a festive day of celebratory events on August 26, 2011 at which a parade, a barbecue, a street dance, a ghost walk, fireworks, and the appearance of Daniel Webster, no less, are planned, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorate the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the town of Pawlet, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 166.

House concurrent resolution congratulating McNeil & Reedy of Rutland City on the haberdashery's 55th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Acinapura of Brandon, Andrews of Rutland City, Batchelor of Derby, Bouchard of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Donahue of Northfield, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Font-Russell of Rutland City, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Komline of Dorset, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lewis of Berlin, Lewis of Derby, Martin of Springfield, McAllister of Highgate, McNeil of Rutland Town, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Perley of Enosburgh, Potter of Clarendon, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Turner of Milton and Winters of Williamstown

Offered by: Senators Flory, Carris and Mullin

Whereas, McNeil & Reedy opened its doors on April 16, 1956 at 81–83 Merchants Row, and Rutland City Mayor Dan Healy presided at the grand opening, where a pair of pants was cut instead of a ribbon, and

Whereas, the entrepreneurs who established McNeil & Reedy were James (Jimmy) McNeil and George Reedy, and

Whereas, Jimmy McNeil opened his new store after gaining 17 years of retailing experience at the Varsity Shop and in the men’s and boys’ department at the Economy Store, where he had been manager since 1953, and

Whereas, McNeil & Reedy first operated as the local franchise for Bond Clothing, and Jimmy McNeil described his establishment as the working man’s store, and

Whereas, over the decades, McNeil & Reedy has developed the finest and most complete collection of tuxedos in Rutland County, which since 1969 have been offered for rent as well as sale, and

Whereas, starting in 2004, the Rutland Herald readers voted McNeil & Reedy as the best clothing store for three consecutive years, and

Whereas, McNeil & Reedy also sells public safety and fraternal organizations’ uniforms, and since 1980, an expert tailoring department has been serving customers, and

Whereas, the McNeil family is civically minded as Jimmy McNeil served as a member and chair of the Rutland City Board of Aldermen, acting mayor, and belonged to many fraternal organizations; his son, James, currently serves in the House of Representatives; and McNeil & Reedy has actively participated in and financially supported many worthy civic and charitable institutions, and

Whereas, McNeil & Reedy has remained a family enterprise with Jimmy’s twin sons John and James, now serving as president and treasurer respectively, grandson, Casey as secretary, and other family members, including his wife, Jane, daughter and son-in-law, Lynnette and Lawrence Gorman, and granddaughters, Alicia, Chelsea, and Whitney, have worked in varying roles at the store, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates McNeil & Reedy of Rutland City on the haberdashery’s 55th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to McNeil & Reedy in Rutland City.

H.C.R. 167.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the South Royalton High School Global Impact Apprentice Water Quality Team

Offered by: Representative Buxton of Royalton

Whereas, South Royalton High School's (SoRo) implementation of the Solar in School's Award attracted the attention of the Global Impact Apprentice Challenge (GIA), a virtual and hands-on service-learning competition and led to SoRo's selection as a participating school in the Empower Peace challenge, and

Whereas, the GIA enables American high school students at three selected schools to partner with their peers at a high school in the Middle East or North Africa on a service-learning environmental studies project, and

Whereas, three videoconferences, each featuring all three teams offering project presentations, serve as a direct link for the students on both sides of the globe and as a digital forum for environmental experts to judge each team's presentation, and

Whereas, after the third videoconference, students from the winning team are awarded a trip to visit their counterpart school across the sea, and

Whereas, the SoRo students had an assignment of water quality for which they used technological resources to gather international ideas and conduct research, and they consulted professionals to guide them, and

Whereas, in their dream of preserving water quality, the SoRo students collaborated with the White River Partnership and other experts in the planning of a riparian buffer zone that on April 29 will be planted along the White River with community participation in the event, and

Whereas, the SoRo team was partnered with the Shevah Mofet School in Tel Aviv, Israel where the students are working to improve water quality in the Yarkon River, and

Whereas, after two of the three videoconferences, the SoRo–Sheva Mofet team is in the lead in the GIA competition, and

Whereas, the entire SoRo GIA roster, consisting of Callan George, Skye Lockwood, Sarah Caron, Ellen Manby, Parker Audsley, Jesse James, Alexander Berk, Maggie Dakin, Emma Honigford, Leif Johnson, Dylan Orechovesky, Rebecca Paige, Moriah Post-Kinney, Barbara Timian, and Callie Wuttke, hopes to accomplish its project goals and have its water quality message reach a large audience, and

Whereas, SoRo principal Shaun Pickett offered his team a vision of the project, technology specialist Raymond Ballou helped the team focus on its work, and faculty members Mary Waterman, Gaylynn Huyghebaert, and Rose Kent from So Ro and Daniela Feldman from Shevah Mofet provided the students insightful leadership, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the South Royalton High School Global Impact Apprentice Water Quality Team and wishes them every success in their third and final videoconference presentation, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the GIA team at South Royalton High School.

H.C.R. 168.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Dr. Arthur Faris

Offered by: Representative Miller of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, one of the most respected citizens in the town of Shaftsbury was Dr. Arthur Faris, whose medical expertise, role as a public education leader, and civic engagement left a lasting beneficial impact on his community, and

Whereas, a World War II veteran, he graduated from Princeton University and from Albany Medical School, and

Whereas, he and his late wife, Dr. Elizabeth Faris, jointly operated a family medicine practice in Shaftsbury for nearly 40 years, and

Whereas, their commitment to serving all patients who knocked on their door led them to accept nontraditional forms of compensation, and

Whereas, he and his wife built the Shaftsbury Medical and Dental Center and provided practicum experiences for second-year medical students, and when they retired from practice, the town honored them for their medical service, and

Whereas, Bennington County called upon Dr. Arthur Faris's expertise during his tenure as the county's medical examiner, and he also served as the Shaftsbury town health officer and the physician for the Vermont Veterans' Home, and

Whereas, the Vermont Academy of Family Physicians benefited from his leadership as the organization's president and presented him with its Physician of the Year Award in 1993, and

Whereas, as one of the original members of the Mount Anthony Union School District board, Dr. Arthur Faris was a leader in the effort to create a regional secondary education center, and

Whereas, in the town of Shaftsbury, he assumed elected and appointed leadership positions including selectboard chair, town auditor, lister, and zoning board member, and

Whereas, his political interests led him to serve as vice chair of the Shaftsbury Town Democratic Committee, and

Whereas, on March 7, 2011, this esteemed resident of Shaftsbury died, leaving three sons, Tom, Chris, and Greg, a daughter Ann, and a grandson Jaalid, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the children and grandchild of Dr. Arthur Faris of Shaftsbury, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 169.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the town of Dorset on its 250th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Komline of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, the town of Dorset was established, in accordance with a 1761 charter that New Hampshire Governor Benning Wentworth granted, to 64 grantees, of whom 17 were named Lyman, though none of the family's members ever arrived in Dorset, and

Whereas, the town was probably named in honor of an English nobleman, Lionel Cranfield Sackville, the first duke of Dorset, and the town's boundaries commenced "At the North West Corner of Manchester . . .," and

Whereas, the first known Dorset records recording a town meeting date from 1797, but other documents make reference to the election of Asa Baldwin at a town meeting convened on March 8, 1774, and

Whereas, the four Dorset Conventions convened in 1775 and 1776, all held at Cephas Kent's tavern, were significant events in the progression toward the establishment of Vermont as an independent state, and

Whereas, the Dorset Congregational Church was founded on September 22, 1784 as the first religious body in Dorset, and its meetinghouse was built in Maple Hill, and

Whereas, the long association between Dorset and marble began in 1785 when the nation's first marble quarry was started, and the establishment of the Fenton (later Bennington) Potteries in the early 19th century brought a second important industry to the town, and

Whereas, Dorset has been known as the center of artistic creativity, and Lincoln Isham, Abraham Lincoln's great-grandson, was a leading patron, and

Whereas, a strong citizen-centered community effort in the 1960s preserved the scenic beauty of Dorset Hollow, and

Whereas, in 1978, the Kent Neighborhood Historic District, home of the four Dorset Conventions, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and in 1985, the Dorset Village Historic District was similarly honored, and

Whereas, in commemoration of Dorset's 250th anniversary, on Saturday, August 20, 2011, a festive day of celebrations will feature a hike to The Pinnacle, a picnic and art event on the village green, an ice cream social, a tea at the Wilson House, and a community dinner followed by a fireworks display, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the town of Dorset 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 Dorset town clerk and the Dorset Historical Society.

H.C.R. 170.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Reverend Donald J. Ravey on the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a Roman Catholic priest

Offered by: Representatives Macaig of Williston and McCullough of Williston

Offered by: Senator Lyons

Whereas, the Reverend Donald J. Ravey, known to his parishioners and many friends as Father Don, has dedicated his life to religious service as a Roman Catholic congregational priest and hospital chaplain, and

Whereas, on May 27, 1961, Bishop Robert Francis Joyce of the Diocese of Burlington welcomed Donald J. Ravey into the priesthood at an ordination mass held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Burlington, and

Whereas, Father Don's initial assignment was at St Mary's Parish, St. Albans (1961–1966), and from 1963–1966 he also assumed priestly duties at the nearby Holy Angels Parish also in St. Albans, and

Whereas, for a brief sojourn from 1966–1967, Father Don left Vermont to offer healing comfort to the patients at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, Father Don then continued his role as a medical chaplain back home in Vermont while he worked at the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont from 1967–1971, and

Whereas, since 1971, he has worked at a number of different parishes in Chittenden, Lamoille, and Washington counties, starting at Holy Family Parish in Essex Junction, and then continuing in 1972 with joint assignments at the parishes of Our Lady of the Snows in Waitsfield and St. Patrick's in Moretown, and

Whereas, in 1977, Father Don took on a new triple parish assignment that included Holy Cross Parish in Morrisville, St. Teresa Parish in Hyde Park, and St. Gabriel Parish in Eden, and

Whereas, since 1989, he has served the congregants of the Immaculate Heart Parish in Williston, and beginning in 2005, his time has been divided between Williston and Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish in Richmond, and

Whereas, throughout his half century in the priesthood, he has earned the admiration and respect of those on whose behalf he has served as religious advisor, guide, teacher, and offer of solace at times of stress, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Reverend Donald J. Ravey on the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a Roman Catholic priest, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Reverend Donald J. Ravey in Williston.

S.C.R. 14.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring John O'Kane for his career accomplishments at IBM and for his outstanding community service.

Whereas, in 1964, John O’Kane began working for the IBM Corporation in the mailroom of its New York offices, and subsequently, while simultaneously working at IBM, he earned bachelor’s degrees in industrial management and economics and an MBA from the Wharton School of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, at IBM, John O’Kane worked extensively in the human resources arena and in 1979 became manager of human resources administration at IBM in Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1999, John O’Kane was appointed manager of government relations for IBM Burlington, a position that includes responsibility for IBM’s liaison with government, business, and community organizations, and

Whereas, for the last 12 years and with far greater regularity than his IBM predecessors, John O’Kane testified before legislative committees and met regularly with the governor and legislative leaders to advocate for IBM’s public policy positions, including those related to kindergarten through graduate school education, affordable housing, the circumferential highway, health care, workforce development, energy, and information technology, and he has always remained respectful regardless of disagreements, and

Whereas, both Governors Dean and Douglas appointed John O’Kane to workforce training and economic development advisory positions, and

Whereas, John O’Kane has served on the boards and executive committees of both the Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce and the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, and he has also worked with other trade associations, always seeking consensus on issues of importance to IBM, and

Whereas, he worked with the Vermont congressional delegation to obtain for IBM Burlington designation as a Trusted Foundry, a special federal program to ensure that critical defense programs have access to domestically produced leading-edge integrated circuits, and

Whereas, John O’Kane is highly respected within IBM nationally for his expertise in government relations, marketing, and management matters, and

Whereas, in the cultural sphere, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra benefited from his sage advice as treasurer and vice president, and

Whereas, when not involved in professional activities, John O’Kane and his wife, Suzy, are avid golfers, and

Whereas, John O’Kane is now preparing to conclude his distinguished 47-year career at IBM and is planning to move to Seattle, Washington, to be close to family members, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honor John O’Kane for his career accomplishments at IBM and for his outstanding public service to the greater community we call Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John O’Kane at IBM Burlington.

S.C.R. 15.

Senate concurrent resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster with thoughts of the current nuclear crisis in Japan.

Whereas, on April 26, 1986, an explosion knocked the cap off reactor #4 at the Chernobyl nuclear power station, 100 kilometers north of the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv (Kiev) with a multimillion population in its metropolitan area, and

Whereas, the Chernobyl accident was the largest unintentional radiation release which had occurred to that date, and

Whereas, the explosion immediately killed a number of station personnel, and some estimates of the overall death toll from the catastrophe range in the many thousands, and

Whereas, at least 600,000 personnel were sent into the most contaminated zone to manage clean-up and rescue operations, and a significant number of these individuals reportedly died within several years of the operation, and

Whereas, approximately nine tons of radioactive material were shot into the atmosphere which is 90 times more radiation than was released by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, and

Whereas, radioactive particles rained down on places thousands of miles from Chernobyl, including much of Europe and the United Kingdom, and

Whereas, as the world commemorates the 25th anniversary of this horrible event in the history of nuclear power generation, the destruction of the cooling systems at the Fukushima I (Fukushima Dai-ichi) nuclear power facility in Japan that resulted from the recent Japan earthquake and tsunami is a matter of concern, and

Whereas, the cooling systems’ destruction has led to the steady leaking of radiation and forced the evacuation of the immediate area, and

Whereas, although none of the nearly 14,000 deaths to date attributed to the recent earthquake and tsunami has been directly tied to the nuclear facility

damage, any long-term health impact of the continued radiation leaks is impossible to determine, and

Whereas, regulatory authorities in Japan have now classified the nuclear disaster at Fukushima Dai-ichi as a Level 7, the most severe on the International Nuclear Event Scale, and only Chernobyl had previously been rated as a Level 7 event, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster with thoughts of the current nuclear crisis in Japan, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Ukrainian and Japanese embassies in Washington, D.C., the Japan-America Society of Vermont, and the *Ukrainian Weekly* in Parsippany, New Jersey.

S.C.R. 16.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Dr. Cyrus Jordan and Helen Riehle for their exemplary contributions to the improvement of high-quality health care in Vermont.

Whereas, in 1988, the Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care (VPQHC) was incorporated as a nonprofit corporation to “improve health care quality in Vermont by studying the system and making it work better,” and

Whereas, in its early years, VPQHC assisted hospitals both generally and in specific clinical areas including obstetrics and gynecology, cardiology, orthopedics, and mental health, and

Whereas, in accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 9416, since 1996 the Vermont Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities, and Health Care Administration annually has contracted with VPQHC to “implement and maintain a statewide quality assurance system to evaluate and improve the quality of health care services” in Vermont, and

Whereas, two of the individuals who were largely responsible for the success of VPQHC were its former medical director, Dr. Cyrus Jordan, and executive director, Helen Riehle, and

Whereas, for 18 years, Dr. Cyrus Jordan contributed his medical expertise to the work of the VPQHC, assuring that the organization observed the highest professional and technical standards in all of its consulting, evaluation, and reporting activities, and

Whereas, during her decade as the executive director of the VPQHC, Helen Riehle carefully managed and oversaw all administrative aspects of the organization and its programs, and

Whereas, under their joint leadership, VPQHC served a major leadership role in developing the diabetes collaboratives and the pilot sites for the Blueprint for Health that enabled the Blueprint to evolve into a cornerstone of Vermont's health care reform initiatives, and

Whereas, they directed VPQHC's publication of an annual Quality Report on Vermont health care that the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality has used as a model for its own National Health Care Quality Report, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dr. Cyrus Jordan and Helen Riehle for their contributions to the improvement of health care in Vermont, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Cyrus Jordan, to Helen Riehle, and to the Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care.

S.C.R. 17.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating David Keenan on being named the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce 2011 Citizen of the Year.

Whereas, the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce annually selects a Citizen of the Year in recognition of that individual's exemplary civic and community service, and

Whereas, in 2011, the honoree is David Keenan of Lyndon, a New Hampshire graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy and Plymouth State College and the vice president of the nonprofit Northern Community Investment Corporation in St. Johnsbury, and

Whereas, he stepped forward to serve on the Ryegate selectboard immediately following college graduation, and in more recent years has been a member and chair of the Cobleigh Library Board of Directors in Lyndonville, for which he was named the 2008 Vermont Library Association Trustee of the Year, and a member of the St. Johnsbury Development Fund, and

Whereas, David Keenan has been a leader in the Lyndonville Rotary, serving as president and as an assistant district governor, and he has been named a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, and

Whereas, since the age of 16, David Keenan has volunteered as a firefighter in departments on both sides of the Connecticut River, and

Whereas, he volunteers with the wrestling program at St. Johnsbury Academy, assisting the team of which he was once a member, and

Whereas, other community service includes volunteering at the First Congregational Church, where he is a deacon, and for the local American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and

Whereas, in 2007, he was honored with the Governor's Award for Outstanding Community Service, and

Whereas, he and his wife, Bev, are the parents of two sons, Daniel and Andrew, and he has devoted much of his attention to their extracurricular activities as an adult leader and as a coach for their athletic teams, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates David Keenan on being named the Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce 2011 Citizen of the Year, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to David Keenan in Lyndon.