

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

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**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

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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. 217.

House concurrent resolution in memory of United States Marine Corporal Ian M. Muller of Danville

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, serving in the United States Marines was a career for which 22-year-old Corporal Ian Muller of Danville was eminently suited, and

Whereas, primarily home-educated, he played viola in the Green Mountain Youth Symphony, participated in sports at Danville High School including soccer and track, and greatly enjoyed skiing and snowboarding, and

Whereas, Ian Muller took art lessons and studied graphic design at Lyndon State College but eventually decided the best way for him to make a meaningful societal contribution was serving in our nation's armed forces, and

Whereas, on surveying the available options, Ian Muller selected the United States Marine Corps, which he joined in December 2007, because he viewed this smallest of the military services as an elite fighting force whose standards were the most personally demanding, and

Whereas, this choice made perfect sense for a man who loved the challenge of extreme sports and bodybuilding, and

Whereas, United States Marine Corporal Ian Muller had most recently been assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and

Whereas, in January 2011, he was deployed with his unit to serve in southern Afghanistan, and

Whereas, on March 11, 2011, Corporal Ian Muller died in Marjah district, Helmand province, Afghanistan, while conducting combat operations supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, and

Whereas, he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Action Ribbon, and he earned many other honors including the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and a Certificate of Commendation “for performance considered noteworthy beyond the call of duty,” and

Whereas, Corporal Ian Muller attended the elite Marine Corps Sniper School and graduated as a designated marksman, and

Whereas, Ian Muller was the third child of Danville realtor Clif Muller and his wife, Susanne, who served as his primary teacher, and

Whereas, Ian Muller grew up in a large yellow farmhouse with his six siblings who from oldest to youngest are Ryan, Dylan, Benjamin, Quinton, and twins Madeleine and Rubin, and

Whereas, the Muller family is known locally for its talented and entrepreneurial children who regularly have sold home-baked artisan goods at the Danville farmers’ market, and

Whereas, this outstanding citizen of Danville who died serving our nation and who was much respected in his community will not be forgotten, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of United States Marine Corporal Ian M. Muller of Danville, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 218.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division I championship football team

Offered by: Representatives Bohi of Hartford, Christie of Hartford, Bartholomew of Hartland and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, in 2011, the undefeated Hartford Hurricanes Division I football team and its powerful Hoggies offensive line scored at least 41 points in all but one of its gridiron outings, and

Whereas, the top-seeded Hurricanes faced an eager team of Middlebury Union High School Tigers in the Division I championship game, and

Whereas, in the first quarter, Middlebury fumbled the ball on its own 27-yard line, which Hartford recovered, and Hartford quickly tallied the game's first touchdown, and, late in the first quarter, a 37-yard Hurricane pass added a second, and

Whereas, a Tiger returned the subsequent kickoff for a 79-yard scoring run, gaining Middlebury's sole touchdown of the day, and

Whereas, two minutes into the second half, a Hurricane dashed 55 yards on a touchdown run, and later in that quarter, Hartford executed a further six-pointer, and

Whereas, two fourth-quarter Hartford touchdowns, including a final 36-yard interception run, resulted in a 42–6 Hurricane victory and the team's fourth Division I championship title in five years, and

Whereas, Hurricanes Dylan Rice, Nick McKinney, Taylor Potter, Shannon O'Neil, Joe Wood, Tucker Stone, Greg Shinn, Owen Newton, Branson Landon, Patrick Libuda, Cameron Gaudette, Josh Claflin, Connor Day, Travis Wilson, Tyler Searles, Brandon Tetreault, Zach Summarsell, Jon Carlson, Shayne Hamilton, Nolan Viens, Jonathan Spangler, Troy Bell, Paige Larmie, Nick Terino, Justin Loseby, Patric Roberts, John Bielecki, Miles Latham, Bobby Murray, Alex Sykas, Willy Todt, Steven Ladka, Chris Koloski, Patrick McGrath, Troy Nadeau, Kevin Ladka, Bobby Annis, Jeff DeGrasse, Michael Dulac, Joe Johnson, Nick Potwin, Matt Ocker, Ryan Acheson, Cody Mace, Josh Avery, Taylor Thompson, Steve Burnham, Nolan Frechette, Kyle Perkins, Nathan Guarino, Sullivan Mullen, Devin Potter, and Donovan Kelly were all proud members of this great football team, and

Whereas, head coach Mike Stone, assistant coaches Matt Trombley, Ben Gardner, Peter Lynch, Bill Schellong, Cory Holmes, Matt Potter, Dan Ammel, Joe McIntyre, Jeremy Durand and Pete Lynch provided strong leadership, and trainer Luna Ricker and team manager Trever Nadeau were of enormous assistance, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division I championship football team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 219.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Bruce Garrow on being named the 2011 Henry Giauque Vermont Elementary Principal of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Marek of Newfane, Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, Bruce Garrow has devoted nearly four decades to serving as a public school teacher or administrator, and

Whereas, in 1973, he began his career as a professional educator as a classroom teacher in Warwick, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, his career journey then took a northward course to Maine where Bruce Garrow worked as a teacher and principal, and

Whereas, his exemplary work performance in Maine attracted school officials in Newfane who hired him to serve as principal of the NewBrook Elementary School, and

Whereas, when Bruce Garrow arrived at NewBrook Elementary School to assume his duties as its administrative leader, five principals had held the post in the prior seven years, and 75 percent of the second graders were reading below grade level, and

Whereas, an individual with less foresight and savvy might have extended the brief tenure pattern his predecessors had established, and

Whereas, to the contrary, Bruce Garrow served as principal at NewBrook Elementary School for 14 successful years, and

Whereas, one of his important accomplishments was to reverse the reading level deficiency that existed on his arrival at the school, and

Whereas, a cornerstone of Bruce Garrow's success as a principal was showing children they can achieve anything when they see their work improve, and

Whereas, Bruce Garrow has described his work as being "a jack of all trades," and

Whereas, in the spring of 2011, Bruce Garrow announced that he would be concluding his career in education in June 2011, and when students were introduced to his successor, one fourth grader commented that the new principal will have "really big shoes to fill," and

Whereas, a panel of Vermont elementary school principals concurred with the assessment of this astute fourth grader when they selected Bruce Garrow as the 2011 Henry Giauque Vermont Elementary Principal of the Year in recognition of his enduring creative and constructive contributions to elementary education in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Bruce Garrow on being named the 2011 Henry Giaouque Vermont Elementary Principal of the Year, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 220.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters Division II championship football team

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Helm of Fair Haven, Buxton of Tunbridge, McNeil of Rutland Town and Stevens of Shoreham

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Carris, Flory, Giard and Mullin

Whereas, the 2011 Division II football championship game played at Castleton State College was a high-scoring game featuring the third-seeded Fair Haven Union High School Slaters and the fourth-seeded Bulldogs of Burr and Burton Academy, and

Whereas, the Slaters' offensive prowess was especially on display in this exciting capstone to their 2011 football season as they rushed on the ground for 320 yards and gained a total offensive yardage of 506, and

Whereas, these impressive statistics were hardly evident as the Bulldogs held a 14–8 lead in the opening moments of the second quarter, but shortly thereafter, the Slaters evened the score, and

Whereas, then a Slater recovered a Burr and Burton fumble, threw it for a long pass that briefly passed through the fingers of a Bulldog but that a second Slater captured who then ran 65 yards to score a touchdown to give Fair Haven the lead which it retained for the balance of the game, and

Whereas, to assure their triumph, the Slaters then commenced an uninterrupted 28–0 scoring campaign, including an impressive 71-yard touchdown featuring a screen pass, and

Whereas, although the Bulldogs did resume scoring, the Slaters' commanding lead proved insurmountable as Fair Haven won the game 57–34, claiming its first Division II football championship in a decade, and

Whereas, every player on the team, including Dakota Euber, Austin Amery, Levi Ellis, Andrew Reid, Forest Maynard, Jacob Alexander, Robert Coloutti, Nate Bowen, Justin Maynard, Matt Briere, Derick Hernandez, Nick Brooks, Jarrett McMahan, Alex Fontaine, Lukas Kreitchner, Cameron Hughes, Nick Hill, Michael LaPlaca, Dylan Welch, Cody Bradish, Dillon Young, Mack Tomasi, Tyler Gammell, Steve Marcoux, Mike Scott, Greg Pritchard, Justin Colomb, Brian Buehler, Neil Hier, Luke Joyal, Daniel Pelkey, Cody

Begnoche, Pierce Manley, Parker Lamoureux, and Ian Misencik, was enthusiastic as were Head Coach Ryan Audet; assistant coaches Matt Kent, Keith Alexander, Jamie Matta, Sam Cummings, Chris Halnon, DJ Perry, and Adam Perry; student liaison Katherine Pouliot; team managers Cole Tupper and Dylan Ellis; athletic trainers Mike Finnegan, Tarryn Bolognani, and Sean Leggett; and videographer John Alexander, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Fair Haven Union High School Slaters Division II championship football team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 221.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II girls' soccer championship team

Offered by: Representatives Turner of Milton, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of South Hero and Krebs of South Hero

Whereas, as the Division II champions for three of the past four years, the Milton High School Yellowjackets girls' soccer team is a pacesetter, and

Whereas, the 2011 opening game loss to South Burlington provided the dose of reality the Yellowjackets needed to energize the team as they remained undefeated from that day forward, and

Whereas, with an unsurpassed regular season record, Milton was assigned the first-seed in the divisional playoffs where its success continued, and

Whereas, when the Yellowjackets reached the decisive contest for the 2011 crown, the second-seeded Hartford Hurricanes waited for the confident but well-prepared Milton squad, and

Whereas, Hartford earned its right to be Milton's opponent as the game remained scoreless well into the first half, and

Whereas, despite the Hurricanes' obvious defensive skill, Milton's inaugural offensive success occurred with 12:26 remaining in the first half when a Yellowjacket directed the ball from 25 yards out to the upper left-hand corner of the net, and

Whereas, ten minutes into the second period, a Milton pair's combination of a corner kick and one-time home volley added a second goal to the Yellowjackets' tally, and at the second period's halfway mark, another dual scoring effort raised the score to 3-0, and

Whereas, five minutes later, a converted pass enabled the Yellowjackets to move the ball into the net for their fourth and final goal while depriving the Hurricanes of the satisfaction of scoring even once, and

Whereas, clinching a 4–0 win over Hartford and a third Division II championship title in four years delighted Yellowjackets Ashley Lauziere, Samantha Rock, Kelsey Reen, Brooke Phillips, Shannon Wells, Addison Wennar, Marina Atherton, Erin Turner, Kaitlin Reilly, Gina Abbiati, Jenna Morrissey, Casey Hurley, Paige Johnson, Laura Dickinson, Bethany Berger, Madison Loucy, Carly Bean, Nicole Menard, Kasey Johnson, Hailey Lauziere, Logan Sweeney, and Kayleigh Reid and first-year Head Coach Cory Payson, assistant coaches, Brenda Sweeney and Vincent Orest, and team managers, Cece Vestrand and Elijah Boardman, were equally pleased, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Milton High School Yellowjackets Division II girls' soccer championship team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 222.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Grafton Elementary School students on winning a Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, in 1993, the Vermont Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence were established to "recognize the actions taken by Vermonters to conserve and protect natural resources, prevent pollution, and promote environmental sustainability," and

Whereas, among the criteria for determining award recipients are a project's benefits to the environment, use of innovative approaches and technologies, and its advancement of environmental education, and

Whereas, one of the 2011 submissions for this award came from a group of Grafton Elementary School students who established a project entitled "Grafton is Green and so are We": Students take the lead to promote reusable bags, and

Whereas, the project began as a part of Grafton's Nature Museum Pale Blue Dot program, encouraging environmental reflection and action, and received partial financial support from a Windham Foundation leadership grant, and

Whereas, the students collected and displayed 2,663 single-use bags to represent the number of bags used in the United States every second, and created a slide show to illustrate the negative environmental impact of single-use bags, and

Whereas, fifth grade students designed and sold reusable bags to demonstrate that an alternative to single-use bags is readily available and viable, and

Whereas, the Grafton Elementary School students were interested in more than presenting visual evidence of single-use bags' deleterious consequences as they also sought to affect the public policy debate on this topic in a very direct manner, and

Whereas, they advocated for the introduction and adoption of H.19 in the Vermont House of Representatives which would prohibit retail establishments from providing customers with single-use bags, starting in July 2012, and

Whereas, the students were honored at a State House ceremony on June 30, 2011, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Grafton Elementary School students on winning a Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Grafton Elementary School

H.C.R. 223.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ann Thompson of Cavendish on her winning a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Offered by: Representatives Shand of Weathersfield and Dakin of Chester

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, in 1983, Congress established the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) to honor outstanding elementary and secondary school math and science teachers, and

Whereas, the National Science Foundation administers these awards on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and annually the President may name winners from all 50 states and other American jurisdictions, and

Whereas, following a business career, Ann Thompson earned a master's degree at the Vermont Institute for Science, Math and Technology, and

Whereas, the Cavendish Elementary School offered her a position as a science teacher where she has been a respected faculty member for the past 19 years, and

Whereas, Ann Thompson's three-prong "teaching philosophy is to challenge her student's assumptions, demonstrate the laws of science, and have fun," both in and outside the classroom, and

Whereas, during the course of Ann Thompson's career, her Cavendish Town Elementary School teaching colleagues have appreciated the superb quality of her professional work and the special enthusiasm she devotes to her scholastic duties, and

Whereas, in the belief that Ann Thompson is a teacher whose career achievements are unusually special, Cavendish Town Elementary teacher Jennifer Harper, herself a 2003 PAEMST winner and 2006 Vermont Teacher of the Year, nominated Ann Thompson to be a 2011 PAEMST honoree, and

Whereas, upon reviewing the intricate written and video application, the Vermont PAEMST judges designated her as one of the three Vermont nominees, and the Washington, D.C. PAEMST review panel selected Ann Thompson as one of the 85 persons President Obama announced as 2011 PAEMST winners, and

Whereas, Ann Thompson will be presented a \$10,000.00 prize and expense-free travel to Washington, D.C. for PAEMST award activities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ann Thompson of Cavendish on her winning a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ann Thompson at the Cavendish Town Elementary School.

H.C.R. 224.

House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont Public Radio's Vermont Edition for its extraordinary community service in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford, Aswad of Burlington, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Cheney of

Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Courcelle of Rutland City, Ellis of Waterbury, Haas of Rochester, Lanpher of Vergennes, Manwaring of Wilmington, Pearson of Burlington, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol and Wilson of Manchester

Whereas, on August 28, 2011, Tropical Storm Irene devastated many Vermont communities with extremely heavy rain and disastrous flooding, and

Whereas, in the days following the storm, one of the major sources of immediate and long-term informational assistance was Vermont Edition, the news and public affairs program heard weekdays on Vermont Public Radio (VPR), and

Whereas, once Tropical Storm Irene struck, Vermont Edition host, Jane Lindholm, and managing producer, Patti Daniels, along with VPR News Director, Ross Sneyd, and Vice President for News & Programming, John Van Hoesen, decided to discard the regular format and produce twice-a-day live programming devoted exclusively to Tropical Storm Irene-related information that on occasion extended beyond the normal 60-minute broadcast time, and

Whereas, the programs were initially focused on information useful for an entire town or all flood victims until Ross Sneyd announced an exception to address an individual's specific problem, and

Whereas, after that first instance, the Vermont Edition staff began searching, both through on-air inquiries and off-air research, for answers to many listeners' urgent and perplexing questions, often finding answers that would be beneficial for many others, and

Whereas, these disaster-centered Vermont Edition programs were produced through the combined efforts of the entire VPR staff who contributed incredible time and effort to assist the victims of Tropical Storm Irene who were attentively listening to the live broadcasts via their radios, computers, or smart phones, going to the special web page links, and viewing the Facebook postings that appeared on the respective VPR sites, and

Whereas, listeners came to rely on Vermont Edition's factual and reassuring voice, enabling Vermonters to comprehend the extent of the storm-related damage and know that neighbors, VTrans and town road crews, and National Guard personnel from several states were providing essential assistance, and

Whereas, although after a period of time Vermont Edition eased back into its more typical programming, it continues to air post-Irene features on a regular basis, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont Public Radio's Vermont Edition for its extraordinary community service in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Public Radio in Colchester.

H.C.R. 225.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Woodstock Union High School Wasps Division III championship football team

Offered by: Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock, Bartholomew of Hartland, Eckhardt of Chittenden and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, the first-seeded Woodstock Union High School Wasps faced the third-seeded Windsor High School Yellow Jackets in the 2011 Division III football championship game played at Castleton State College, and

Whereas, in the first quarter, Woodstock executed a 58-yard drive in five plays, culminating in a five-yard rush, giving the Wasps the opening score, and

Whereas, a quick series of four plays sent the Wasps on a 49-yard excursion to earn their second touchdown before the first quarter was completed, and

Whereas, the Woodstock defense foiled Windsor's hopes during the second quarter, first intercepting the ball from a Yellow Jacket at the two-yard line, and before halftime, scuttling a fourth-and-6 Yellowjacket pass, and

Whereas, in the third quarter, Windsor exhibited football savvy, spoiling a Wasp field goal and immediately taking possession of the ball and racing 75 yards in a single play to score the Yellow Jackets sole touchdown, and

Whereas, the fourth quarter opened with Woodstock holding a slightly precarious 14-7 lead, but a 10-play, 83-yard offensive advance, ending in a 9-yard run, gave the Wasps their third touchdown, and just to be certain, a Wasp ran 35 yards to score the final touchdown with only 2:15 remaining in the game, and

Whereas, the 27-7 Woodstock victory gave the Wasps the 2011 Division III football championship and this well-deserved success was the result of teammates James Morgan, Nehemia Wood, Tyler Anstruther, Zach Cole, Edward Doton, Stephen Titus, Hunter Schmell, Nicholas Sprague, Tom Baumann, Bradley Lewis, Oliver Kaija, Conner Blair, Sid Guidisman, Sam Cole, Alex King, Sam Zonay, Jarred Stewart, Will Emmons, Hunter Schulz, Nathan Fegard, Will Gault, Travis Gault, Kris Baumann, Jalen Peterson, Troy Blanchard, Matt Broadwell, Kyle Longley, Chris Flynn, and Jesse Davis, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jim McLaughlin celebrated not only the Division III championship, but also his 200th career coaching victory, and the contributions of assistant coaches Charles Worrell, Ramsey Worrell, Jordan Larson, Zack Scott, and Alex LaFlamm and team managers Anilese Peterson and Jaym Henderson were significant, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Woodstock Union High School Wasps Division III championship football team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 226.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Edward Webbley on his selection as the 2011 Vermont Principals' Association's Robert F. Pierce Vermont Secondary Principal of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Clark of Vergennes and Lanpher of Vergennes

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, during each academic year, the Vermont Principals' Association (VPA) presents several leadership awards to honor member principals who have demonstrated professional excellence in their school administrator careers, and

Whereas, VPA member secondary school principals may be honored as the Robert F. Pierce Vermont Secondary Principal of the Year, and the 2011 winner of this award is Vergennes Union High School (VUHS) Co-Principal Ed Webbley, and

Whereas, Ed Webbley's 32-year career in Vermont schools has involved duties in the classroom, as an administrator, and coaching in athletic venues, and

Whereas, for many years, Ed Webbley was a highly respected member of the faculty at BFA-St. Albans where he learned the intricacies of school management during his tenure as assistant headmaster, and

Whereas, his leadership at VUHS has served as a catalyst for enhancement of a creative teaching environment and the implementation of innovative student learning opportunities, and

Whereas, in an interview with the *Addison Independent* newspaper, Ed Webbley credited his colleagues, commenting that "his award came because of the collective efforts of all the VUHS staff members and administrators,

including his co-principal, Peter Reynolds, who have worked hard to improve the school's academics and atmosphere," and

Whereas, Ed Webbley also stated the award recognizes the students and their achievements, and

Whereas, among the innovations that Ed Webbley has helped to implement at VUHS are a four-year academic advisor system, a schedule that enables students to meet individually with teachers to work through academic difficulties, and the development of a combined faculty-student initiative intended to result in performance-based graduation requirements, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Edward Webbley on his selection as the 2011 Vermont Principals' Association's Robert F. Pierce Vermont Secondary Principal of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ed Webbley at Vergennes Union High School.

H.C.R. 227.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Essex High School teacher Maria Ung on her receipt of a Milken Family Foundation National Education Award

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex and Waite-Simpson of Essex

Whereas, the Milken Family Foundation National Education Awards were established to "celebrate, elevate and activate exemplary K-12 educators" both early and mid-career, and

Whereas, the awards are intended to honor outstanding teachers and principals for both their past accomplishments and future potential contributions to their profession, and

Whereas, recipients are not required to meet specific criteria but each participating state's department of education nominates local educators whose names are submitted to the foundation for final selection, and

Whereas, each Milken Family Foundation National Education Award recipient is honored with an unrestricted \$25,000.00 cash award and the opportunity to participate in professional development programs designed specifically for them, and

Whereas, the award is presented to an honoree at a surprise school assembly at which students, faculty, and local and state education officials are in attendance, and

Whereas, the surprised and thrilled 2011 sole Vermont recipient of the Milken Family Foundation National Education Award was Maria Ung of Essex High School, and among the attendees at her award presentation was Commissioner of Education Armando Vilaseca, her former high school principal, and

Whereas, Maria Ung graduated from Essex High School, earned her college degree at St. Michael's College, and then taught science in Milton and Rochester before returning home in the fall of 2007 to her alma mater as a colleague of her own former teachers, and is now a conceptual chemistry instructor, and

Whereas, aside from being an admired and popular teacher, Maria Ung has a second role as the inspiring coach of the Essex High School cheerleading team which, under her enthusiastic, innovative leadership, has continued a proud tradition of earning state championships, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Essex High School teacher Maria Ung on her receipt of a Milken Family Foundation National Education Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Maria Ung at Essex High School.

H.C.R. 228.

House concurrent resolution honoring outstanding recently retired employees of the Northfield public school system

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Grad of Moretown

Whereas, teachers and staff in Vermont's public schools perform an invaluable role, preparing our state's young citizens to assume their future societal roles in the workplace and the civic community, and

Whereas, among the dedicated public school employees in the town of Northfield are five admired and respected women who retired in 2011 and whose combined years of service totaled close to 150 years, and

Whereas, Cynthia Wrigley served as the receptionist at Northfield Middle-High School, in which role she greeted visitors, answered faculty and students' questions, expertly directed telephone inquiries, and was responsible for various administrative duties, and

Whereas, Judy Lusk, working first in the Roxbury and then in the Northfield school systems, was associated with STARS (the Step Ahead Recognition System), a preschool program of the department for children and families, and

Whereas, Mary Corrigan taught seventh grade English, and

Whereas, for many years, Nancy Gilbert taught business skills to her students at Northfield High School, and

Whereas, for several decades, second graders in Northfield studied under the wise guidance of their teacher, Jeanne Kinzel, and

Whereas, each of these women has contributed to the success of the public education system in the town of Northfield, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors each of these outstanding recently retired employees of the Northfield public school system, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to Northfield Middle-High School and to Northfield Elementary School for distribution to each of the women honored in this resolution.

H.C.R. 229.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Rene L. Blanchard of Essex

Offered by: Representatives Evans of Essex, Jerman of Essex, Myers of Essex, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Heath of Westford, Atkins of Winooski and Bissonnette of Winooski

Whereas, education, athletics, and public service were the rich combination of pursuits that filled the life of former Representative Rene Blanchard of Essex (Essex Junction), and

Whereas, at Cathedral High School and Johnson State College, he was a star basketball player, scoring 1,000 points while at Johnson, and

Whereas, after graduating from Johnson State College, he earned a second degree from Springfield College and then a master's degree in history and government from St. Michael's College, and

Whereas, Rene Blanchard embarked on a combined teaching-coaching career, starting at Plainfield High School, continuing at the Weeks School in Vergennes, and, beginning in 1959, at Winooski High School, where his illustrious tenure as a teacher and coach lasted for 28 years and where he taught United States history, government, economics, and physical education

while at various times coaching soccer, baseball, and girls' and boys' basketball, guiding the boys' basketball team to three consecutive state championships and where he served as athletic director for several years, and

Whereas, his lifetime accomplishments as both a player and a coach won him many awards including induction into several halls of fame, and

Whereas, aside from scholastic athletic competition, Rene Blanchard coached for the Burlington International Games, and

Whereas, Rene Blanchard was a public servant of the highest honor and integrity on the municipal and state levels, serving for 12 years as an Essex Junction village trustee, and in 1994 he stood successfully for the first of three terms as one of the members from Essex in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, as a state legislator, former Representative Rene Blanchard became known as a Blue Dog, one of a group of conservative Democrats who could be decisive in determining the passage of contested legislation as they built shifting coalitions with both Democrats and Republicans, and

Whereas, Rene Blanchard, who made numerous enduring friendships throughout his life, died in November 2011, and Rebecca, his loving wife of 50 years, survives him, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly fondly remembers former Representative Rene Blanchard of Essex, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rebecca Blanchard in Essex Junction.

H.C.R. 230.

House concurrent resolution expressing sympathy and good wishes to Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott on the fire that severely damaged DuBois Construction Inc.

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, in the summer of 1976, Phil Scott, the future lieutenant governor of Vermont, began his employment as a laborer at DuBois Construction Inc., which specializes in road construction and utility installations, and

Whereas, he rose through the ranks, acquired the technical skills associated with construction work, and displayed a strong work ethic, and

Whereas, in the middle 1980s, he and Don DuBois became co-owners of the company, and Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott has continued to hold that position ever since, and

Whereas, on the evening of January 6, 2012, the headquarters of DuBois Construction, located on Three Mile Bridge Road in Middlesex, was severely damaged in a multiple-alarm fire to which 13 fire companies from Washington, Chittenden, and Orange Counties responded, and

Whereas, despite a heroic and valiant effort on the part of all the attending firefighters, the intensity of the fire was nearly unstoppable, and when the flames were finally extinguished, the DuBois Construction Inc. headquarters was left in horrendous condition, with much of the building destroyed, and

Whereas, on the horrible evening of January 6, 2012, Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott witnessed the headquarters of the business to which he has devoted his entire adult life being engulfed in flames, and

Whereas, Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott has been especially dedicated to helping Vermonters during times of natural disasters, be they snowstorms or spring floods, and he was so most especially in the weeks following Tropical Storm Irene, and

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H.C.R. 231.

House concurrent resolution expressing sympathy and good wishes to Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott on the fire that severely damaged DuBois Construction Inc.

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

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Whereas, he rose through the ranks, acquired the technical skills associated with construction work, and displayed a strong work ethic, and

Whereas, in the middle 1980s, he and Don DuBois became co-owners of the company, and Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott has continued to hold that position ever since, and

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