

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

January 26, 2012

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. 243.

House concurrent resolution designating January 20, 2012 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Alzheimer's is one of society's most tragic illnesses as it causes individuals to lose their life memories and their ability to perform intricate tasks and recognizing family members, and

Whereas, Alzheimer's only worsens over time, but the disease is not an instant killer, but can linger for a number of years, and

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

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

Whereas, obtaining a more definitive picture of Alzheimer's is essential to any successful strategy to combat the disease, and

Whereas Vermont's State Plan on Dementia includes a recommendation to implement both the Caregiver and Cognitive Impairment Modules in the existing state Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey, and

Whereas, in 1999, the General Assembly enacted Act 57, establishing the commission on Alzheimer's disease and related disorders to "advise state agencies on matters of state policy relating to Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-related disorders," and

Whereas, on January 20, 2012, members of the commission and others working to improve the lives of those with Alzheimer's will be visiting the state house to educate the legislature about this serious disease, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly acknowledges the many Vermonters living with Alzheimer's disease and designates January 20, 2012 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 244.

House concurrent resolution designating nurse anesthetists week in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Dakin of Chester, Miller of Shaftsbury and O'Brien of Richmond

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Kittell and Pollina

Whereas, nurse anesthetists were the first professional group to provide anesthesia in the United States and are the oldest recognized group of advanced practice registered nurse specialists, and

Whereas, nurse anesthetists have completed graduate-level education in one of the nationally accredited programs of nurse anesthesia and following graduation are qualified to take the national certifying examination to become Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA), and

Whereas, CRNAs are required to take and pass the national certification examination administered by the National Board on Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists in order to practice the art of anesthesia and must recertify every two years, and

Whereas, CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including: traditional hospital surgical suites; obstetrical delivery rooms; critical access hospitals; ambulatory surgical centers; and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, plastic surgeons, and pain management specialists as well as United States military, United States Public Health Services, and United States Department of Veterans Affairs health care facilities, and

Whereas, nurse anesthetists have been the main providers of anesthesia in all wars involving American soldiers, sailors, and airmen since the Civil War, and

Whereas, CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, enabling health care facilities in these medically underserved areas to offer obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization services and, in some states, CRNAs are the sole providers in nearly 100 percent of the rural hospitals, and

Whereas, CRNAs provide Vermonters needed anesthesia care in hospitals; medical facilities, including the White River Junction VA Medical Center; and physician's offices, and have cared for Vermont's military members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, and

Whereas, in Vermont, CRNAs work with all levels of patients in 10 of the 13 hospitals in Vermont in which surgical services are provided, and

Whereas, 40,000 CRNAs across the United States, including 45 active CRNAs in Vermont, are part of the economic solution to health care reform, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the week of January 24, 2012 as National Nurse Anesthetists Week, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Association of Nurse Anesthetists in Randolph.

H.C.R. 245.

House concurrent resolution honoring the heroic radio coverage and community service of WDEV radio during Tropical Storm Irene and congratulating the broadcaster on its 80th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Ellis of Waterbury and Condon of Colchester

Offered by: Senators Illuzzi, Cummings, Doyle and Pollina

Whereas, Tropical Storm Irene slammed into Vermont on the night of August 28, 2011, and Waterbury Village experienced the maximum fury of the storm as the overflowing waters of the Winooski River ravaged the village, and

Whereas, in the midst of the havoc being wrought on this central Vermont community, the venerable Waterbury-based WDEV-AM/FM, the flagship stations of the locally owned Radio Vermont Group, aired coverage of the storm's statewide devastation, and, then as Irene reached Waterbury, WDEV valiantly remained on the air, providing its central Vermont listeners essential information and assistance despite dangerous flood waters rising around its building and other storm-related obstacles, and

Whereas, the disruption of electric power only briefly halted the WDEV emergency commercial-free coverage as the station quickly switched to its reserve generator to return to the airwaves, and

Whereas, with the loss of the station's Internet access, usually the primary external information resource for WDEV, News Director and General Manager Eric Michaels, with merely a moment's hesitation, announced his personal cell

phone number in order that listeners could phone or text him with crucial news updates, and

Whereas, meteorologist Roger Hill remained at the station far into the night to provide weather alerts, also relying on his cell phone to access new information, and

Whereas, although WDEV 550 AM normally operates at 1,000 watts at night, the signal remained at the daytime-authorized level of 5,000 watts in order to reach the largest possible number of listeners in need of emergency informational assistance, and

Whereas, in recognition of the outstanding community-oriented broadcasting WDEV aired during Tropical Storm Irene, the Vermont Association of Broadcasters chose WDEV as its 2011 Broadcaster of the Year, a well-deserved honor that coincided with the 80th anniversary of WDEV AM, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the heroic radio coverage and community service of WDEV radio during Tropical Storm Irene and congratulates the broadcaster on its 80th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to WDEV President Ken Squier in Waterbury.

H.C.R. 246.

House concurrent resolution congratulating *The Vermont Cynic* on winning a 2011 Pacemaker Award for excellence in college journalism

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Campion of Bennington, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Courcelle of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Johnson of South Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Wolcott, Miller of Shaftsbury, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, South of St. Johnsbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Wizowaty of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Glover

Whereas, collegiate journalism at the University of Vermont (UVM) dates to 1883 when *The Vermont Cynic* (the *Cynic*) was established on the Burlington campus, and

Whereas, in the bicentennial history of the university, it was explained this unusual journalistic name was “inspired by Diogenes, the original cynic and scourge of hypocrites” in ancient Greece, and

Whereas, for over one century and one-quarter, the volunteer student staff of the *Cynic* has regularly observed and reported on life at the university and published opinion pieces, and

Whereas, the *Cynic* has weathered financial and institutional challenges when its future was in doubt, including just a few years ago when the paper was in debt, and

Whereas, the newspaper’s student leadership regrouped and adopted a new, more fiscally disciplined operational approach and sought to improve the *Cynic*’s lagging journalism standards, and

Whereas, as recently as 2010, the news operation was extremely short staffed, and the two top editors were writing much of the news copy, and

Whereas, revitalized interested, sparked in part from a physically reorganized *Cynic* headquarters at the Davis Center, has attracted nearly two dozen newswriters and approximately 65 regular student volunteers, and

Whereas, the newly energized *Cynic* has demonstrated that it can ferret a good story when it reported on security breaches in the UVM computer system, and

Whereas, the efforts of these UVM students to produce a high quality publication were deservedly rewarded in the fall of 2011 when the *Cynic* was honored as a winner of the Pacemaker Award, often called “the Pulitzer of college journalism,” and

Whereas, the *Cynic* was one of 13 honorees in the nondaily category for four-year colleges, and, amazingly, the only award recipient whose college does not include a journalism department, and

Whereas, the 2011 Pacemaker marks the first time the *Cynic* has ever won any award, and its student journalists should be extremely proud of this historic achievement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates *The Vermont Cynic* on winning a 2011 Pacemaker Award for excellence in college journalism, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to *The Vermont Cynic*’s editorial office at UVM.

H.C.R. 247.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Dr. Philip Harold Dunham of Brattleboro

Offered by: Representatives Edwards of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro and Stuart of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senators White and Galbraith

Whereas, Dr. Philip Dunham was a lifelong Brattleboro resident, prominent dental practitioner, active outdoor enthusiast, and respected civic leader, but most notably, he was known as the “flying dentist,” a title bestowed on him in recognition of his ski-jumping mastery, and

Whereas, he graduated from Brattleboro High School, attended Middlebury College, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry, and

Whereas, upon returning home following naval service, Dr. Philip Dunham practiced dentistry for 40 years, earning a loyal patient clientele, and

Whereas, he served as both a member and chair of the Vermont Board of Dental Examiners and sat on the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners, and

Whereas, in the civic arena, Dr. Philip Dunham served on the Brattleboro School Board, Recreation Board, and Town Finance Committee, and had been a town meeting representative, and

Whereas, his ski jumping prowess won him nine Eastern Veterans Ski Jumping championships, and in 1961, he won the national crown, and

Whereas, as a lover of recreational activities, especially of the skiing genre, he was a charter and active member of the Brattleboro Outing Club (BOC); served as its president for 16 years; helped organize, with his wife, Mary, a BOC board member, the club’s annual ski/skate exchange, created to assure that children, regardless of their financial means, could enjoy winter sports; and established the Brattleboro Outing Club Educational Foundation to finance training and support for BOC programs, and

Whereas, a charter member of the Brattleboro Rotary Club, Dr. Philip Dunham served as the club’s president, and was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary’s highest accolade, and

Whereas, Dr. Philip Dunham died in November 2011, having been a professional and community leader who left a wonderful legacy of athletic winter recreational opportunities in Brattleboro and a loving family, including his wife of 62 years, Mary, sons, Jeffrey, Steven, Craig, and Scott, and seven adored grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the memory of Dr. Philip Harold Dunham of Brattleboro, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 248.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Proctor High School Phantoms 2011 Division IV championship girls' soccer team

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

Whereas, the undefeated Proctor High School girls' soccer team had twice upended the Division IV playoff's second-seeded Arlington High School Eagles, and these squads were familiar with one another's style of play when they each advanced to the championship game at Williamstown High School, and

Whereas, during the first half, the Eagles tallied the opening goal, but the Phantoms were quick to respond with one of their own only three minutes later, and

Whereas, the tie between the two schools was of short duration as the Phantoms surged ahead 2-1 during the first minute of the second period, and

Whereas, the Eagles then rebounded with an unassisted goal when there were only five minutes of regulation play remaining, and

Whereas, although the standard two periods of competition had concluded, the game was hardly over as the two teams were now tied at 2-all, and

Whereas, the first overtime period was filled with defensive adroitness as neither team was able to penetrate the opponent's defenses, and the scoreless stalemate persisted, and

Whereas, the second overtime at first appeared to be a repetition of the first, and the potential of a kick-off competition was beginning to loom as a potential eventuality, and

Whereas, nearly 11 minutes into the second overtime frame, a still-energetic but no doubt tiring Phantom kicked the ball into the net for the magic goal that awarded Proctor a 3-2 game victory and the 2011 Division IV girls' soccer championship, and

Whereas, the delighted Phantoms, including Jillian LeBlanc, Hannah Ashby, Mackenzie Hickey, Megan Elrick, Riley Combs, Brodie Langlois, Alyssa Valerio, Rebecca Elrick, Maria Cayia, Carissa Elrick, Nicole Valach, Jackie Ojala, Megan Carter, Ashley Cook, Adrianna Burnham, Abby Blongy, Mikayla Tanner, Emily Tabor, Sarah Salatino and Mikayla McCormack, can take great pride in their athletic accomplishment as do their coaches Tom Valach and John Ojala and team manager Erin Keefe, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Proctor High School Phantoms 2011 Division IV championship girls' soccer team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 249.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the outstanding Vermont high school women runners who participated in the 2011 Nike Cross Nationals competition

Offered by: Representatives O'Brien of Richmond, Lenex of Shelburne, Webb of Shelburne, Pearce of Richford, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Lyons and Snelling

Whereas, Vermont has developed one of the finest women's interscholastic cross-country racing programs in the United States, and

Whereas, in 2011, Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) girls' cross-country team was the proud winner of both the Division I and New England championships, and

Whereas, these young athletes ran swiftly and successfully, and their second successive New England title qualified them, once again, for entry into the Nike Cross Nationals cross-country competition held in Portland, Oregon, and

Whereas, the outstanding runners who represented CVU in Portland on December 3, 2011 were Adrienne Devita, Sophie Hess, Isabelle Unger, Julienne Devita, Taylor Spillane, Alexsey Jordick, and Autumn Eastman, and their coach, Scott Bliss, directs an excellent cross-country program, and

Whereas, Richford Junior-Senior High School student athlete Elle Purrier won the Nike Cross Nationals Northeast Regional championship 5,000-meter race held in Wappingers Falls, New York on November 26, 2011, and

Whereas, this great achievement entitled her to proceed on to the Nike national competition in Portland, Oregon, and

Whereas, in Portland, where Elle Purrier faced the top young female cross-country runners in the nation, she again distinguished herself by completing the course among the top 20 percent of all competitors with a 32nd-place finish, and

Whereas, in recognition of her running accomplishment, Elle Purrier was named the Gatorade Runner of the Year for 2012, a well-deserved accolade which she won for a second year, and

Whereas, both Elle Purrier and the runners from CVU exhibited skill, perseverance, and good sportsmanship in their appearances on the regional and national level, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the outstanding Vermont high school women runners who participated in the 2011 Nike Cross Nationals competition, 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 and to Elle Purrier at Richford High School.

H.C.R. 250.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Director of Retirement Policy & Outreach Cynthia Webster

Offered by: Committee on Government Operations

Whereas, the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System (VSERS), the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System (VSTRS), and the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) provide financial support for thousands of retired public sector employees, and

Whereas, Cynthia Webster's long-standing presence in of the office of the state treasurer was essential to its successful operation, and

Whereas, in the 1970s, a young Cynthia Webster became an employee at the state treasurer's office working as an entry-level typist, and

Whereas, Cynthia Webster departed the office of the state treasurer to raise her family, but this departure hardly ended her association with these retirement systems, and her greatest managerial contribution was still ahead, and

Whereas, in 1985, when Emory Hebard was serving as state treasurer, Cynthia Webster resumed her employment and began her rise through the ranks, and

Whereas, her supervisors were continuously impressed with the caliber of Cynthia Webster's work and her dedication to making the VSERS, the

VSTRS, and the VMERS the best possible public employee pension systems, and

Whereas, during her career, she was repeatedly promoted to positions of increasing responsibility, and

Whereas, by 1996, Cynthia Webster had been named the Director of Retirement Policy & Outreach, and in this role she supervised the daily management of the three systems under the direction of the state retirement board, including the counseling of prospective retirees, and

Whereas, in her director's position, Cynthia Webster developed a reputation among state legislators for sound judgment and impeccable character, and

Whereas, she played an instrumental role in the development of the 2005 legislation establishing the Vermont Pension Investment Committee to invest the systems' assets on a pooled basis, and

Whereas, each state treasurer for whom Cynthia Webster worked held her in extremely high regard, and her own recent retirement concluded a most successful career in state government, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Director of Retirement Policy & Outreach Cynthia Webster for her outstanding public service, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 251.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Proctor High School Phantoms 2011 Division IV championship boys' soccer team

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

Whereas, through 2010, Proctor High School could point to a proud history of boys' soccer championships, although it had not won one since 2003, and

Whereas, the 2011 boys' soccer team was one of the school's best in many years, earning the first-seed ranking for the playoff competition and then continuing on a winning path leading ultimately to the championship game against Sharon Academy at Williamstown High School, and

Whereas, for much of the first half, the defensive tactics of each team prevented the opposing squad from scoring, and

Whereas, during the 13th minute of the game, two Phantoms paired together, resulting in the opening goal and enabling Proctor to assume the initial lead, and

Whereas, seven minutes and thirty nine seconds later, second-seeded Sharon replicated the Proctor feat and tied the game at one-all, which was the score at halftime, and

Whereas, Proctor's fans were jubilant at the moment in the second half when a Phantom scored the go-ahead goal, giving the Rutland County school a slim 2-1 lead, and

Whereas, any lingering concern that Proctor would not clinch its first boys' soccer championship since 2003 was dispelled when with three minutes remaining of regulation play, the Phantoms established a more commanding 3-1 advantage, and

Whereas, when the final whistle sounded, the Proctor team was triumphant both as the game winner and as the 2011 Division IV boys' soccer champion, and

Whereas, the Phantom goalie's eight saves were of strategic importance as they contributed to the team's success in Williamstown, and

Whereas, Proctor players Reid Farley, Ryan Johnson, Chris Clain, Hunter Pockett, Jacob Tomlinson, Dermot Hughes, Cody Landon, Ricky Carroll, Matt Scarzello, Ryan Petrini, Justin Carter, Keith Piontek, John Connell, Jacob Petrini, Jared Gintof, and Alex Vida worked together for a common objective and were entirely successful, and Head Coach Kevin Ratti and Assistant Coaches Darren Carter, Chad Wilson, and Chuck Hall deserve credit for their wise guidance of the Phantoms throughout the 2011 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Proctor High School Phantoms 2011 Division IV championship boys' soccer team, and be it further

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

S.C.R. 27.

Senate concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative John H. Downs.

Whereas, former Representative John Downs was a distinguished Vermont legal, political, and civic leader, and

Whereas, a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School and a World War II United States Army veteran, John Downs commenced the practice of law in St. Johnsbury with Sterry Waterman, and

Whereas, after Sterry Waterman became a federal judge, John Downs' solo practice evolved into the state's largest law firm of Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC, and

Whereas, in the early 1950s, John Downs was elected Caledonia County's state's attorney, and a decade later, the voters of St. Johnsbury twice elected him to the House of Representatives in which his two terms included membership on the Committee on Appropriations and chairing the Committee on Ways and Means, and

Whereas, John Downs would later prove a most able chair of the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, his interest in national politics resulted in John Downs' selection as a delegate to the 1964 Republican National Convention, and after he switched political affiliations, he held the same role at the Democratic National conventions in 1968 and 1972, and

Whereas, John Downs was a respected member of the Vermont bar whose personal and institutional contributions to the legal profession were enduring, and

Whereas, among the most meaningful of his professional endeavors was providing pro bono representation for African-Americans in Mississippi and Alabama during the civil rights struggles of the 1960s, and

Whereas, in the 1970s, John Downs served as president of the Vermont Bar Association and was an early proponent for the establishment of Vermont Law School, and

Whereas, from 1983 to 1993, John Downs applied his legal wisdom to an international canvas, serving as a member of the prestigious Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control, and

Whereas, this greatly respected attorney died in July 2011 at the age of 91 with survivors including his wife, Virginia, his children, Margaret, Peter, and Thomas, and four grandchildren, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative John H. Downs, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Virginia Downs in Shelburne, and to the law firm of Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC in St. Johnsbury.

S.C.R. 28.

Senate concurrent resolution celebrating the centennial anniversary of Montpelier City Hall

Whereas, the cream-colored neo-Renaissance edifice that graces Main Street in Vermont's capital city has served as Montpelier's City Hall for 100 years, and

Whereas, starting in 1857, Montpelier municipal government operated from a converted church known as Capital Hall and located on State Street, and

Whereas, in the final years of the 19th century, a Main Street building known variously as the armory, the "Golden Fleece," and finally as Community Hall became Montpelier's new governmental headquarters, and

Whereas, this State Street facility soon proved inadequate for the now city of Montpelier's expanding administrative requirements, and deliberations were started to design and build a new structure intended specifically for use as a city hall, and

Whereas, at town meeting in March 1907, the voters authorized the establishment of a city hall building committee and the issuance of \$125,000.00 in bonds to finance construction and related costs, and

Whereas, George G. Adams, an architect from Lawrence, Massachusetts, was hired, and

Whereas, the city purchased a site known as the Haymarket Square and two adjacent lots, and

Whereas, the amount of \$25,000.00 in additional bond authorization was approved at town meeting in 1909, and W.E. Jackson of Montpelier was hired as the contractor, and

Whereas, construction began later that year, and on August 31, 1909, the cornerstone was laid, and

Whereas, even before the building was officially opened, the flooring in the large upstairs auditorium became a matter of controversy as a maple floor was installed to accommodate the 1911 inaugural of Governor John Mead and replaced weeks later with the terrazzo floor originally envisioned, and

Whereas, despite delays and cost overruns, the dignified and magnificent new city hall, with its distinctive clock tower, was formally presented to the citizenry in a ceremony held on May 26, 1911, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the centennial anniversary of Montpelier City Hall, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Montpelier City Manager William Fraser.

S.C.R. 29.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Johnson State College national Division IV championship women's rugby team.

Whereas, the current women's rugby club at Johnson State College (JSC) started merely three years ago when the sport was introduced at the club level, and

Whereas, the fall 2011 season marked the team's first year of competitive play, and

Whereas, rugby fans at Johnson State College did not necessarily hold high expectations that a first-year team would have great success, and

Whereas, the quality of the team's play was truly astounding, as these dedicated college players were strongly motivated to demonstrate their worthiness to be considered as a viable Division IV team, and

Whereas, the only once-defeated JSC women confidently entered the New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU) tournament hopeful of making their initial appearance memorable, and

Whereas, JSC's exciting wins over Springfield College (26–10) and Saint Anselm College (17–12), the one team that had defeated JSC during the regular season, gave JSC the 2011 NERFU championship title, and

Whereas, this upstart first-year JSC team continued to amaze everyone as it traveled to Cherry Hill, New Jersey, where on November 20 it clinched the 2011 national Division IV women's rugby championship title, surpassing previously undefeated Albright College of Reading, Pennsylvania with a 12–5 victory, and

Whereas, team members Molly Banks, Coral Bolio, Taylor Brown, Ashley Carrington, Tiana Cross, Aly Finn, Mikala Frenette, Miranda Giles, Trina Guaraldi, Miranda Ingram, Jules Jacovini, Belinda LaFountain, Paige Libby, Satu Lord, Amara MacKillop, Jessica Mott, Muzzy Wronski, and the national tournament's most valuable player award-winner Nora Wynter can be proud of their singular athletic accomplishment as can Coach Don Allen, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Johnson State College national Division IV championship women's rugby team, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Johnson State College athletic department.

S.C.R. 30.

Senate concurrent resolution recognizing the contribution of Kenric A. Kite to the development of public access television in central Vermont.

Whereas, for two decades, Kenric Kite has creatively and effectively advocated and produced public access television programming in central Vermont, and

Whereas, immediately upon graduating from Lyndon State College, he became a production assistant for public access production at the Adelpia Cable studio in Berlin, and

Whereas, Kenric Kite's duties included training community producers on the technical aspects of television production, assisting them as needed as they produced their programs, including all elements of studio production and program transmission activities, and

Whereas, in 1996, Kenric Kite was promoted to the position of public access production coordinator at Adelpia, a role which encompassed all of his prior duties plus new budgeting and managerial responsibilities, and

Whereas, during his years at Adelpia Cable, Kenric Kite always strove to produce the highest quality programs and broaden the scope of community cablecasts being offered to local subscribers, and

Whereas, in 2004, locally produced cable television public access programming in central Vermont was reorganized under the banner of the newly formed and independent Onion River Community Access Media (ORCA Media), and

Whereas, Kenric Kite left Adelpia to become the first executive director of this new organization dedicated exclusively to producing and transmitting public access cable television programming in central Vermont, and

Whereas, this new job required him to perform even broader managerial duties, as he was now responsible for the direction of a nonprofit organization, and

Whereas, under his stewardship, ORCA Media broadened the available coverage of public affairs and sporting events, and, in January 2011, Kenric Kite became ORCA Media's manager of programming, production, and training in order to once again focus fulltime on production activities, and

Whereas, after over two decades of resounding success in the field of community access television programming, Kenric Kite is now embarking on a new career, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes Kenric A. Kite's contribution to public access television in central Vermont and wishes him well in his new career, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kenric Kite in Montpelier.

S.C.R. 31.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring Dr. Frank G. Miglorie for his 41 years of service to and outstanding 28-year tenure as President of the College of St. Joseph.

Whereas, Dr. Frank Miglorie graduated from St. Michael's College, earned a master's degree in philosophy at the University of Vermont, and was awarded a doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in Florida, and

Whereas, the College of St. Joseph (CSJ) in Rutland then hired Dr. Frank Miglorie as a faculty member, and his nine years of teaching excellence at this college, which the Sisters of St. Joseph established, led to his appointment as Academic Dean, a post he held with distinction for four years, and

Whereas, the college's board was so impressed with his continuing efforts in the classroom and in the dean's office that in 1983, Dr. Frank Miglorie was named the fourth president of CSJ and the first lay person and male to fill this office, and

Whereas, no one could have envisioned the historic importance of this decision as an unusually lengthy 28-year presidential tenure had begun, and

Whereas, his leadership at CSJ has been extraordinary and exemplary from every perspective, and

Whereas, Dr. Frank Miglorie oversaw the creation of two accelerated bachelor degree programs for working adults, various academic offerings leading to professional licensure, master's degrees in psychology and business administration, and his proudest achievement, the initiation of the STEPS program that enables foster youth to secure a college education, and

Whereas, under his leadership, the campus's academic and athletic space has increased extensively; the beautiful Clementwood estate was acquired and restored; and the college's fiscal affairs prudently administered, and despite these many endeavors, Dr. Frank Miglorie has taught every semester, and

Whereas, after 41 years, Dr. Frank Miglorie, one of the nation's longest serving college presidents, will retire this June and is looking forward to many happy years with his wife, Patricia, who is Register of the College of St. Joseph, his son, Darin, and grandchildren, Grace and Fletcher, and

Whereas, the College of St. Joseph in Rutland is indebted to its fourth president, Dr. Frank Miglorie, for his dynamic and innovative leadership, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dr. Frank G. Miglorie for his 41 years of service to and outstanding 28-year tenure as President of the College of St. Joseph, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Frank Miglorie at the College of St. Joseph in Rutland.

S.C.R. 32.

Senate concurrent resolution honoring the public service work of Brattleboro radio station WTSA during Tropical Storm Irene.

Whereas, as a primary information source for transmitting public safety alerts related to the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant, Brattleboro radio station WTSA-1450 AM/96.7 FM has familiarity with procedures for comprehensive, responsible, and timely emergency broadcasting, and

Whereas, on Thursday, August 25, 2011, in response to ominous weather forecasts predicting the potential local impact of powerful Hurricane Irene, Brattleboro station news director, Tim Johnson, approached local public safety officials regarding how the broadcaster could best respond to the storm, and

Whereas, an integral element of the station's storm preparation was to record interviews with officials who discussed precautionary steps citizens should take and how to access needed resources, and

Whereas, at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, August 28, 2011, with now downgraded but still extremely dangerous Tropical Storm Irene clearly heading for Vermont, Tim Johnson, using broadband Internet access, began a marathon broadcast originating from his Vernon home on news-talk WTSA-FM, featuring weather and public safety updates, as well as pertinent excerpts from the prerecorded interviews, and he only left the air temporarily to travel to the WTSA studios when his home electricity failed, and

Whereas, Tim Johnson's 21st century coverage included on-air responses to e-mail inquiries and communications via the WTSA website, Facebook page, and Twitter account, as well as the airing of periodic reports on WTSA-AM's sports format broadcasts, and

Whereas, in the days, weeks, and months following the storm's devastation in Windham County, WTSA broadcast and digital media outlets continued to offer valuable post-storm informational support, and

Whereas, Kelli Corbeil, the local owner of WTSA, was fully committed to the extensive special coverage which displaced regular FM programming for

an entire day, believing that serving the community during an emergency is the station's highest responsibility, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the public service work of Brattleboro radio station WTSA during Tropical Storm Irene, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kelli Corbeil and Tim Johnson at WTSA Radio in Brattleboro.

S.C.R. 33.

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Rick Cochran of Walden on being named National Small Business Person of the Year.

Whereas, Rick Cochran's development of Mobile Medical International Corporation (MMIC) into a thriving manufacturer of remote use health care facilities and mobile surgery units is a business saga of entrepreneurial foresight and perseverance, and

Whereas, in 1994, in his home basement in Walden, he formed MMIC with the goal of offering advanced medical care at underserved locations both in the United States and internationally, and by 1996, MMIC was located in a 1,500-square-foot space in St. Johnsbury, and

Whereas, MMIC created a state-of-the-art mobile breast care center for the Indian Health Services Hospital in Tuba City, Arizona, and

Whereas, unfortunately, MMIC confronted major financial hurdles that threatened the company's existence, but Rick Cochran's employees remained on the job without compensation, and once the company's financial situation brightened, he reimbursed them for their commitment and loyalty, and

Whereas, the recipient of \$2 million plus United States Small Business Administration (SBA) loans, MMIC has repaid them in full, and

Whereas, MMIC has blossomed into a 54-employee operation occupying 66,000 square feet of space in St. Johnsbury, and in 2010, gross revenue reached \$14 million and net profits rose to \$1,679,123.00, and

Whereas, at great personal risk, Rick Cochran traveled to Nassiriya, Iraq to offer personal support for Operation Smile Train in which physicians volunteered to perform cleft palate surgery on Iraqi youngsters, and

Whereas, Rick Cochran and MMIC have supported many worthy charitable and civic activities, and

Whereas, in recognition of his outstanding entrepreneurship and community service, the SBA has honored Rick Cochran as the 2011 Vermont Small

Business Person of the Year, and he was subsequently chosen as the National Small Business Person of the Year, a very special honor for Vermont and him, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Rick Cochran of Walden on being named the Vermont and National Small Business Person of the Year, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rick Cochran and to the Mobile Medical International Corporation in St. Johnsbury.