

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**April 26, 2012**

## **Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16**

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Representative requests floor consideration before the end of Friday's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration must be communicated to the House Clerk's office.

### **Resolutions**

#### **H.C.R. 370.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the efforts of Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley to create a seamless and more effective health care environment

Offered by: Representatives Woodward of Johnson, Martin of Wolcott, Howard of Cambridge, Peltz of Woodbury, Scheuermann of Stowe and Smith of Morristown

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, in 2011, the state of Vermont's Blueprint for Health continued to transform, improve, and better coordinate the delivery of health care services, and

Whereas, federally qualified health centers (FQHC) are ideally situated to provide seamless, effective, and preventive medical, behavioral, and oral health care as called for in the Blueprint, and

Whereas, Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley (CHSLV), an FQHC serving the Lamoille Valley, was awarded the Blueprint for Health grant for that area, and

Whereas, CHSLV assembled a community health care team to fulfill the mission of its Blueprint for Health grant, and this team of health care professionals included Elise McKenna, Blueprint director; Lorrie Dupuis, community health team manager; Lisa Whipple, Morrisville Family Health Care clinical supervisor; Mary Donati, Stowe Family Practice clinical supervisor; Jean Audet, Morrisville Family Health Care panel manager; and Corey Perpall and Courtney Berry, chronic care coordinators, and

Whereas, within a few short months, this community health care team prepared the Morrisville Family Health Care and the Stowe Family Practice for certification by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), and

Whereas, this NCQA certification enabled the community health team to expand the Blueprint for Health services in the Lamoille Valley, and

Whereas, this community health care model reduces the health and economic impacts of the most common chronic conditions and focuses on their prevention, and

Whereas, the CHSLV community health care team has worked collaboratively with the Cambridge Regional Health Center, other private Lamoille Valley primary care physicians, neighboring community health centers, and Copley Hospital to prepare these practitioners for NCQA certification in order to better utilize Copley's emergency department and to create a more seamless health care delivery system, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the efforts of the Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley to create a seamless and more effective health care environment, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley Chief Executive Officer Kevin J. Kelley in Morrisville.

**H.C.R. 371.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Donald E. Prouty, Jr., of Pownal

Offered by: Representative Botzow of Pownal

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Donald Prouty served his community and nation over the course of his life, and

Whereas, born in Lowell, Massachusetts, he graduated from Lawrence High School, and

Whereas, after high school graduation, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps, beginning a 30-year military career, and

Whereas, during his military service, Donald Prouty was deployed to Vietnam where he served with honor, and

Whereas, after retiring as a proud member of the U.S. Marines with the rank of master gunnery sergeant, he resided with his family in the town of Pownal, and

Whereas, he became civically engaged in his hometown, assuming an active role in the community, and

Whereas, Donald Prouty managed the local transfer station, where his knowledge of military order and process was a useful resource, and

Whereas, for a number of years, Donald Prouty served as a respected member of the Pownal selectboard, and he played a constructive role in contributing to the determination of town governance matters, and

Whereas, his service as clerk of the works for the town of Pownal's implementation of a major new wastewater project was critical in completing this important municipal endeavor, and

Whereas, he was a champion and friend of the hard-working and less fortunate members of the community and a man of great personal integrity, and

Whereas, aside from his official municipal duties, Donald Prouty enjoyed camping, restoring cars, and spending a quiet evening with his family watching the sunset, and

Whereas, on September 6, 2011, Donald Prouty died at the far too young age of 56, leaving his wife, Jean, to whom he was married for nearly 36 years, three children, Shaun, Kristy, and Nicole, three grandchildren, Kylie, Colin, and Joseph, and a sister, Cheryl, and

Whereas, the death of Donald Prouty marked the passing of a well-known community leader in the town of Pownal, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Donald E. Prouty, Jr., and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jean Prouty in Pownal.

**H.C.R. 372.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Susan Webb

Offered by: Representatives Conquest of Newbury, Andrews of Rutland City, Bartholomew of Hartland, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Davis of Washington, Devereux of Mount Holly, Edwards of Brattleboro, French of Shrewsbury, Head of South Burlington, Koch of Barre Town, Krebs of South Hero, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Munger of South Burlington, Nuovo of Middlebury, Stevens of Shoreham, Stuart of Brattleboro, Taylor of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Winters of Williamstown, Yantachka of Charlotte and Young of Glover

Whereas, Susan Howard was one of two identical twins born in Burlington on August 18, 1908, and she graduated from the University of Vermont and earned a graduate degree in classics from Radcliffe College, and

Whereas, in 1933, she married Kenneth Beals Webb who was her life and professional partner until his death in 1984, and

Whereas, combining her experience as a teacher, along with the belief she held with her husband in the Quaker educational system and the importance of teaching values such as “simplicity, equality, tolerance and peace, and seeing that of God in every person,” in 1939, they established the Farm & Wilderness Camps in Plymouth, Vermont, and

Whereas, the camps, including Camp Indian Brook which she directed from 1941–1972, taught the values the Webbs so fervently believed in, and her work in experiential education resulted in their writing magazine articles and books, including *Summer Magic* and *Beyond our Wildest Dreams*, and

Whereas, upon retiring from her camp leadership role, Susan Webb was elected to represent her Plymouth area neighbors in the house of representatives, and

Whereas, during her four terms in the house (1973–1980), her colleagues recognized the member from Plymouth’s leadership experience and skills as she was appointed to chair both the committees on education and on health and welfare, and

Whereas, the esteem and respect that Susan Webb had in Vermont and New England resulted in her serving on the boards of many organizations, including the Baird Children’s Center, Vermont Churchwomen United, Adelphi/Vermont, and the Vermont Council on Social Concerns, and

Whereas, Susan Webb was a member of the Executive Committee of the New England Regional Office of the American Friends Service Committee and the Vermont State Committee of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, and

Whereas, she was honored to serve as president of the board of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation in Plymouth, and

Whereas, her long life of service as an educator, public servant, and civic and religious leader concluded with her death on September 9, 2011 at age 103, and her survivors include her daughters, Susan (Sukie) and Martha (Miki), her son, Robert (Rob), eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren who miss her presence in their lives, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of the former member from Plymouth, Susan Webb, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of her children, the Farm & Wilderness Camps, and the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation.

**H.C.R. 373.**

House concurrent resolution designating May 2012 as Vermont Osteoporosis Awareness Month

Offered by: Representatives Andrews of Rutland City, Acinapura of Brandon, Aswad of Burlington, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Courcelle of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, French of Shrewsbury, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Keenan of St. Albans City, Larocque of Barnet, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, Potter of Clarendon, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, osteoporosis, the thinning and weakening of the bone with age, is a major public health threat to thousands of Vermonters, and

Whereas, the major consequence of osteoporosis is fractures, most often of the hip, vertebrae, and wrist, which lead to chronic pain, disfigurement, and increased overall mortality, and

Whereas, hip fractures are the most serious and costly of fractures, and

Whereas, the National Osteoporosis Foundation estimates that by the year 2025, osteoporosis fractures will result in a net cost of \$25 billion, and

Whereas, it also estimates that 10 million Americans experience this condition and that 34 million have low bone mass, and

Whereas, although osteoporosis is often associated primarily with women, 20 percent of those afflicted are men, and

Whereas, 24 percent of hip fracture patients age 50 and older die in the year following the fracture, and

Whereas, osteoporosis is a silent disease, as it often goes unrecognized for years, until one or more fractures have occurred, and is not an inevitable part of aging, and

Whereas, while everyone loses bone with age, bone mass can be maximized and bone loss can be minimized so that osteoporosis does not occur, and

Whereas, the battle against osteoporosis is being fought through the work of RSVP's Bone Builders, which in local projects across the country has engaged older Americans in exercise programs intended to address the problems associated with osteoporosis, and physicians and other health care professionals refer patients to the program in recognition that its weight-training exercises help prevent and reverse osteoporosis, and

Whereas, the RSVP Bone Builders in Rutland is raising awareness of osteoporosis through its participation in National Osteoporosis Month which occurs in May, and

Whereas, these special awareness activities are intended to reach the 15,000 women in Vermont who could benefit from learning about osteoporosis and will include workshops and printed and broadcast publicity about osteoporosis, and

Whereas, the General Assembly seeks to encourage greater awareness of osteoporosis and ways of lessening the likelihood of its occurrence, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates May 2012 as Osteoporosis Awareness Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to the National Osteoporosis Foundation in Washington, D.C. and to Patricia Facey, RSVP Bone Builders Coordinator in Rutland.

**H.C.R. 374.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program's establishment in Bennington County

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Komline of Dorset, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, the federal Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) was the outgrowth of various local programs aimed at promoting "engagement, activity, acquaintanceship, and growth for older Americans" and was formally established in 1969 as part of the Older Americans Act, and

Whereas, the mission of RSVP is “to reinvest the talents and skills of a lifetime into our communities through volunteer service,” and

Whereas, on September 21, 1993, the Corporation for National and Community Service was established in Public Law 101-610, and within its organizational structure Congress included the new National Senior Service Corps (also referred to as Senior Corps), which comprises RSVP as well as the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs, and

Whereas, RSVP in Bennington County began in 1972 on Pleasant Street in the town of Bennington in a joint office serving both Bennington and Rutland Counties, and

Whereas, this talent reinvestment mission was met through the recruitment of individuals aged 60 (now aged 55) and older to give back to their communities by working voluntarily in meaningful capacities, and

Whereas, RSVP in Bennington soon became a single county office, and

Whereas, in 2006, when the American Red Cross was sponsoring RSVP in Bennington, the Windsor and Windham counterparts were on the verge of closing, and the three offices were merged under American Red Cross sponsorship to form the new Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center, which has continued to provide RSVP services in all three jurisdictions, and

Whereas, RSVP’s most popular initiative is Bone Builders, a free exercise program taught by trained volunteers in 12 classes throughout the county that helps over 200 Bennington County residents fight the effects of osteoporosis, and

Whereas, Green Mountain RSVP volunteers, who number close to 1,000 including nearly 350 in Bennington County, assist “children learning to read, hospital patients, museum goers, elders living alone, veterans, children in the court systems, state park visitors, cancer patients, animal shelter pets,” and volunteer in many other situations, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 40th anniversary of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program’s establishment in Bennington County, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center Executive Director Patricia Palenscar.



**H.C.R. 375.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the H.W. Putnam Hose Company # 3 of the Bennington Fire Department on its 125th anniversary

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, on June 20, 1887, the H.W. Putnam Hose Company #3 was established on River Street near North Street in Bennington in order to douse the flames of locally occurring fires, and

Whereas, the original hose was brought to fires in a hand-drawn hose cart as motorized transportation for this purpose was not yet available, and

Whereas, after 16 years of community service, on April 21, 1903, the Putnam Hose House was destroyed in a terrible fire that engulfed both the building and all of the company's furnishings and equipment, and

Whereas, the fire was so severe that the wires serving the village fire alarm system were burned, and with the system inoperative, the request for assistance to combat the fire had to be transmitted to other towns by messenger, and

Whereas, after the ashes were cleared, Henry W. Putnam built a far better two-story brick firehouse which the village rented until purchasing the structure in 1936 for \$3,600.00, and

Whereas, as the years progressed, the firefighting fleet improved, and in 1917, a motorized hose and chemical truck was acquired, and then in 1924, a new American LaFrance fire pumper found a home in the Putnam firehouse, and *Hemmings Motor News* now owns this vintage firefighting truck which still appears in parades and community events, and

Whereas, the fleet's progression to more modern equipment continued with the purchase of a Buffalo 750-gallon per-minute pumper in 1946, and this pumper served the community well until 1966 when the company purchased a 1,000-gallon per-minute pumper, and

Whereas, a 1983 Mack/Ranger brought the fleet further up to date, and this acquisition was outscored by a 1993 International KME pumper tank which has a 1,250-gallon per-minute water flow, and

Whereas, the newest firefighting equipment in the company's inventory is a 2004 International Smeal, and

Whereas, although the buildings and equipment have evolved over the decades, this venerable firefighting company remains a vigorous and vital

element of firefighting in Bennington as it proudly celebrates its 125th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the H.W. Putnam Hose Company # 3 of the Bennington Fire Department on its 125th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the H.W. Putnam Hose Company # 3 in Bennington.

**H.C.R. 376.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Dr. William Pendlebury, cofounder of The Memory Center at Fletcher Allen Health Care

Offered by: Representative French of Randolph

Offered by: Senator Brock

Whereas, Alzheimer's is a disease that deprives individuals of their life's memories, and medical scientists continue to conduct research in hope of discovering preventative measures and a cure for those already afflicted, and

Whereas, one of the leading experts in this country on aging-related memory loss is Dr. William Pendlebury, a cofounder in 1991 of The Memory Center at Fletcher Allen Health Care, and

Whereas, the original staff at the center included Janis Peyser, PhD, Dr. Antonio Gomez, Dr. Paul Newhouse, Dr. William Tisdale, Dr. Richard Tonino, and Nancy Resi, R.N., and

Whereas, the Memory Center with its current staff of one physician, two neuropsychologists, two nurse practitioners, one social worker, one psychometrist, and an office manager offers comprehensive care, including initial diagnosis of Alzheimer's or other memory-related illness, longitudinal care with treatment plans, patient monitoring, and patient participation in research studies that may lead to new drug therapies, and

Whereas, Dr. William Pendlebury jokingly refers to his own age as past the 22nd anniversary of his 39th birthday in deference to the fact that age-related memory loss begins at 40, and

Whereas, he graduated from Brown University, earned his medical degree at the University of Vermont (UVM), interned and served in the public health service in Colorado, and then returned to UVM where he completed a residency in neurology and a fellowship in neuropathology, and

Whereas, Dr. William Pendlebury joined the UVM faculty in 1984, was granted tenure in 1990, and was named full professor in 1995, and

Whereas, aside from his work at The Memory Center, Dr. William Pendlebury serves as director of the UVM Center on Aging and as medical director of elder care services at Fletcher Allen Health Care, and

Whereas, Dr. William Pendlebury is one of the nation's most respected authorities on aging and memory loss, and he regularly serves as an external reviewer of academic work in his field and as an ad hoc consultant for the National Institute on Aging, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Dr. William Pendlebury, cofounder of The Memory Center at Fletcher Allen Health Care, for his pioneering work to advance the understanding and treatment of Alzheimer's and other aging-related memory loss diseases, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. William Pendlebury.

**H.C.R. 377.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the Reverend Kathy Wonson Eddy for her community leadership and spiritual guidance at Bethany Church and in the town of Randolph

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph and Townsend of Randolph

Whereas, Rev. Kathy Eddy has served as a pastor at Bethany United Church of Christ in Randolph for 36 consecutive years, and

Whereas, a talent musician, Rev. Eddy is a composer of music for children and on women's themes, and her music has been performed at United Church of Christ conferences and congregations in the United States and internationally, and

Whereas, Rev. Eddy was instrumental in the creation of the Randolph Emergency Ecumenical Committee on Housing and the Randolph Food Shelf, which Bethany Church housed until 2010, and

Whereas, she encouraged her congregation to debate and adopt an open and affirming policy, ensuring that people of all ages, incomes, sexual orientations, races, and religious backgrounds are welcome at the church, and

Whereas, Rev. Kathy Eddy's sabbatical trip to serve in Ecuador led to the creation of a sister community relationship with San Cristobal, Ecuador, and

Whereas, the Bethany community which Rev. Eddy has shepherded has nurtured no fewer than ten individuals who have entered full-time ministries, and

Whereas, Rev. Eddy has actively encouraged the individual spiritual development of church members, and her leadership inspired Bethany members to hire a full-time youth pastor whose programs now attract well over 50 individuals, many of whom are not church members, and

Whereas, she has encouraged church members to recognize their individual potential to serve and has empowered people to travel to Ukraine, Ecuador, and Kenya, and to strengthen the fibers within the greater Randolph community, and

Whereas, Rev. Kathy Eddy has helped many to realize that our differences make us richer, and after 36 years of outstanding spiritual and civic leadership in Randolph, the Rev. Kathy Eddy is retiring, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Reverend Kathy Wonson Eddy for her community leadership and spiritual guidance at Bethany Church and in the town of Randolph, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Reverend Kathy Eddy at Bethany United Church of Christ in Randolph.

#### **H.C.R. 378.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Pepin Granite Company, Inc. on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Taylor of Barre City, Koch of Barre Town, Lewis of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town and Poirier of Barre City

Whereas, Cyrias Pepin established the Pepin Granite Company in 1954 and sold it to his son, Raymond, in 1962, and

Whereas, the Pepin Granite Company traces its history from Raymond's purchase of the business in 1962, and

Whereas, the succinctly worded mission of the Pepin Granite Company is "When Service and Quality matter as much as Price, we're the firm to meet your granite needs," and

Whereas, "old-fashioned Vermonter hard work, honesty and pride," are the standards by which the Pepin Granite Company proudly manufactures its different forms and styles of granite memorial products, and

Whereas, during much of the first three decades of its operation, the Pepin Granite Company specialized in the manufacturing of slant markers produced in large quantities, and

Whereas, in 1982, Raymond's son, Scott, entered the business, and father and son started to broaden the company's product line to include large monuments and markers offered in Barre Gray and other colors, and

Whereas, in time, Scott's brother, John, joined the family business, and

Whereas, most recently, Scott's son, Tyler, has joined his father, uncle, and grandfather, continuing a three-generation family tradition in Barre City, and

Whereas, each Pepin family member who has joined the company begins his work life at the company by learning the business from the ground up; a way to appreciate all that is required to create a defect-free granite monument, and

Whereas, the company has followed a successful blueprint of steady growth, and

Whereas, the Pepin Granite Company is a small firm with modern machinery manufacturing industry-standard dies, bases, slants, bevels, and grass markers as well as custom-designed memorials, and

Whereas, requested monument designs include single, double, and offset hearts, Latin and Celtic crosses, and benches, and

Whereas, the Pepin Granite Company is a member of the Barre Granite Association and the American Monument Association, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Pepin Granite Company, Inc. on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to the Pepin Granite Company, Inc. and to the Barre Granite Association.

### **H.C.R. 379.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont Energy Investment Corporation on its 25th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Cheney of Norwich and Edwards of Brattleboro

Whereas, the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC) was founded in 1986 by Beth Sachs and Blair Hamilton to promote and encourage the

conservation of natural resources, and to reduce energy costs for consumers, especially low income consumers, and

Whereas, VEIC has been actively involved in helping design energy efficiency programs in the United States and worldwide, and

Whereas, several Vermont energy businesses and organizations, including the Energy Co-Op of Vermont, Renewable Energy Vermont, and the Vermont Energy Education Program, were established under the aegis of VEIC, and

Whereas, in the year 2000, VEIC competed successfully for the right to establish and operate Efficiency Vermont, the first statewide energy efficiency utility in the nation, and

Whereas, under VEIC's leadership, Efficiency Vermont has become the most effective program of its kind nationally and has won awards for its innovative work, and

Whereas, in 2007, VEIC established a 20-year goal of offsetting twice the amount of greenhouse gases projected to be emitted in Vermont in the year 2027, and

Whereas, this offsetting process is to occur through VEIC's investing in energy projects promoting efficiency and relying on renewable resources, and

Whereas, by 2010, VEIC's work at Efficiency Vermont had helped reduce carbon emissions by 5.1 tons, and

Whereas, in 2011, VEIC commenced operation of two large-scale energy efficiency programs based on the successful Efficiency Vermont model: Efficiency Smart, based in the Midwest, and the Sustainable Energy Utility, based in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, recognizing the increasing association between energy and transportation policy, VEIC established a transportation efficiency division, and

Whereas, VEIC was recognized as one of the "2011 Best Places to Work in Vermont," as well as one of Vermont's ten fastest-growing companies and now employs over 250 people in green jobs throughout Vermont and in New Jersey, Ohio, and Washington, D.C., now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vermont Energy Investment Corporation on its 25th anniversary, 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.

**H.C.R. 380.**

House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative William Keogh on his retirement from the Burlington City Council and its presidency

Offered by: Representatives Donovan of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette of Winooski, Krowinski of Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington and Wright of Burlington

Whereas, one of the Queen City's most illustrious public servants is William Keogh, whose diverse leadership roles reflect a lifetime of personal accomplishment and integrity, and

Whereas, he graduated from Cathedral High School and St. Michael's College, and

Whereas, Bill Keogh served our nation in the U.S. Navy, later joining the Vermont National Guard and rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel, and

Whereas, a lover of the outdoors, Bill Keogh was employed as superintendent of the Burlington Park Department and oversaw the development of North Beach, earning the nickname "Treez," and

Whereas, he is a dedicated athlete, ran the full Burlington marathon at age 60 and, at age 81, plays basketball every week and golfs regularly, and

Whereas, in his role as a baseball umpire, he made close calls on balls and strikes, which may have helped to hone his skills as a decision-maker of public policy, and

Whereas, during his tenure as executive director of the Associated General Contractors of Vermont, Bill Keogh was a member of a carpool of close friends whose members still head off to the races at Saratoga on Bennington Battle Day, and

Whereas, for eight years, he represented the city of Burlington in the house of representatives, serving on the health and welfare and health care committees, and he was proud of his work on the medical marijuana law, and

Whereas, he considered his chairing of the motor vehicle arbitration (lemon law) board to be of great importance, and

Whereas, for 16 years, Bill Keogh has been a member of the Burlington City Council and has served as president since 2009, and

Whereas, as chair of the council's license committee, Bill Keogh took a strict position on adherence to the city's alcohol sales ordinances, and

Whereas, Bill Keogh was not above fighting community traditions, such as when he convinced the council to declare the fourth Saturday in October as Halloween, although the mayor vetoed the change, and

Whereas, perhaps most importantly, Bill Keogh used his council presidency to implement new parliamentary procedures to bring greater deliberative efficiency, and

Whereas, on April 2, 2012, Bill Keogh retired from the Burlington City Council and its presidency, and this father of five and grandfather of ten deserves to be proud of the civic contributions he has made to his hometown, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Representative William Keogh on his retirement from the Burlington City Council and its presidency, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to William Keogh in Burlington.

#### **H.C.R. 381.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the ecological importance and scenic beauty of the Lowell Mountain Range

Offered by: Representative Young of Glover

Whereas, at 450,000,000 years old, the Green Mountains of Vermont are ancient geologic specimens whose once far-higher stature has been diminished through glacial erosion, most recently approximately 10,000 years ago, and

Whereas, the Lowell Mountain Range is a subsidiary mountain range within the Green Mountains and extends approximately 15 miles from Irasburg south to Eden, and

Whereas, included in the range is Lowell Mountain with its peak at 2,119 feet, but the high point of the range is Bigelow Mountain, with its summit at approximately 2,500 feet, and

Whereas, the 30,000 acres that comprise the Lowell Mountain Range are the 12th largest habitat block in Vermont and also support healthy populations of deer, moose, bears, bobcat, and many other animals and plants and, according to some local observers, the legally extinct catamount, and

Whereas, the Lowell Mountain Range is an important source of clean water for both humans and animals, and



Whereas, the Wild Branch Wildlife Management Area occupies the southeastern slope of the range, and,

Whereas, the headwaters of the Lamoille and Missisquoi rivers both flow from the ridgeline of these mountains, and

Whereas, for decades, adventurous backcountry skiers have been attracted to these rugged slopes, and

Whereas, residents of Craftsbury, Albany, and Glover are privileged to enjoy grand views of the magnificent Lowell Mountain Range, and

Whereas, local educational institutions have used the Lowell Mountain Range as an outdoor classroom, and

Whereas, the majestic glory of the Lowell Mountain Range is a Vermont treasure, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the ecological importance and scenic beauty of the Lowell Mountain Range.

**H.C.R. 383.**

House concurrent resolution honoring fish and game warden Sergeant Daniel Swainbank for his career accomplishments

Offered by: Representatives Savage of Swanton, Branagan of Georgia, Consejo of Sheldon, Degree of St. Albans City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gilbert of Fairfax, Howrigan of Fairfield, Johnson of South Hero, Keenan of St. Albans City, Krebs of South Hero, Lewis of Derby, McAllister of Highgate, Pearce of Richford and Perley of Enosburgh

Offered by: Senators Brock and Kittell

Whereas, Sgt. Daniel (Dan) Swainbank, a graduate of BFA-St. Albans, is ideally suited for his work as a fish and game warden, and

Whereas, he was sworn in as a part-time fish and game warden in 1976, two weeks after his 19th birthday, and was hired on a full-time basis in 1979, and

Whereas, during the course of his career, Sgt. Swainbank has been assigned to patrol areas in Arlington, Lyndonville, Enosburgh, and since 1986, Swanton, and

Whereas, although he has patrolled on land, swamps, and bodies of water, Sgt. Swainbank has especially enjoyed his work on Lake Champlain where he has logged thousands of hours of boat and snowmobile patrol duty, and

Whereas, during his Lyndonville assignment, he became a self-defense instructor for the department, and

Whereas, Warden Dan Swainbank received specialized federal training in covert operations, and for a quarter century, he has been deployed in Vermont, Maine, Ontario, and Saskatchewan, infiltrating poaching operations, and

Whereas, he helped pioneer the deploying of a taxidermy mounted deer near popular roadside hunting locations, now a standard procedure for curbing this illegal activity, and

Whereas, through his initiating discussions with the Franklin County state's attorney and a local legislator, a uniform point system for fish and game violations was enacted, and

Whereas, he has held offices in the VT Game Wardens' Association, and his fellow state employees elected him as vice president of the Franklin-Grand Isle chapter of the Vermont State Employees' Association, and

Whereas, in 2005, Warden Dan Swainbank was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and

Whereas, this exemplary law enforcement officer has received several awards, including Vermont Game Warden of the Year in 1985 and 1996, Vermont's Boating Safety Enforcement Officer of the Year in 2007, and in 2008, a lifesaving award for locating a lost hunter in a dark marshy bog in Swanton, and

Whereas, after over three decades as a respected fish and game warden, Sgt. Dan Swainbank will retire on April 30, 2012, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors fish and game warden Sergeant Daniel Swainbank for his career accomplishments, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sergeant Dan Swainbank.

**H.C.R. 384.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Burlington Fletcher Free Library co-director Amber Collins

Offered by: Representatives Krowinski of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette of Winooski, Courcelle of Rutland City, Donovan of Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington and Wright of Burlington

Whereas, for 45 of the 139-year history of Burlington's Fletcher Free Library, Amber Collins has contributed to its mission of serving the evolving educational and cultural needs of the Greater Burlington community, and

Whereas, her rise from an entry level circulation desk job to co-director and assistant director is a testament to her skills and dedication to the furtherance of the Fletcher Free Library's worthy mission of community service, and

Whereas, when Amber Collins arrived at the Fletcher Free in 1967, the aging Carnegie building, which had served as the library's home since 1904, was in need of rejuvenation, and

Whereas, her placement at the circulation desk was only temporary as Amber Collins would oversee building and grounds as well as the financial and personnel portfolios during the ensuing years, and

Whereas, other positions Amber Collins has held include head of acquisitions and adult services librarian, and

Whereas, as a way to bolster her credentials, and be of more knowledgeable and useful service to library patrons, in 1985, Amber Collins earned her Vermont librarian certification, and

Whereas, the years of her tenure at the Fletcher Free Library featured highpoints in its history, including the listing of the original Carnegie building on the National Register of Historic Places (1974); the stabilization and external repair of the building (1977); and the opening in 1981 of a modern addition, greatly expanding and improving the library's facilities, and

Whereas, in 1992, Amber Collins was appointed one of the three original co-directors of the Fletcher Free Library, and in 1997, she added the duties of assistant director, and

Whereas, for 45 years, Amber Collins has served as an outstanding librarian and senior manager at the Fletcher Free Library, and on the occasion of her retirement, an expression of legislative praise and best wishes is in order, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Burlington's Fletcher Free Library co-director Amber Collins and extends to her best wishes for the future, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Amber Collins and to the Fletcher Free Library in Burlington.

**H.C.R. 385.**

House concurrent resolution honoring retiring Vermont Law School President, Dean, and Professor of Law Geoffrey B. Shields and his wife, Genie

Offered by: Representative Buxton of Tunbridge

Whereas, Geoffrey (Jeff) Shields is a 1967 magna cum laude graduate of Harvard College, and after graduation, he worked at the Experiment for International Living in Brattleboro and Marlboro College, and

Whereas, after graduating from Yale Law School, he returned to Vermont and clerked for U.S. Court of Appeals Judge James L. Oakes, and

Whereas, following his judicial clerkship, Jeff Shields held staff positions in Congress and the federal executive branch before practicing law in Washington, D.C. and Chicago, and

Whereas, Jeff Shields' love of Vermont and academia remained, and in 2004, he was able to combine these two passions with his appointment as dean (later adding the title of president) of Vermont Law School (VLS), and

Whereas, he spoke truth to power when he courageously defended VLS's longstanding policy against discrimination based on sexual orientation by not allowing the military to recruit on campus while the federal "don't ask don't tell" was in effect, and

Whereas, Dean Shields' leadership ushered in a stronger, more globally inclusive environmental network of clinics, institutes, and courses and also established path-breaking partnerships with universities in China, and

Whereas, his wife, Genie, created a support program (VLS Partners Group) for the men and women who dared to accompany their partners through law school, and the Shields hosted more than 600 events for various groups at their home, and

Whereas, significant new academic programs begun during Dean Jeff Shields' years on the VLS campus have included the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic, the U.S.-China partnership, the Institute for Energy and the Environment, and the Agricultural Law Center, and

Whereas, major building projects during his tenure included the rehabilitation and expansion of the old South Royalton School, known as the Debevoise Building, creation of a new Center for Legal Services, breaking ground for a new fitness center, and the opening of an outdoor classroom, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors retiring Vermont Law School President Geoffrey B. Shields and his wife, Genie, for a remarkable period of educational growth, international outreach, physical improvements on campus, and the building of a stronger sense of school community, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Law School President, Dean, and Professor of Law Geoffrey Shields and his wife, Genie.

**H.C.R. 386.**

House concurrent resolution honoring and extending best wishes on future endeavors to each of the 2012 retiring faculty members of the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union

Offered by: Representative Mook of Bennington

Whereas, the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union (SVSU) includes the school districts of Bennington, Shaftsbury, Pownal, Woodford, the North Bennington Graded School, and Mt. Anthony Union District, and

Whereas, in 2012, 14 teachers and paraprofessionals will retire, having contributed a combined total of 412 years of professional service to the SVSU, and

Whereas, these outstanding retiring professional educators include:

*Bennington School District—Molly Stark School*, Jeanne Mook, a paraprofessional at the Molly Stark School kindergarten and the first Bennington School District person to implement the primary project (22 years);

*Mt. Anthony Union School District—Mt. Anthony Middle School*, Warren Roaf, the school's principal and a social studies teacher, who is a man of endless patience and caring demeanor and a staunch advocate for middle school education (34 years); Donna Malady, a dedicated English teacher who made literature come alive (34 years);

*Mt. Anthony Union School District—Mt. Anthony High School*, Coleen Macksey, a guidance counselor who carefully advised students on their future educational and career goals (17 years); Larry Stepp, director of the School to Work program (17 years); Steve Lynch, an art teacher with a flair for calligraphy (35 years); and Kathy Rice, a caring paraprofessional (18 years);

*Pownal School District*, Mary (Kathy) Cichanowski, a warm and caring kindergarten teacher (38 years); and Thomas Partenope, a fifth grade teacher with a sense of humor and fun (41 years);

*Shaftsbury School District*, Kathy Link, an art teacher who brought innovative approaches to art education (35 years); Marilyn Carey, a 5th grade teacher well regarded throughout the community (40 years); Diana DeSantis, a kindergarten teacher who brought a smile to many faces (28 years); and Deanna Burke, a first grade teacher who encouraged and motivated her students to excel (28 years);

*SVSU—Molly Stark School*, Kathleen Pierce, an excellent mathematics teacher who taught in Bennington, North Bennington, and Shaftsbury (25 years) and who was employed by SVSU through the federal Title 1 education program, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors and extends best wishes on future endeavors to each of the 2012 retiring faculty members of the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each faculty member honored in this resolution.

**H.C.R. 387.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Woodbury town clerk and moderator Morris P. Lilley

Offered by: Representatives Peltz of Woodbury and Smith of Morristown

Whereas, one of Woodbury's lifelong residents was Morris P. Lilley whose community spirit was unsurpassed, and

Whereas, an honorably discharged U.S. Army veteran, Morris Lilley worked for 30 years as a full-time rural route mail carrier, and

Whereas, U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy and his wife, Marcelle, and their neighbors in Middlesex, have attested to the excellent and reliable postal delivery for which he will long be remembered as well as for his strong community commitment, and

Whereas, the citizens of Woodbury will remember Morris Lilley as a leading civic figure who held nearly every elected municipal office, and

Whereas, these included auditor, cemetery commissioner, lister, and treasurer, and

Whereas, for several years, Morris Lilley served as the capable Woodbury town clerk, and

Whereas, in terms of his town government roles, Morris Lilley will perhaps be best remembered as the respected Woodbury town moderator who astutely

and wisely wielded the gavel as he presided at 18 consecutive town meetings, and

Whereas, in a final tribute to his parliamentary skills and reputation for fairness, Morris Lilley was elected to the moderator's podium for his 19th and final town meeting appearance in March 2012, and

Whereas, Morris Lilley also expressed his concern for Woodbury through his serving as a member of the Woodbury volunteer fire department, and

Whereas, public education was a matter of great importance for Morris Lilley, and for 18 years, he served on the Hazen Union school board, and

Whereas, he enjoyed many outdoor recreational activities, especially hunting, and was an antique car enthusiast, and

Whereas, Morris Lilley died on April 13, 2012, leaving his companion, Jessica Oszajca, his brother, Allen, and sister, Betty, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to Jessica Oszajca, to the Lilley family, and to the citizens of Woodbury on the passing of former town clerk and moderator Morris Lilley, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jessica Oszajca, to each of Morris Lilley's siblings, and to the Woodbury town clerk.

**H.C.R. 388.**

House concurrent resolution honoring librarian and Chester community leader Cynthia Collins

Offered by: Representative Dakin of Chester

Whereas, librarians are very special people who collect, catalogue, and preserve traditional printed materials as well as the digitized resources of the World Wide Web, and

Whereas, Cynthia Collins enriched the lives of the students at Bellows Falls Union High School (BFUHS) for 28 years as the coordinator of the library department, and

Whereas, in this role, she introduced students to books of many genres and provided the students a gateway to conduct research and expand their educational horizons, and

Whereas, as important as her library duties were, Cynthia Collins assumed many other assignments including leadership project coadvisor, member of the student assistance team, and member of the local standards board, and

Whereas, she was instrumental in the success of the gifted and talent program at BFUHS, and

Whereas, Cynthia Collins has played equally important roles in her hometown of Chester, where her community involvement and leadership have been integral to the town's quality of life, and

Whereas, her leadership at the Whiting Library, where she is a veteran board member and has served as the superb chairwoman for the past nine years, is often quiet and behind the scenes but always critical to the library's vitality, and

Whereas, she has worked tirelessly to make sure that whatever actions are needed to update and preserve the traditions of a small-town library are accomplished, and

Whereas, Cynthia Collins was instrumental in setting up a computer station at the Whiting Library and in advancing the online cataloguing system, and

Whereas, her involvement in the activities and governance of the Whiting Library was all-encompassing, and

Whereas, Cynthia Collins is retiring from the Whiting Library's board as its chairwoman after an outstanding tenure, but she will no doubt remain active in Chester community affairs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors librarian and Chester community leader Cynthia Collins, and be it further

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

#### **H.C.R. 389.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of St. Michael's college alumni Michael and Jill Casey

Offered by: Representatives Campion of Bennington, Branagan of Georgia, Clark of Vergennes, Condon of Colchester, Corcoran of Bennington, Donovan of Burlington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Peltz of Woodbury and Stuart of Brattleboro

Whereas, Jill Schuessler and Michael Casey graduated from St. Michael's College in 1999, she as a dean's list student with a degree in psychology, and he as a double major in political science and environmental studies, and

Whereas, their desire to make an important societal contribution led them to become educators in the rainforest village of Gallon Jug in Belize, and



Whereas, they departed for Belize in 2001, and for nine years they were educational leaders at the village's community school with Michael serving as principal and Jill as the 3rd and 4th grade teacher, and

Whereas, Jill Schuessler became known in Gallon Jug as Miss Jill for her grace and loving kindness and especially for the annual Christmas musical production she organized, involving both children and adults in the village, and

Whereas, Jill and Michael were married on a hillside in Gallon Jug in January 2006, and

Whereas, they became the parents of Makayla and Bryce, and

Whereas, they greatly enjoyed exploring Belize on horseback, hiking, and sailing and were avid observers of the flora and fauna, and

Whereas, Michael Casey was also the president of World's Window, Inc., an Albany, New York-based charity that "seeks to develop, support, and expand education initiatives and programs in areas of need throughout Belize, New York and beyond, . . ." and

Whereas, on February 26, 2010, the entire Casey family was killed in a plane crash while flying to a fundraising event for the school, and

Whereas, this tragic loss of young lives, and of persons dedicated to making a positive difference in the world, brought great sadness to the St. Michael's College campus and Jill and Michael Casey's extended families, and

Whereas, surviving family members of Jill Casey include her mother, Linda Schuessler of Marion, Massachusetts, her sister, Amanda, her husband, Ben, and their son, Payson, who were also residing in Gallon Jug, and a sister, Melissa of Providence, Rhode Island; and Michael Casey's family includes his parents, Frank and Penny Casey of Albany, N.Y., and his siblings, Shawn, Chris, Daniel, and Kelly and her husband, Craig, and their children, Casey, Quinn, and Eryn, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere sympathy to the families of St. Michael's College alumni Jill and Michael Casey, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 390.**

House concurrent resolution honoring the 5th grade civics education initiative at Ferrisburgh Central School

Offered by: Representatives Clark of Vergennes and Lanpher of Vergennes

Whereas, the 5th grade class of Kathleen Douglas at Ferrisburgh Central School has taken an issue of immediate impact on their lives and with her guidance developed a proposed state legislative solution, and

Whereas, the school is located at the intersection of Route 7, a state highway, and Little Chicago Road, and

Whereas, because of the large amount of traffic passing through this busy intersection, many of the youngsters' parents are reluctant to allow them to either walk or ride their bicycles to school, and

Whereas, the youngsters are missing daily opportunities to enjoy morning and afternoon physical activity, the pleasure of being outdoors, and the chance to spend time with their friends, and

Whereas, the students' disappointment at being curtailed from engaging in an activity that should be regularly available to 5th graders became a topic of class discussion as they researched possible ways to regulate the traffic flow in a manner that would give their parents the assurance that it is safe for elementary schoolchildren to walk or bicycle to school, and

Whereas, they knew that because Route 7 is a state highway, the solution to their dilemma was not one for the town of Ferrisburgh to decide on its own, and

Whereas, the students took testimony from their local state legislators and wrote letters to state officials, and

Whereas, after gathering the information, the students prepared recommendations that the state install a traffic light at this dangerous intersection, and

Whereas, they took this proposal directly to their local state legislators who have introduced H.795, "An act relating to a traffic light in the town of Ferrisburgh," and

Whereas, this positive civic education experience bodes well for their future roles as adult citizens in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the 5th grade civics education initiative at Ferrisburgh Central School, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kathleen Douglas at Ferrisburgh Central School.