

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**May 5, 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. 392.**

House concurrent resolution designating April 2012 as Fair Housing Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Grad of Moretown, Head of South Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, Moran of Wardsboro, O'Sullivan of Burlington and Stevens of Shoreham

Whereas, for generations, millions of Americans were denied the housing of their choice because of personal factors such as race, ethnicity, or religion, and

Whereas, on April 11, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Title VIII of which is known as the Fair Housing Act, and

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

Whereas, 9 V.S.A. § 4503(a)(1) prohibits discrimination in the rental or sale of housing based on "race, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, religious creed, color, national origin, or handicap of a person, or because a person intends to occupy a dwelling with one or more minor children, or because a person is a recipient of public assistance" and both reinforces and broadens the scope of the federal law, and

Whereas, unfortunately, over 40 years later, there is documented proof that the vestiges of housing discrimination remain alive in Vermont, and

Whereas, Vermont Legal Aid, with funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, conducted a series of 90 onsite visits and 340 telephone calls to test the extent to which landlords would engage in discriminatory practices when offering rental housing, and

Whereas, Rachel Batterson of Vermont Legal Aid explained in a Vermont Public Radio interview, that "landlords preferred white testers of U.S. origin 38 percent of the time when the test was on race/color, 40 percent of the time

when the test was based on national origin, and . . . 36 percent of the landlords preferred families without children,” and

Whereas, the study also found accessibility violations of fair housing law in 80 percent of the units surveyed, and

Whereas, the housing that was destroyed in Tropical Storm Irene limits the availability of affordable housing in some communities, and

Whereas, the designation of April as Fair Housing Month will serve as a catalyst for Vermonters to focus on this important public policy matter, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates April 2012 as Fair Housing Month in Vermont, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 393.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Audrey and William Keyes of Bridport for their exemplary community spirit

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, in the annual town meeting report, it is customary to publish a dedication honoring citizens whose community and civic contributions over many years deserve special commendation, and

Whereas, for its 2011 report, the town of Bridport selected Audrey and Bill Keyes on whom to bestow this special honor, and

Whereas, for most of their lives, they have resided in the town of Bridport, always as great neighbors and ever willing to lend a helping hand, and

Whereas, Bill Keyes regularly travels around Bridport visiting and encouraging friends and neighbors, offering good cheer and help when needed, and

Whereas, as a couple, Audrey and Bill Keyes act as an unofficial welcoming committee, greeting new members of the community and making them feel at home, and

Whereas, they are always gracious hosts, be it for organizational events and meetings or friendly gatherings of their personal acquaintances, and

Whereas, in the early 1990s, both Audrey and Bill Keyes actively participated in the Bridport Restoration Project, offering their ideas and support for this special town endeavor, and

Whereas, their involvement in civic and fraternal affairs spans many local organizations including a book club, community suppers, the Bridport Historical Society, the Grange, and the Masons, and

Whereas, they are active in their church, and

Whereas, every Vermont town should be as fortunate as Bridport to have such a wonderful couple as Audrey and Bill Keyes living in its midst, and

Whereas, the selection of Audrey and Bill Keyes as the dedication honorees in the 2011 Bridport town report was an impeccable choice, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Audrey and William Keyes of Bridport for their exemplary community spirit in the town of Bridport, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Audrey and William Keyes in Bridport.

#### **H.C.R. 394.**

House concurrent resolution honoring William Paine of New Haven for his civic accomplishments

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, New Haven resident Bill Paine has distinguished himself both in his professional career and as a reliable and tireless civic leader in the town of New Haven, and

Whereas, he worked as a broadcaster at a Philadelphia radio station before moving to Vermont and assuming the position of news director at WFAD in Middlebury, and

Whereas, after leaving the radio medium, he embarked on a new career in agricultural administration, and

Whereas, for the state of Vermont, Bill Paine served as deputy commissioner of agriculture, and

Whereas, he retained a close association with dairy issues, serving as a senior official at Milk Promotion Services Inc. and as executive director of the Green Mountain Dairy Farmers Cooperative Federation, and

Whereas, in 1979, Bill Paine was appointed to a seat on the New Haven planning commission, and

Whereas, in 1980, he embarked on an 11-year stint on the New Haven selectboard, and

Whereas, in 1991, Bill Paine assumed a new challenge, becoming a town lister, and he has continued in that role to this day, and

Whereas, in recognition of his over three decades of outstanding public service in the town of New Haven, the town's 2011 annual report was dedicated to him, and

Whereas, the comments published on the report's dedication page describe this outstanding public servant as a "gift to the community" and as a person who "works tirelessly behind the scenes in his quiet and thorough way," and

Whereas, the citizens of New Haven are fortunate that Bill Paine is among their most important human assets and, as the dedication notes, that he "always had the best interest of the town's people in mind," now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors William Paine of New Haven for his civic contributions, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to William Paine in New Haven.

#### **H.C.R. 395.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Addison County Sheriff James Coons

Offered by: Representatives Nuovo of Middlebury, Clark of Vergennes, Fisher of Lincoln, Jewett of Ripton, Lanpher of Vergennes, Ralston of Middlebury, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Shoreham and Lippert of Hinesburg

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, Addison County Sheriff James Coons was the much-respected dean of Vermont's sheriffs and a mentor for his professional colleagues, and

Whereas, he has been described as gregarious and savvy, and during Jim Coons's 29 years of proudly serving as Addison County sheriff, his department evolved into a modern law enforcement operation, and

Whereas, a lifelong resident of Middlebury, Jim Coons graduated from Middlebury Union High School and Champlain College, and

Whereas, he began his law enforcement career as a Middlebury police officer and was selected to serve as acting chief, and

Whereas, he opted not to apply for the permanent position, but instead ran for Addison County sheriff, a position his father, Morton Coons, had once held, and

Whereas, in November 1982, Jim Coons handily won his first election and would never again experience a serious challenge at the ballot box, and

Whereas, Sheriff Jim Coons's dynamic and visionary leadership resulted in an increase to 28 full- and part-time officers, the vehicle fleet's development, and the expansion and modernization of his department's Middlebury headquarters, and

Whereas, the officers of the Addison County Sheriff's Department are expertly trained and often provide support to other jurisdictions, and

Whereas, Sheriff Jim Coons was an admired leader of the Vermont Sheriffs' Association, having served as its president and, most recently, vice president, and of the Vermont Police Association, of which he was a past president and life member, and

Whereas, his diverse personal interests included playing guitar in various bands, collecting classic muscle cars and vintage guitars, and serving on the board of trustees of the Middlebury United Methodist Church, which he had chaired, and

Whereas, this much-praised law enforcement officer died after a battle with cancer on April 16, 2012, causing much sadness in Addison County, and

Whereas, Sheriff Jim Coons's survivors include his wife, Julie, sons Jeffrey and Jeremy, his sister Debra and much extended family, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family and many friends of Addison County Sheriff Jim Coons, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Julie, Jeffrey, and Jeremy Coons, Debra Bagley, and to the Addison County Sheriff's Department.

**H.C.R. 396.**

House concurrent resolution honoring John R. Stone Jr. on his 55th firefighting anniversary and for his outstanding community service in Bennington

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

Offered: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, John Stone has served the town and village of Bennington in several community service roles, but most notably as a member of the Putnam Hose Company # 3 of the Bennington fire department, and

Whereas, for 55 years, John Stone has been one of the volunteer firefighters in this essential organization that protects the citizenry, and

Whereas, his commitment and dedication to Putnam Hose Company # 3 of the Bennington fire department has extended beyond the many occasions when he has been called at all hours to help, and

Whereas, for 20 years, John Stone oversaw the department's administrative affairs during his tenure as its president, and

Whereas, firefighting has become a Stone family tradition as two of his grandsons are now members of Bennington Fire Department, and

Whereas, John Stone has represented the citizens of Bennington on the town's selectboard, and

Whereas, he has served on the Bennington board of civil authority during both his selectboard and justice of the peace terms of service, and

Whereas, in the formerly incorporated village of Bennington, John Stone was elected as a village trustee and is now the only person living who held this position, and

Whereas, John Stone, and his wife, Jean, have been married for 62 years and are the parents of seven children, Susan, Margaret, Judy, John, Liz, Kathy, and Mary, and the proud grandparents of 18 grandchildren, and

Whereas, for 25 years, he owned and operated an electronics business in Bennington, and

Whereas, despite a busy life devoted to his family, firefighting duties, community service, and managing his business, John Stone found the time to be a member of both the Knights of Columbus and the Fraternal Order of Elks, and

Whereas, John Stone has devoted himself to his family and serving his community with great distinction, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors John R. Stone Jr. on his 55th firefighting anniversary and for his outstanding community service in Bennington, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John Stone in Bennington.

**H.C.R. 397.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Kerry Clifford for her devotion to teaching young children

Offered by: Representative Acinapura of Brandon

Whereas, Kerry Clifford has worked as an educator in the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union for a quarter of a century, and

Whereas, her commitment to educating young children has been evident from the first day she stepped into the classroom, and

Whereas, Kerry Clifford started her career in public education in the Triple E early childhood program, and

Whereas, she later began working in the demanding area of special education, and

Whereas, Kerry Clifford consistently brought a cheerful, positive, and loving attitude to the classroom, and she is a natural born teacher, and

Whereas, her students' education was always Kerry Clifford's top priority, and

Whereas, needy students were always a special concern for Kerry Clifford, and she strove to make them feel part of the class by bringing extra gifts for children unable to contribute to a holiday exchange, packing snacks and lunches for class trips, and transporting children to school events, and

Whereas, as a Brandon resident, Kerry Clifford provided an important connection between her school and the community, regularly attending community- and school-sponsored events to support the local children, and

Whereas, this enthusiastic educator has fought a personal battle against cancer during much of her career, but has never allowed her illness to interfere with her school duties, and

Whereas, Kerry Clifford has been active in cancer research fundraising, and in 2010 was honored as a "Survivor of the Year" at a Relay for Life event, and

Whereas, this amazing woman has been a true asset to every colleague with whom she has worked, and her retirement this year from the Neshobe School,



where she has most recently been a teaching assistant, and the Northeast Rutland Supervisory Union will mark the departure of a truly outstanding educator, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Kerry Clifford for her devotion to teaching young children, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kerry Clifford in Brandon.

**H.C.R. 398.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Caroline and Hubert Daberer on their 90th birthdays and as the founders of Alpine Haven

Offered by: Representatives Kilmartin of Newport City and Higley of Lowell

Offered by: Senators Starr and Illuzzi

Whereas, during World War II, Caroline Wick was one of the “Rosie the Riveters” working on the home front and, after the war, was employed at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the forerunner of NASA, and

Whereas, Hubert Daberer was born in Bosnia and as a youth moved to Austria, was conscripted into the German Army at the start of World War II, and was placed in the First German Ski Brigade before being deployed to the Russian front and being wounded five times, and

Whereas, while in the military, he met fellow skier Walter Foeger, and

Whereas, the Russians captured him in May 1945 and sent him to a Russian concentration camp for 10 months, and

Whereas, Hubert Daberer then returned to Austria, became a champion skier and certified ski instructor, started an export business, and in 1957 followed his sisters to Cleveland, where they were living, and planned to go on to a job as a ski instructor in Aspen, Colorado, and

Whereas, while in Ohio, he met Caroline Wick at a dance, and he read in a ski magazine that his army friend Walter Foeger was the first ski instructor at the new Jay Peak ski resort in Vermont, and

Whereas, Hubert Daberer abandoned the Colorado offer and followed Walter Foeger to Jay, becoming the resort’s second ski instructor, and

Whereas, Hubert and Carolyn were married in 1959, moved to Montgomery, and purchased the Montgomery Inn and renamed it the Carinthia Lodge, and

Whereas, in 1959, on the not-yet-paved future Route 242 from Jay to Montgomery, the car in which Hubert Daberer was riding became stuck in the mud in Westfield, and, as he looked around at the glorious mountain views, Hubert Daberer decided to build a chalet resort community at the site, and

Whereas, over the following years, Hubert and Caroline Daberer acquired land in Westfield and later Montgomery and developed the mountainside resort community of Alpine Haven, which now includes over 80 chalets and a 16-unit condominium building, and

Whereas, both Hubert and Caroline Daberer have been respected leaders in the northern Vermont communities of Jay, Westfield, and Montgomery, and

Whereas, they recently celebrated their 90th birthdays, she on January 16 and he on April 6, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Caroline and Hubert Daberer on their 90th birthdays and as the founders of Alpine Haven, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hubert and Caroline Daberer at Alpine Haven.

#### **H.C.R. 399.**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 85th anniversary of the landing in Springfield of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh in the Spirit of St. Louis

Offered by: Representative Martin of Springfield, Dakin of Chester and Emmons of Springfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, in the summer of 1927, Col. Charles Lindbergh was flying the Spirit of St. Louis, the famous little plane which he flew solo across the Atlantic, on a tour of the United States to promote aviation, and

Whereas, Springfield was selected as the only Vermont stop on his national tour, and the presence in Springfield of an airport and of former Vermont Gov. James Hartness, himself an aviation enthusiast and pilot, may have persuaded the famous aviator to select Springfield, and

Whereas, Gov. Hartness organized a meeting to prepare for this special guest's arrival, and members of the National Guard, war veterans, and police

officers as well as local volunteers were all part of the contingent of people on hand to assist in event preparations and logistics, and

Whereas, large stands were constructed to accommodate many spectators with provisions made for amplified sound, an unusual occurrence in 1927 Vermont, and

Whereas, at approximately 2:00 p.m. on July 26, the Spirit of St. Louis appeared in the sky, and

Whereas, upon his landing, a tired-looking Col. Charles Lindbergh did not smile, but after Gov. Hartness spoke to him he broke out in a grin, and

Whereas, in his remarks at the field, Col. Lindbergh spoke of Vermont's hilly terrain as ideal for flying, and at an evening banquet which 500 persons attended, Lindbergh extolled the virtues of commercial aviation, and

Whereas, Reeve Lindbergh, the Vermont author and daughter of Col. Charles Lindbergh, has purchased pavers for the Iron Bridge Memorial Garden of the Springfield Garden Club in recognition of her father's landing in Springfield, and

Whereas, on July 26, 2012, she will dedicate these pavers, and there will follow a celebration that the Springfield Garden Club and the Springfield Airport Commission will jointly sponsor at Hartness State Airport in commemoration of the 85th anniversary of Col. Charles Lindbergh's memorable landing of the Spirit of St. Louis in Springfield, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 85th anniversary of the landing in Springfield of Col. Charles Lindbergh in the Spirit of St. Louis, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Springfield Garden Club, to the Springfield Airport Commission, and to Reeve Lindbergh.

**H.C.R. 400.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland Free Library on its 125th anniversary

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

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, the Rutland Free Library is a community institution of much renown with a collection that has enlightened, entertained, informed, and brought much pleasure to the citizens of Rutland, and

Whereas, the origins of the Rutland Free Library can be traced to a group of over 100 local women who gathered in January 1886 to formulate plans for the establishment of a library association in Rutland, and later that year, the Rutland Free Library was opened in two rented rooms at 23 Merchants Row with a collection of 3,234 books, and

Whereas, in 1889, the library moved to the lower floor of Memorial Hall on West Street, and

Whereas, the role of children in the Rutland Free Library was formally introduced in 1911 with the start of story hours and the establishment of small traveling libraries at schools in Center Rutland and Murray Hill, and

Whereas, in 1930, the Longfellow School became the temporary home of the Rutland Free Library, and in 1935, the library moved to its current home in the former federal building, and

Whereas, additions to the building were constructed in 1964 and again 1988, and in the 1970s, a former courtroom was converted into a community meeting room where cultural programs ranging from music, literary presentations, and public issue forums are now held, and

Whereas, in 1992, the Rutland Free Library became the first Vermont public library to introduce a computerized catalogue, retiring the historic cards, and becoming a pathfinder for other libraries in the state, and

Whereas, in celebration of its 125th anniversary, the Rutland Free Library held a special gala on April 28 with an array of regional authors in attendance, and the Friends of the Rutland Free Library will host its own commemorative event on May 7, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rutland Free Library on its 125th anniversary and extends best wishes for continuing success as a cherished bibliographic, community, and information resource, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rutland Free Library Director Paula Baker.

**H.C.R. 401.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Scott Santamore of Rutland on being the named the 2012 Boys & Girls Clubs of America Vermont Youth of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Andrews of Rutland City, Courcelle of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, McNeil of Rutland Town and Shaw of Pittsford

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, for the past 13 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs in Vermont have honored one club member as the Vermont Youth of the Year, and

Whereas, as explained in a club press release, the Youth of the Year Award is presented for “outstanding contributions to a member’s family, school, community and Boys & Girls Club, as well as overcoming personal challenges and obstacles,” and

Whereas, the selection process begins with the designation of six community winners who then gather in Montpelier for a day’s worth of events, the most important being a half-hour interview before a panel of judges, and

Whereas, each finalist had to complete a series of essays and speeches and have a record of accomplishment, and

Whereas, after extremely careful scrutiny, the judges were pleased to announce that Scott Santamore of Rutland was the 2012 Vermont Youth of the Year, the first Rutland area recipient of this award, and

Whereas, Scott Santamore’s personal story is truly inspirational, as he is a young man who was recently left homeless and who works at McDonald’s for 40 hours per week but still managed to graduate from high school a year early, enroll at the Community College of Vermont, and find his own apartment, and

Whereas, his Boys’ & Girls Club activities have included Drama Matters, Rock Lab, Our Voices Exposed, Club Ambassadors, and Christmas Carolers, and

Whereas, for two years, Scott has volunteered in the Rutland Boys & Girls Club’s Junior Club as a staff member, and the junior club’s coordinator spoke of Scott Santamore as a young man with a “positive attitude” and stated that he is great with children, and

Whereas, aside from the many hours he volunteers for the Boys & Girls Club in Rutland, Scott Santamore is active with his church choir and the Rutland Youth Theatre, and

Whereas, as the Vermont Youth of the Year, Scott was presented a \$1,000 scholarship and the opportunity to participate in this award's regional and national competitions, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Scott Santamore of Rutland on being the named the 2012 Boys & Girls Clubs of America Vermont Youth of the Year, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 402.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the city of Burlington on being named a 2012 Tree City U.S.A.

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

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

Whereas, the city of Burlington manages more than 12,000 urban trees, including 8,500 street trees, 3,500 park and cemetery trees, and 150 acres of forested parkland, and

Whereas, in 2011, the city of Burlington through its department of parks and recreation conducted many worthy activities intended to beautify the city, including the planting of 130 street, park, and cemetery trees by volunteers and contractors; removing 64 dead and hazardous trees and 59 stumps; pruning 1,385 street and park trees; fertilizing 195 street, park, and cemetery trees; cleaning and maintaining 138 tree grates in the downtown and along North Street as part of the annual work plan; and maintaining 65 beds of park shrubs and flowers, adding compost, and pruning, and

Whereas, students at three of Burlington's elementary schools participated in department-sponsored Arbor Day programs, and

Whereas, in association with the University of Vermont Extension, the city of Burlington's department of parks and recreation continued the All America Selections Flower Display Garden at Waterfront Park, and

Whereas, the department and Branch Out Burlington! planted 125 trees at the Burlington Community Nursery; sponsored the 11th annual Awesome Tree Contest and awards ceremony; and sponsored the third annual tree sale at which 185 bare-root trees were sold, and

Whereas, the Burlington department of parks and recreation has a staff of four full-time arborists under the supervision of city arborist Warren Spinner, and

Whereas, the Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, the National Association of State Foresters, and, in Vermont, the department of forests, parks and recreation sponsors the Tree City U.S.A. program, and

Whereas, the city of Burlington has met and far exceeded the criteria required for Tree City U.S.A. designation, and on May 4, 2012 at the state house, it will be presented this honor for the 18th consecutive year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the city of Burlington on its 18th consecutive designation as a 2012 Tree City U.S.A., and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Burlington department of parks and recreation.

**H.C.R. 403.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Nathaniel Tripp as an outstanding protector of the Connecticut River and its watershed

Offered by: Representative Deen of Westminster

Whereas, Nathaniel (Nat) Tripp has lived on a Vermont hill farm in the Northeast Kingdom for over 30 years where he raises sheep and vegetables, and

Whereas, he is a Vietnam veteran and his memoir *Father Soldier Son* was published by Steerforth Press in 1996, and

Whereas, at various times he has worked in film and television writing, and

Whereas, Nat Tripp has paddled the Connecticut River, New England's largest and longest river, and has been instrumental over the past 20 years in promoting its worthiness as a natural treasure and tourist attraction, and

Whereas, he is passionately concerned about the health and vitality of the Connecticut River and has devoted countless hours as a citizen activist and writer to protect and improve the river's water quality, and

Whereas, Nat Tripp's diverse background has broadened his appreciation of and concern for the unique character of the Connecticut River watershed, and

Whereas, over many years, Nat Tripp has worked with scientists, bureaucrats, politicians, lobbyists, property holders, and advocacy groups to balance federal, state, corporate, and individual interests pertaining to the Connecticut River, and

Whereas, Nat Tripp is a past chair of both the Connecticut River Joint Commissions and the Connecticut River Byway Council, and

Whereas, most recently, Nat Tripp articulated his thoughts on the Connecticut River in his book *Confluence: A River, The Environment, Politics, & the Fate of All Humanity*, and

Whereas, through these leadership roles and his writings, Nat Tripp has inspired others and cultivated a sense of stewardship and respect for the unique natural assets of the Connecticut River and its watershed, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Nathaniel Tripp as an outstanding protector of the Connecticut River and its watershed, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 404.**

House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative Michael Bernhardt for his record of outstanding public service to Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Jamaica, Dakin of Chester, Emmons of Springfield, Howrigan of Fairfield, Keenan of St. Albans City and Koch of Barre Town

Offered by: Senators Galbraith, Westman and White

Whereas, Michael Bernhardt's entry into the civic arena began in 1974 with his election as a director of the Flood Brook Union School District in Londonderry, and

Whereas, in 1978, he was elected to a new office as a member of the municipality's board of civil authority, and

Whereas, the Londonderry electorate respected Michael Bernhardt's sense of fairness and equanimity, electing him to serve as town moderator, and

Whereas, starting in 1981, Michael Bernhardt began serving in the House of Representatives, and his fellow Republicans selected him as chair of their freshman caucus, and



Whereas, he was subsequently elected as majority whip and then minority leader in the sessions of 1985–1986 and 1987–1988 respectively, and

Whereas, Michael Bernhardt chaired the State House Conference on Small Business in 1982 and 1984 and represented Vermont in several federal forums on small business development, and

Whereas, Republican voters across Vermont expressed their confidence in his leadership skills, nominating him as their candidate for governor in 1988 and lieutenant governor in 1990, and

Whereas, since concluding his state legislative service, Michael Bernhardt's interest in the juxtaposition of environmental and land development issues has resulted in his appointment, by Democrat and Republican governors, to the District 2 Environmental Commission which he currently chairs, and

Whereas, his knowledge of state environmental regulation served him well when, in 2004, then Governor Douglas appointed him to a special task force charged with examining future ATV policies, and

Whereas, in 2012, Mike Bernhardt expanded his public service portfolio to include the office of Londonderry treasurer, and this office has greatly benefited from his significant experience managing financial affairs, and

Whereas, aside from his various public sector roles, he has remained active in the business community and serves as a director and treasurer of the Mountain Valley Medical Clinic, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Representative Michael Bernhardt for his record of outstanding public service to Vermont, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 405.**

House concurrent resolution honoring former Londonderry town clerk and treasurer James Twitchell for his outstanding civic and community service

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Jamaica

Offered by: Senators Campbell, Doyle, Galbraith, McCormack, Nitka and White

Whereas, Jim Twitchell graduated from Leland and Gray Seminary (1958) and Vermont Technical College (1960) and then worked on Windham County Senator Ed Janeway's farm, and

Whereas, in 1965, Jim Twitchell successfully stood for election to serve as Londonderry town clerk and treasurer and continued in both positions until Town Meeting Day 2012, concluding a remarkable tenure of 47 years, and

Whereas, as town clerk, Jim Twitchell oversaw the conduct of elections in Londonderry, including presidential, and took the minutes at selectboard meetings far too numerous to count, and

Whereas, Jim Twitchell exercised various municipal oversight duties during times of disasters, including the town's response to major floods and fires, and

Whereas, he was intimately involved in the preparation and implementation of the town office's relocation first to the town hall and later to the old schoolhouse, and

Whereas, for 47 years, Shirley Twitchell, the former wife of Jim Twitchell, served as the Londonderry assistant town clerk and provided valuable administrative support in the operation of town government, and

Whereas, since 1967, Jim Twitchell has belonged to Champion Fire Company #5 of which he is currently president, and his concern for fire protection has extended to his continuing service as the town forest fire warden, and

Whereas, Jim Twitchell also drove the town school bus, and

Whereas, politically active in the community, he has been a member of the Londonderry Republican Committee, and

Whereas, beyond his official and political activities, Jim Twitchell has served as a trustee for the Londonderry First Baptist Church, master of the Londonderry Grange, and treasurer of Boy Scout Troop #410, and

Whereas, Jim Twitchell and his sons are sugarmakers who won an award for their fancy grade maple syrup at the 2011 Vermont Maple Festival, and

Whereas, he is a farmer, hunter, and fisherman, and a loving father, grandfather, brother, and caretaker, and continues to enjoy life with his partner, Sandra West, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Londonderry town clerk and treasurer James Twitchell for his outstanding civic and community service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to James Twitchell in Londonderry.

**H.C.R. 406.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Walter Mandel as an outstanding community leader

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven and Helm of Fair Haven

Whereas, Walter (Tad) Mandel was born in Cliffside Park, New Jersey and served in the U.S. Army, and

Whereas, he relocated to the Vermont town of West Haven where his community leadership roles have been of great benefit to the local citizenry, and

Whereas, as a member of the West Haven volunteer fire department, Tad Mandel has assisted in the dousing of flames and responded to other public safety emergency calls, and

Whereas, Tad Mandel has extended his fire protection duties to include serving as deputy fire warden in the town of West Haven, and

Whereas, by virtue of being elected as a West Haven justice of the peace, Tad Mandel sits on the board of civil authority, and matters related to electoral administration and tax appeals have been subject to his close scrutiny, and

Whereas, Tad Mandel has been recognized in his community as a man of wise judgment and one who possesses the right temperament and insight to preside at town meetings, and, consequently, he has been elected to serve as West Haven town moderator, most recently in 2012, and

Whereas, local history is a topic of interest for Tad Mandel, and he serves as vice president of the West Haven Historical Society, and

Whereas, he has been involved in the leadership of St. Mark's/St. Luke's Episcopal Church located in Fair Haven and is currently a junior warden, and

Whereas, his involvement at St. Mark's/St. Luke's led naturally to his association with Fair Haven Concerned, an organization that local clergy established to assist those in need of clothing, food, medicine, or shelter or who have encountered other emergency situations, and

Whereas, Tad Mandel is a man truly dedicated to assisting the citizens of his community and the members of his church in every possible way, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Walter Mandel as an outstanding community leader, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Walter Mandel in West Haven.

**H.C.R. 407.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Anne O. Burke

Offered by: Committee on Agriculture

Whereas, an advertising executive could not have imagined a more enthusiastic or genuine spokesperson and ambassador for Vermont agriculture than Anne Burke of Berlin, and

Whereas, in 1965, she and her husband, Raymond Burke, established Harvest Hill Farm, where they raised registered Ayrshire cows for dairy and Charolais cattle for beef, and

Whereas, each winter, legislators tested their milking skills at the Vermont Farm Show's "political pull" with an Ayrshire cow that Anne Burke generously lent for the occasion, and

Whereas, in late spring, she would gather some of her best dairy cows and transport them to Dairy Day on the state house lawn, where schoolchildren could get close to the cows and ask questions which Anne Burke delighted in answering, and

Whereas, from these encounters, Anne Burke became known as "the cow lady," a name that ideally suited the unofficial ambassador of dairy farmers to those who had never stepped inside a cow barn, and

Whereas, Anne Burke exhibited her cattle at many fairs and field days, as did her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, including the Caledonia County Fair, the Orleans County Fair, Washington County Field Days, and the Tunbridge World's Fair, and

Whereas, although dairy and beef were her primary agricultural pursuits, Anne Burke was also a maple sugarmaker, an egg seller, and a creator of wreaths, and

Whereas, Anne Burke took enormous pride in being a farmer and in the quality of the products of her labor, and

Whereas, Vermont farmers have lost a most unusual and fondly regarded colleague and friend, and

Whereas, Anne Burke's legacy, the Harvest Hill Farm, will survive her death at age 87 on April 11, 2012, as her husband Raymond and sons Kelly and Brody will continue operating the family's cherished agricultural homestead, and this is a happy prospect for Vermont agriculture, and

Whereas, her other survivors include her daughter, Lyn, 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandchild, and her brother Charles and sisters Harriet and Tiny, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly remembers with great fondness Anne Burke of Berlin and extends its sincere condolences to her family, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to her husband and sons and daughter in Berlin.

**H.C.R. 408.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Thomas Cheney for his stellar service as aide to the speaker of the house of representatives

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, since the spring of 2009, Tom Cheney of Milton, who was elected as one of his hometown's youngest justices of the peace, has served as the extremely cheerful, competent, and dedicated staff aide to Speaker Shap Smith, and

Whereas, a 2009 graduate of the University of Vermont, Tom Cheney arrived in the speaker's office by way of the other body, where as a college senior, he interned for then-President Pro Tempore Peter Shumlin before wisely recognizing the hierarchical importance of the people's house, and

Whereas, as a former member of the UVM cross country squad, Tom Cheney's tireless energy and fast pace always proved useful, and

Whereas, although his primary responsibility was to the speaker, Tom Cheney earned the respect and appreciation of all members of the house, and

Whereas, Tom Cheney became a trusted advisor to the speaker and participated in many leadership and policy meetings, and

Whereas, members knew when Tom Cheney reported the speaker's position on a question of policy or legislative process that he spoke authoritatively, and

Whereas, Tom Cheney's mastery of the written word enabled him to craft concise and informative press releases with accuracy, clarity, and swiftness, proving an invaluable resource for disseminating the speaker's positions on policy issues or conveying other important information to the public, and

Whereas, he maintained cordial, cooperative, and effective working relationships with the staffs of the house clerk, the president pro tempore, the senate secretary, the legislative council, the joint fiscal office, and the sergeant at arms, and

Whereas, despite the demanding and hectic schedule required to perform his myriad duties, both anticipated and unexpected, Thomas Cheney found the time to pursue his passion of running, and

Whereas, after three enormously successful years serving Speaker Shap Smith, Tom Cheney has decided to relocate his legislative career to our nation's capital, where he will become a legislative assistant to U.S. Representative Peter Welch, and

Whereas, he will leave Montpelier with many fond memories of his staff service under the golden dome, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Thomas Cheney for his stellar work as aide to the speaker of the house of representatives and wishes him the best of luck in his new career venture, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 409.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Edith Hunter of Weathersfield

Offered by: Representatives Shand of Weathersfield, Martin of Springfield, Ancel of Calais, Dakin of Chester, Emmons of Springfield, Koch of Barre Town, Krowinski of Burlington, McAllister of Highgate and Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, the accomplishments of Edith Hunter as an historian, journalist, teacher, and writer reflected a life devoted to the written word and a never-ending sense of curiosity and wonder about the world in which she lived, and

Whereas, a proud citizen activist, Edith Hunter served on the Weathersfield School board and stood for election on her principles during an unsuccessful electoral quest to serve in the general assembly, and

Whereas, she was born in the Roxbury section of Boston and graduated from Wellesley College, and

Whereas, Edith Hunter enrolled at Union Theological Seminary in New York where she met fellow divinity student Armstrong Hunter, and

Whereas, they were married, and in 1969 they moved to Weathersfield to live on Armstrong Hunter's ancestral homestead, and

Whereas, the Hunters established a small weekly newspaper, the *Weathersfield Weekly* that between 1971 and 1986 reported bluntly, frankly, and honestly on events in the community with a level of journalistic professionalism that earned Edith Hunter a national award for an in-depth article on Vermont dairy farming, and

Whereas, the *Weathersfield Weekly* was a mission of love for both the Hunters as Armstrong printed the paper on his own press and Edith wrote much of the copy, and their combined efforts garnered them the Horace Greeley Award, the top award of the New England Press Association, and

Whereas, Edith Hunter was a distinguished historical writer whose books included *Child of the Silent Night*, a biography of the first American deaf and blind child to be educated and *A Young Person's History of Weathersfield*, a book used in local schools, and

Whereas, most recently, she had completed a biography of Vera Gould Murray, a lifelong resident of Weathersfield who died at age 105, and

Whereas, in recent years, the observations of Edith Hunter became familiar to thousands of listeners through her thoughtful Vermont Public Radio commentaries on her life “on the Center Road,” and

Whereas, this remarkable Vermonter died at peace on April 28 in her Weathersfield home at the age of 92, and her survivors include her sons, Will and Charles, and daughter, Elizabeth, her grandchildren, and a great grandchild, and she was predeceased by her husband, Armstrong, and son, Graham, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Edith Hunter, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 410.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Business Roundtable on its 25th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Pugh of South Burlington, Botzow of Pownal, Burditt of West Rutland, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Donahue of Northfield, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington,

Ralston of Middlebury, Russell of Rutland City, Trieber of Rockingham and Young of Glover

Whereas, on November 6, 1986, 35 members of the Vermont business community formed the Vermont Business Roundtable (VBR), and former Governor Thomas Salmon was selected as the new organization's first chair, and

Whereas, on December 28, 1987, VBR conducted a press conference in Montpelier, publicly introducing the organization to the state at which former Governor Salmon described its purpose as "promoting the economic vitality of the state without sacrificing its unique environmental qualities," and

Whereas, the VBR's five founding principles all focused on Vermont's corporate citizens offering factually based and well-researched public policy options for Vermont's future that would be widely disseminated in order to reach a broad public consensus, and

Whereas, VBR established a policy center designed to meet the founding principles of the organization, and it has issued over 40 reports that are carefully researched and drafted, and

Whereas, the organization has engaged in many initiatives beyond the issuance of reports in fields such as education, government efficiency, and health care, and

Whereas, among the VBR education projects have been: the Born to Read 2000 initiative, a \$500,000.00 program that was "the first privately funded, early literacy effort in the nation to reach every newborn in a state"; Pre-K Vermont, a project to place new emphasis on improving early childhood education; and the Young Writers Project, designed to "engage students to write, help them improve, and publish their best work," and

Whereas, in 2003, VBR participated in the Vermont Institute on Government Effectiveness, Inc., and

Whereas, a health care working group examined ways to reduce the rate of cost increases while still improving health care, and

Whereas, on June 14, 2012, VBR will hold a celebration in Burlington to mark 25 years of creative and thoughtful participation in the public policy arena, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Business Roundtable on its 25th anniversary, and be it further



Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Business Roundtable Chair Steven P. Voigt.

**H.C.R. 411.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Evelyn T. Howard on the conclusion of her tenure as superintendent of the Addison Northeast Supervisory Union

Offered by: Representatives Clark of Vergennes, Fisher of Lincoln, Sharpe of Bristol and Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, for the past dozen years, Evelyn Howard, as the superintendent of the Northeast Addison Supervisory Union (NASU), has met the challenge of this demanding job with incredible expertise and a positive outlook, and

Whereas, she established a coherent system of policy governance throughout the NASU and built a cohesive, productive, and collegial administrative team, and

Whereas, no matter the situation that might arise, she always kept the needs of students as her first priority, and

Whereas, she had a well-earned reputation for courage, patience, and thoughtfulness, and

Whereas, in her work, Evelyn Howard exhibited grace, wisdom, and creativity as a problem solver, and

Whereas, her personal mission of preventing reading failure among young students made Evelyn Howard a strong advocate for the Reading Recovery program, and

Whereas, from a similar perspective, Evelyn Howard is a steadfast supporter of personalized learning, and

Whereas, she brought both an undeniable clarity and passion to her promotion of exemplary instructional practices in the classroom, and

Whereas, teachers throughout the NASU found Evelyn Howard to be a superintendent with whom they could easily discuss educational matters and seek advice, and

Whereas, recognizing the importance of each school day, Evelyn Howard resisted any call to declare a snow day during the 2011–2012 school year, and

Whereas, the students, teachers, and administrators in the five towns comprising the NASU, Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven, and

Starksboro, have been fortunate to be under the caring and watchful eyes of this excellent public education leader, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Evelyn T. Howard on the conclusion of her tenure as superintendent of the Addison Northeast Supervisory Union, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Evelyn T. Howard.

**H.C.R. 412.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Craftsbury Academy boys' basketball coach Terrence Kelleher on being named the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association 2011–2012 Division IV coach of the year

Offered by: Representatives Young of Glover and Strong of Albany

Whereas, Craftsbury Academy is an outstanding rural academic institution that when competing in interscholastic sports confronts the challenges of a small student body and long distance travel, and

Whereas, the boys' basketball team at Craftsbury Academy had reached a nadir during the 2008–2009 season when it finished with a record of 1–18, and

Whereas, in the fall of 2009, Terry Kelleher assumed the coaching reins and began to rebuild the Craftsbury Chargers boys' basketball program, and

Whereas, a former high school athlete at St. Mary's High School in Rutherford, New Jersey, playing football, basketball, and baseball, and the son of his high school basketball coach, Terry Kelleher recognized the elements needed to teach and inspire the players to learn, improve, and win, and

Whereas, his eight years as an assistant baseball coach at his alma mater provided Terry Kelleher with the coaching experience required to assume his first varsity head coaching position, and

Whereas, the establishment of a bond of trust between a coach and his team can lead to a higher level of student commitment to the sport and an improved caliber of athletic performance, and

Whereas, a successful coach teaches athletes the importance of focusing on how they perform in competition and not the results they achieve, and

Whereas, Terry Kelleher follows these precepts in his coaching role, and the ensuing success is proof of their value, and

Whereas, during the past three years, the Division IV Craftsbury Chargers have risen to new heights under Terry Kelleher's instructive and patient leadership, compiling a 32–27 record, including a great 17–5 performance during the recently completed 2011–2012 campaign, and

Whereas, the coach gives much of the credit to his team of enthusiastic players, including Adam Allen, Jason Martin, Andrew Marckres, Anthony Putvain, Frank Speise, Logan Masse, Alex Vetere, Kyle Adams, Josh Paquette, and Brandon Locke, and to his outstanding assistant coaches, Bruce Martin and Anthony Boyce, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Terrence Kelleher on being named the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association 2011–2012 Division IV coach of the year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Terrence Kelleher and to Craftsbury Academy.

#### **H.C.R. 3000.**

House concurrent resolution honoring Marlene Velandar for her dedicated public service in the house clerk's office

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, at the start of the 1997 legislative session, Marlene Velandar joined the staff of the house clerk's office and quickly learned of the legislative phenomenon known as resolutions, and

Whereas, during her first session in the house, Marlene Velandar processed 106 resolutions, including many which were extended expressions of condolence or congratulations, and

Whereas, her intimate acquaintance with legislative resolving grew by a considerable magnitude once the general assembly established a separate concurrent resolution addendum calendar for all the commemorative (concurrent) resolutions and, in 2003, the first full session of the concurrent resolution addendum calendar's implementation, 141 concurrent resolutions were adopted, and

Whereas, by 2011, that number surpassed the 200 threshold for the first time, and

Whereas, Marlene Velandar maintained a large desk calendar to keep track of the schedule of concurrent resolutions to be read on the floor of the house, and

Whereas, she expertly created presentation copies of concurrent resolutions for each member of a school's sports team or other group being honored, and on many a day, Marlene Velander could be seen busily working at the counter space in the cafeteria preparing resolution copies, and

Whereas, Marlene Velander recognized the importance of honoring each and every recipient with a perfect presentation copy, and her dedication embodies meticulous attention to the form and presentation of each resolution, and

Whereas, on those occasions when last-minute changes were required on resolutions, even when 20 copies had already been produced, Marlene cheerfully and willingly made the necessary changes, and

Whereas, she was always extremely helpful to members when they needed resolution assistance, especially when unexpected problems arose, and

Whereas, everyone in the state house could always find the hard-working Marlene Velander impeccably dressed and accessorized, often in her favorite color purple, and

Whereas, her quick wit often enlivened long and challenging days in the house clerk's office, and

Whereas, after processing over 3,000 resolutions during the last 15 years, Marlene Velander will be concluding her duties in the house clerk's office upon adjournment sine die 2012, and the members of the general assembly wish to express their special appreciation, and

Whereas, Marlene Velander will always be a cherished colleague and friend of all the members of the house clerk's staff with whom she has developed warm and enduring friendships, and she will be missed by all who have had the pleasure to know and work with her, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Marlene Velander for her dedicated public service in the house clerk's office, and be it further

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