

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House and Senate  
Concurrent Resolutions**

**of**

**April 10, 2014**

## 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. 293.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Commission on Women on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy established the President's Commission on the Status of Women, in order to address the pervasive inequalities women faced and Vermont U.S. Senator George Aiken was a member, and

Whereas, in 1964, Governor Philip Hoff took a similar action, establishing, in Executive Order No. 20-86, the Governor's Commission on Women, and future Governor Madeleine Kunin was a member, and

Whereas, the Commission functions as an advisory, referral, and research and publication organization on policy issues that affect Vermont women's lives, and

Whereas, in the 1970s, the Commission persuaded the Department of Education to abolish its rule prohibiting pregnant girls from attending school, and supporting a Montpelier girl who became the first in the nation to play Little League baseball, and

Whereas, in the 1980s, the Commission promoted advancements in maternity insurance coverage, and, in the 2000s, it advocated successfully for passage of the Equal Pay Act, and

Whereas, in accordance with 2002 Acts and Resolves No.142, the Governor's Commission on Women was given statutory authorization and renamed the Vermont Commission on Women (Commission), and

Whereas, among the Commission's publications is the regularly reissued *The Legal Rights of Women in Vermont*, a comprehensive compendium of legal information about adoption, consumer protection, domestic relations, and housing, and

Whereas, the Commission assisted in the creation of the Office of Women's Health at the Department of Health, the Vermont Women's Fund, the Vermont Women's History Project, and many organizations related to the lives of Vermont women, and

Whereas, 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the Vermont Commission on Women and it is commemorating this anniversary throughout the year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Commission on Women on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Commission on Women, to Governor Shumlin, to the Vermont Business Roundtable, and to the Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility.

#### **H.C.R. 294.**

House concurrent resolution designating Saturday, November 1, 2014 as the Button Up Vermont Day of Action

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Ellis of Waterbury, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gallivan of Chittenden, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Macaig of Williston, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, Mook of Bennington, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Peltz of Woodbury, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Ryerson of Randolph, Spengler of Colchester, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Vowinkel of Hartford, Webb of Shelburne, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, Vermont has made a statutory goal of improving the efficiency of 80,000 Vermont homes by the year 2020, and

Whereas, paralleling this energy efficiency goal, the General Assembly enacted greenhouse gas reduction goals intended to enable Vermont to avoid the worst consequences of climate change and lower its dependence on nonrenewable energy supplies, and

Whereas, improving the energy efficiency of Vermont's homes and buildings is one of the most effective ways the State can reduce climate-change-causing greenhouse gas emissions, and

Whereas, at current fuel prices, comprehensive home energy efficiency improvements can save homeowners an average of \$1,000.00 per year, and

Whereas, Vermont has an active network of more than 100 town energy committees working to advance energy efficiency solutions and make their communities more sustainable, prosperous, and resilient, and

Whereas, following the model of Green Up Day, the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network, Efficiency Vermont, the Central Vermont Community Action Council, NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad, the Vermont Energy Education Program, and other organizations have established a continuing ethic and a commemorative event to be called Button Up Day to inspire and motivate Vermonters to take proactive energy-efficiency steps and to weatherize their homes in the fall, and

Whereas, the first Button Up Day of Action is Saturday, November 1, 2014, and it will encourage the essential partnership of all Vermonters in the promotion of energy efficiency and help friends and neighbors reduce personal energy use and save money, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates Saturday, November 1, 2014 as the 2014 Button Up Vermont Day of Action, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Natural Resources Council.

#### **H.C.R. 295.**

House concurrent resolution honoring World War II veteran Walter Berry of East Concord

Offered by: Representative Quimby of Concord

Offered by: Senators Rodgers and Starr

Whereas, the nation's World War II veterans fought bravely in a conflict supported broadly on the home front, and

Whereas, evidence of this support was the large number of Vermont high schoolers who enlisted in the military prior to graduation, and left to serve their country at this time of national peril, and

Whereas, one of these young Vermont men was Walter Berry of East Concord, who, in 1943, left St. Johnsbury Academy as a junior to join the U.S. Navy, and

Whereas, upon completion of his naval training, Walter Berry was assigned to the initial crew of the U.S.S. Alaska, and

Whereas, Walter Berry served as a signalman, and was one of 2,300 members of the crew, and

Whereas, the U.S.S. Alaska was assigned to the Asia-Pacific Theater where the cruiser helped protect the U.S. fleet from Japanese air attacks, supported the invasion of Iwo Jima, and fought in the Battle of the Mariana Islands, and

Whereas, no American sailors perished during Walter Berry's stationing on this ship, and

Whereas, following his discharge from the U.S. Navy, Walter Berry returned home and served for several years in the U.S. Naval Reserve, and

Whereas, St. Johnsbury Academy has awarded a diploma to Walter Berry and other veterans who left the school to serve during World War II, and

Whereas, Honor Flight New England, a nonprofit organization based in Hooksett, New Hampshire, honors veterans with a trip to the war memorials in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, on June 16, 2013, Walter Berry, now 89 years of age, was part of an honor flight contingent that began with a motorcade from the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Manchester, New Hampshire, to the local airport, and

Whereas, while touring the National World War II Memorial, they were serenaded by a band playing patriotic songs, and throughout the group's stay in Washington, D.C., members of the public offered standing ovations of appreciation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors World War II veteran Walter Berry of East Concord, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 296.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Judd Levine on being named a 2014 LifeChanger of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, Donahue of Northfield, Lewis of Berlin, Peltz of Woodbury, and Smith of Morristown

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, the National Life Group believes that teachers can have an enormous impact on the lives of their students, and

Whereas, to honor special teachers it has established the LifeChanger of the Year program, and

Whereas, the criteria for this honor are a proven ability to make a beneficial difference in the lives of students, an ability to add positively to the development of the school's atmosphere, a leader in his or her activities at the school, a proven record of excellent performance at the professional level, and a commitment to producing a nurturing atmosphere for students, and

Whereas, out of over 400 teachers nationwide nominated for this honor, one of the 10 teachers chosen as a 2014 LifeChanger of the Year was Judd Levine of U-32 High School in East Montpelier, and

Whereas, as a LifeChanger of the Year, Judd Levine will receive a \$1,500.00 personal cash prize and a matching grant to his school, and

Whereas, Judd Levine is a much admired special education teacher who students and faculty agree is an outstanding educator deeply committed to improving both the academic abilities and lives of his students, and

Whereas, the National Life Group announced this extraordinary accolade during a surprise ceremony in front of his colleagues who congratulated this tireless teacher whose work has improved the life prospects of many students, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Judd Levine on being named a 2014 LifeChanger of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Judd Levine at U-32 High School.

**H.C.R. 297.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Town of Hubbardton on its 250th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Helm of Fair Haven, Burditt of West Rutland, Carr of Brandon, Potter of Clarendon, and Shaw of Pittsford

Offered by: Senators Flory, French, and Mullin

Whereas, on June 22, 1764, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth, Esq. granted the Hubbardton Township Charter, his last township charter in the New Hampshire Grants, and named in honor of Thomas Hubbard Esq., one of the 69 grantees, and

Whereas, the newly established Town of Hubbardton consisted of 23,040 acres or six miles square “Begining at the North West Corner of Castleton & from thence due North Six Miles, then turning off & runing due East Six Miles but not to Interfere with any former Grant of this Province from thence due South Six Miles to the North East Corner of Castleton aforesaid. . .,” and

Whereas, the first settlement in Hubbardton occurred in the spring of 1774 when the families of Uriah Hickok, William Trowbridge, Benjamin Hickok, Samuel Churchill, Jesse Churchill, John Selleck, Abdiel Webster, Benajah Boardman, and William Spaulding arrived in the town, and

Whereas, the Battle of Hubbardton, fought on July 7, 1777, was the only Revolutionary War battle fought on Vermont soil, and was the first of a series of pivotal military events leading to the defeat of British forces at Saratoga, and ultimately the securing of American independence, and

Whereas, upon the return of the settler families after the Battle of Hubbardton, they found the remains of victims still lying upon the field of battle, and they were buried in a single unmarked grave and in 1859 honored with a citizen-financed, 21-foot-high marble monument, and

Whereas, in the spring of 1786, a schoolhouse was built, and in 1787, the first church was constructed, and on that site the Hubbardton Baptist Church was built in 1800, and

Whereas, Hubbardton has been the birthplace or home of individuals whose research and hard work led to significant contributions to plant and food propagation, animal husbandry, and manufacturing, including Albert Bresee, developer of the Early Rose Potato, which was capable of surviving winter storage, and

Whereas, in 2014, the citizens of Hubbardton are proudly commemorating the 250th anniversary of the granting of the Hubbardton Township Charter, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Town of Hubbardton, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Hubbardton Town Clerk and to the Hubbardton Historical Society.

**H.C.R. 298.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Essex High School Vermont National Education Scholars’ Bowl championship team

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

Whereas, the Vermont National Education Scholars' Bowl challenges high school students in an array of academic fields ranging from history to literature to mathematics, and

Whereas, students representing schools from across the State competed in tournaments throughout the fall and winter at which their knowledge and academic agility were put to the test, and

Whereas, each competitive match was conducted between two four-member teams, each representing a different school, and

Whereas, the demanding season of elimination rounds culminated in the 31st annual State championship tournament held on March 29 at the University of Vermont, where 13 high schools competed, and

Whereas, the day's decisive match was an exciting contest, featuring defending champion Essex High School and a talented team from South Burlington High School, and

Whereas, when the last buzzer had sounded and the match concluded, Essex High School was the top scorer and successfully defended its title, winning its third Vermont National Education Association Scholars' Bowl championship in the past five years, and

Whereas, the Essex students, including Cole Blondin, Matthew Bergeron, Martin Deutsch, Peter Feehan, Jason Yin, and Omkar Borse, will now represent Vermont at the national tournament under the wise leadership of Head Coach Lea Ann Smith, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Essex High School Vermont National Education Scholars' Bowl championship team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 299.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Vermont Jr Iron Chef culinary competition winners

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Shoreham, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Buxton of Tunbridge, Christie of Hartford, Connor of Fairfield, Cross of Winooski, Dakin of Chester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Ellis of Waterbury, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Hoyt of Norwich, Hubert of Milton, Jewett of Ripton, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin



of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Michelsen of Hardwick, Moran of Wardsboro, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Pugh of South Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Ryerson of Randolph, Smith of New Haven, Sweaney of Windsor, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Webb of Shelburne, Woodward of Johnson, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, the Vermont Jr Iron Chef cooking competition, a collaboration between the Burlington School Food Project and Vermont Food Education Every Day (VT-FEED), was started in 2008 “to empower Vermont students to develop healthy eating habits through the use of whole local foods,” and

Whereas, this year, 270 middle and high school students from 55 schools and organized into 62 teams began to prepare in September 2013, and

Whereas, a team learns basic cooking techniques, studies local foods, and, after selecting a recipe, practices cooking its meal an average of six times before preparing it for actual competition, and

Whereas, the culmination of this hard work was the championship event held on March 22, 2014 at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction, and

Whereas, teams competed in two heats for the following three categories: Mise en Place (best teamwork, order, and professionalism), Lively Local (best highlighting of Vermont foods), and Crowd Pleaser (best incorporation of color, texture, and taste), and

Whereas, the middle school team winners were: for Mise en Place, the St. Albans Town Center Wildcat Chefs and Milton Middle School Chef Jackets; for Lively Local, the Twin Valley Middle School Country Girls and Hartland Elementary School Wildcats; and for Crowd Pleaser, the Sharon Elementary School Shredders and Lamoille Union Middle School Culinary Lancers, and

Whereas, the high school winners included: for Mise en Place, the South Burlington High School Rebel Chefs and Leland & Gray Union High School Rebel Amigas; for Lively Local, the Middlebury Union High School Bean Queens and Whitcomb Jr./Sr. High School Hornets; and for Crowd Pleaser, the Champlain Valley Union High School Chefhawks and Winooski High School The 3 Spartaneers, and

Whereas, over the years, the Jr Iron Chef competitors have developed tasty and original recipes relying on local and seasonal ingredients that have inspired changes to local school menus, and

Whereas, representatives of selected winning teams have traveled to Montpelier today and will be demonstrating their culinary talents in the State House cafeteria, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Vermont Jr Iron Chef culinary competition winners, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 300.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Sam Boudreau on winning the 2014 Vermont Poetry Out Loud Competition

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Branagan of Georgia, and Dickinson of St. Albans Town

Whereas, as a way to encourage the nation's youth to study great poetry through memorization and recitation, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, in partnership with the Vermont Arts Council, sponsor the Vermont competition of Poetry Out Loud, and

Whereas, more than 5,000 Vermont high school students representing 39 schools participated, and

Whereas, Sam Boudreau, a junior at Bellows Free Academy (St. Albans), won his school's competition and believes poetry recitation fosters his confidence and can help develop moral character, and

Whereas, he received excellent coaching from Bellows Free Academy (St. Albans) English instructor Nate Archambault, and

Whereas, Sam Boudreau advanced to the semifinal competition at the Barre Opera House, reciting Tony Hoagland's "Request for Toy Piano" and Cornelius Eady's "The Empty Dance Shoes" as his opening poems, and moved on to the State finals, held before a live audience at Vermont Public Television, and

Whereas, following a beautiful recitation of his final poem, Walt Whitman's "I Hear America Singing," Sam Boudreau was named the 2014 winner of the Vermont Poetry Out Loud Competition, and

Whereas, Sam Boudreau was awarded a \$200.00 cash prize and the honor of delivering a poetry recitation before the House of Representatives today, April 8, 2014, and

Whereas, Bellows Free Academy (St. Albans) will receive a \$500.00 grant to purchase books of poetry for the school's library, and

Whereas, as the State winner, Sam Boudreau will represent Vermont at the 2014 Poetry Out Loud National Finals to be held on April 29 in Washington, D.C., now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Sam Boudreau on winning the 2014 Vermont Poetry Out Loud Competition and wishes him every success in Washington, D.C., and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sam Boudreau and to the Bellows Free Academy (St. Albans) English Department.

**H.C.R. 301.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Black River High School girls' championship snowboarding team

Offered by: Representative Devereux of Mount Holly

Offered by: Senators Campbell, French, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, the thrill and creativity of snowboarding has captured the attention of young Vermonters, and

Whereas, 15 high schools from across Vermont participate in unified varsity snowboard competition and not according to their schools' respective divisional assignment, and

Whereas, competing in the 2014 State snowboarding tournament was the Black River High School, in Ludlow, the only Division IV school with a girls' snowboarding team, and

Whereas, the two-day meet began at Okemo in Ludlow, the hometown venue for Black River, and

Whereas, in the halfpipe competition, a Black River snowboarder clinched the first-place finish, and her teammates followed in second, third, and seventh place, leaving the school in the lead after the conclusion of the first day's snowboarding, and

Whereas, the second day's snowboarding moved to Killington where Black River girls finished seventh, eighth, ninth, and 31st in the giant slalom, and in the two-round slopestyle event, the team concluded with 11th, 14th, 16th, and 18th place standings, and

Whereas, when all the scores were tallied, Black River was declared the 2014 girls' State snowboarding championship team, topping Burr & Burton Academy 44–49, and

Whereas, Black River snowboarders Morgan Kathan, Sara Stryhas, Abigail Schmidt, Ginger Brown, and Madeline Veysey, and Head Coach Bob Fortuna proved a winning combination on the slopes, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Black River High School girls' championship snowboarding team, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 302.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rutland High School cheerleading team on its third-place finish at the New England Interscholastic Spirit Championship

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Burditt of West Rutland, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Whereas, cheerleading is a fun activity that rouses the support of the home team at many athletic events, and

Whereas, aside from encouraging players and fans and providing great entertainment, cheerleaders are involved in their own competitions, and

Whereas, a much-anticipated event for cheerleading teams is the New England Interscholastic Spirit Championship that in 2014 was held in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, no Vermont cheerleading team had ever placed in the top five in its respective division, and

Whereas, the Rutland High School Raiders, who compete in Division II, based on their school's population, broke through this barrier, winning a third-place finish with the team's outstanding performance, and

Whereas, the delighted and proud Rutland Raider cheerleaders were Taylor Chuderski, Carly Coombs, Dominique Gatto, Colleen Levins, Catherine DiPalma, Gabriella Elnicki, Kennedy Pagano, Madison Couture, Julia Miglorie, Ashley Moore, Margarete Reilly, McKenzie Swane, Heather Bell, Jordan Brothers, Sara Clark, Schylar Corsones-Brown, Mya Cyr, Alexandra Forte, Shelby Senecal, Rachelle Towle, Mariah Griffin, Emily Keeler, Taylor Bates, Hannah Coburn, Leah Davis, Jasmin Gomez, Ashley Keefe, and Emily Prescott, and Head Coach Cara Gauvin with the support of assistants Amanda Pagano and Sabrina Fineburg made certain the team performed at its best, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rutland High School cheerleading team on its third-place finish at the New England Interscholastic Spirit Championship, and be it further

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

**H.C.R. 303.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the record-setting 2014 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots' State championship wrestling team

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, the Mt. Anthony Union High School (MAU) Patriots wrestling team entered the 2013–2014 season with the unsurpassed record of 25 consecutive State championships, and

Whereas, at the 2014 State championship tournament, held in the MAU gymnasium, the Patriots won an unprecedented, 26th consecutive, overall title, surpassing second-place Bellows Falls–Hartford cooperative 336.5 to 155.5, scoring its highest-ever championship tournament point total, and earning seven individual wrestling weight-class titles, including one wrestler's fourth consecutive personal championship, and

Whereas, the following week, MAU clinched its second consecutive New England high school wrestling championship in Providence, Rhode Island, topping Danbury, Connecticut, 121–108, and

Whereas, the 2013–2014 MAU wrestlers are Calvin Call, Tyler Raetz, Troy Gassaway, Taber Watson, Dylan LaFountain, Bailey Willard, Darren Ruiz-Sauer, Noble Shaler, Jacob Woodside, Damon Young, Austin Price, Tyler Mattison, Jack Luciano, and Jesse Webb, and

Whereas, the Patriot coaching staff includes veteran Head Coach Scott Legacy, and coaches Brian Coon, Eric Becker, Frank Gaudette, Dan Pierce, Bucky Noyes, D. J. Schaefer, Wayne Call, Jimmy Zupko, Brett Parizo, and Scott Legacy II, and the support of managers Jett Willard, Jonathan O'Brien, and Nikolas Todd, as well as statisticians Mariah Sauer-Yurke and Megan Saunders was of enormous assistance, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the record-setting 2014 Mt. Anthony Union High School Patriots' State championship wrestling team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 304.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Frank Pecora on his induction into the National High School Hall of Fame

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Lewis of Berlin

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, in 1982, the National Federation of State High School Associations established the National High School Hall of Fame “to honor high school athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, and others for their extraordinary achievements in high school sports,” and in 2003, it included individuals in the performing arts, and

Whereas, many of the inductees these past three decades were notable high school athletes who continued on as outstanding collegiate, Olympic, or professional sports participants, and

Whereas, until 2014, no Vermonter, despite the many accomplished individuals who have been associated with the State’s secondary school sports and performing arts programs, had been inducted into this prestigious organization, and

Whereas, this lack of Vermont representation in the National High School Hall of Fame will end in July, when the legendary former Northfield High School baseball coach Frank Pecora becomes the first Vermonter awarded this extraordinary honor at a ceremony in Boston, and

Whereas, Frank Pecora is an ideal candidate for the National High School Hall of Fame, and

Whereas, he coached baseball at Northfield High School for 38 years, tallying 488 victories against only 157 losses and one tie, and

Whereas, he guided 15 of his teams to a State championship, including his final 2012 squad which finished with a 17–1 record, and

Whereas, induction into the National High School Hall of Fame is a wonderful and well-deserved capstone to Frank Pecora’s coaching career, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Frank Pecora on his induction into the National High School Hall of Fame, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Frank Pecora in Northfield.

### **H.C.R. 305.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2014 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III championship girls' basketball team

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford and Hoyt of Norwich

Whereas, the 2014 Division III girls' basketball championship game at the Barre Auditorium was one for the history books, and

Whereas, the two exciting teams reaching this decisive athletic contest were the No.1 seeded Thetford Academy Panthers and the No. 2 seeded Williamstown High School Blue Devils, and

Whereas, the game represented a special opportunity for the Panthers as they had never clinched a State girls' basketball title, and

Whereas, the exhilaration pervading the second half could not have been more intense, and

Whereas, midway through the third quarter, Thetford, trailing 63–55, ignited a 20–11 run that was the opening of a dual scoring extravaganza resulting in a game-ending 90–84 Panther victory, and

Whereas, not only did Thetford capture the Division III title, but the game's total 174 points were the highest in any Vermont girls' basketball championship game, and the Panthers' 90 points were the second highest a championship team ever earned, and

Whereas, the talented 2014 Panther squad included Shyann Josler, Ella Chapman, Erika Gray, Jill Clark, Tegan Pellerin, Tara Pellerin, Sheniah Covey, Lydia Leitschuh, Elise Jackson, Rozzy Kidder, Michaela Pomeroy, and Kayley Gray, and the team had direction from Head Coach Eric Ward, assistant coaches Jade Huntington, Bridget Dugan-Sullivan, and Bob McConnaughy, and the support of team managers Patience Kasten and Brianna Thorburn, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2014 Thetford Academy Panthers Division III championship girls' basketball team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 306.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2013 Oxbow Union High School Lady Olympians Division III championship softball team

Offered by: Representative Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford

Whereas, softball is a popular sport at Oxbow Union High School, which has fielded a team for many years, and

Whereas, despite the Lady Olympians' best efforts, they had not captured a championship title since 1996, and

Whereas, in 2013, their talent, drive, and dedication were combined as the softball team brought home the long-awaited championship, and

Whereas, the fifth-seeded Lady Olympians defeated Enosburgh in the semifinal playoff contest, and earned the right to challenge top-seeded Leland & Gray Rebels, for the Division III crown in Poultney, and

Whereas, the outcome of the game was never in doubt, as Oxbow defeated Leland & Gray 15–1, with a superb 10-hit offensive display, and a great pitching performance that allowed only two hits, two walks, and seven strike-outs, and

Whereas, the proud and jubilant Lady Olympians included Shaelyn Brammell, Leah Hanzas, Cassie Hutchinson, Holly Lund, Heather White, Amanda Wheeler, Kasie Craig, Amanda Hatch, Sade LaPlante, Marissa Ciurleo, Valaree Bedell, Helen Mae Stevens-Metcalf, Michaela Erno, Rachel Roberts, and Rachel Emerson, and team manager Molly Thompson, Head Coach Robin Wozny, and Assistant Coach Carl Hildebrandt were important contributors to the Oxbow victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2013 Oxbow Union High School Lady Olympians Division III championship softball team, and be it further

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

### **H.C.R. 307.**

House concurrent resolution recognizing April 2014 as Fair Housing Month in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Ancel of Calais, Burke of Brattleboro, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Davis of Washington, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Frank of Underhill, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hooper of Montpelier, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Marcotte of Coventry, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearson of Burlington, Poirier of



Barre City, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, South of St. Johnsbury, Stevens of Waterbury, Townsend of South Burlington, Vowinkel of Hartford, Weed of Enosburgh, and Wright of Burlington

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

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

Whereas, Vermont's Fair Housing Act, enacted in 1987 and expanded in subsequent legislative acts, now 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," making this law more protective than the federal statutes and among the most comprehensive in the nation, and

Whereas, despite both these federal and State legal guarantees, the dilemma of housing discrimination in Vermont has not disappeared, and

Whereas, as recently as 2012, a Vermont Legal Aid field investigation documented significant landlord bias barriers in Chittenden County for persons of color, foreign origin, or with children, and that accessibility problems for those with disabilities were significant, and

Whereas, the damage resulting from Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 reduced affordable housing options in some communities, especially mobile homes, and

Whereas, 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 137 created new incentives for mobile home park development as a way to increase the availability of affordable housing, and

Whereas, this act strengthened the antidiscrimination requirements of mobile home park leases, and added a new provision banning municipal planning policies that discriminate against affordable housing, and

Whereas, the Governor's designation of April as Fair Housing Month highlights the crucial but unfinished effort to eliminate all vestiges of housing discrimination in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes April 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. 308.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ruth (Shattuck) Austin of Newport on her 100th birthday

Offered by: Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Batchelor of Derby, Kilmartin of Newport City, and Shaw of Derby

Offered by: Senators Rodgers and Starr

Whereas, Ruth Austin's family's ties to the Newport area date to 1833 when her paternal great-grandfather, Anson Shattuck, migrated from Wheelock to Derby and began to farm on a site now known as Shattuck Hill, and

Whereas, her mother, Emma Carlquist, immigrated from Sweden, and

Whereas, Ruth Shattuck, the youngest of four children, was born on April 15, 1914 at the family home on Spring Street in West Derby, and

Whereas, although Ruth Shattuck's family remained in the house for many years, its address changed when West Derby was incorporated into Newport in 1917, and

Whereas, thriftiness and finding multiple uses for products were hallmarks of life in the Shattuck household, and

Whereas, fishing was a favorite childhood pastime, as Ruth and her mother would head to the Clyde River in search of bass, pickerel, and perch, and

Whereas, although she grew up in an urban setting, Ruth Shattuck developed an acquaintance with agricultural life as her family moved to the Shattuck Hill farm when her grandfather died, and

Whereas, Ruth Shattuck attended the East School and, in 1932, graduated from Newport High School, and

Whereas, in 1933, Ruth Shattuck married Ellis Austin Jr. whose acquaintance she made when he assisted her in starting her unresponsive car, and

Whereas, his parents were managers at the Newport Poor Farm, and Ruth Austin gained a first-hand knowledge of how this facility was managed, and

Whereas, railroading was central to Ruth Austin's life, as her father and husband worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway, the former as an engineer and the latter as a passenger train conductor, and

Whereas, Ruth Austin has a personal acquaintance of life in Newport this past century that few others have experienced, and

Whereas, Ellis, who died in 1974, and Ruth Austin were the parents of Charles, Paula, and Jean, and she has seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren, and

Whereas, on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, Ruth Austin will gather with her family for a joyous 100th birthday celebration, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ruth Austin on her 100th birthday, and be it further

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

#### **S.C.R. 54.**

Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Washington Electric Cooperative on its 75th anniversary

*Whereas*, the Washington Electric Cooperative (WEC) is a nonprofit member-owned electric system, and

*Whereas*, a nine-person board of directors oversees the management of the WEC, and

*Whereas*, WEC began serving consumers on December 2, 1939 with its first transmission of diesel-generated power to 150 farms and homes over a 55-mile transmission network, and

*Whereas*, from this modest beginning, WEC has developed into a regional electricity provider with over 10,500 members, 97 percent of whom are residential customers, and

*Whereas*, the WEC service area now encompasses 2,728 square miles in parts of 41 towns in Washington, Orange, Caledonia, and Orleans counties, and

*Whereas*, the distribution network transmitting WEC's electric power extends for 1,200 miles and uses eight substations, and

*Whereas*, WEC derives two-thirds of its electricity from methane-generated power produced at the Coventry landfill, and

*Whereas*, construction at the Coventry generating facility began in December 2004, three engines were generating electricity full-time in July 2005, and by 2009 a fifth engine had been added, and

*Whereas*, WEC owns the hydroelectric generating station at Wrightsville Dam located on the North Branch of the Winooski River, and the station

normally produces 800 kW of electricity and has a drainage area of 69 square miles, and

*Whereas*, a third source of WEC's electricity is First Wind's project in Sheffield, and

*Whereas*, in 2006, WEC was the recipient of the Renewable Energy Industry Champion Award, and

*Whereas*, 2014 marks three-quarters of a century of WEC's serving north central Vermont with dependable electric service, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the Washington Electric Cooperative on its 75th anniversary, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the WEC in East Montpelier.