

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 23, 2023

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rules 16a -16d

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration in the member's chamber prior to adjournment of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Senate Secretary's Office or the House Clerk's Office, as applicable.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 37

House concurrent resolution honoring former Halifax Fire Chief Wayne Courser for his exemplary volunteer leadership and community service

Offered by: Representative Roberts of Halifax

Whereas, the 70 years of Wayne Courser's association with the Halifax Fire Company Inc. started when he was a teenager in 1953, and

Whereas, in 1957, Wayne Courser also became a part-time member of the Halifax road crew, a role that became full-time in 1962, and he continued as a crew member until stepping down in 1997, and

Whereas, his road-working tenure included two terms as Halifax Road Commissioner, first, from 1959 to 1960, and then again, from 1966 to 1973, and

Whereas, although his contribution to the maintenance and enhancement of town roads was commendable, Wayne Courser's true passion was serving as a fire fighter, and his colleagues elected him as assistant chief in 1961, and as chief in 1970, a position he held with pride and distinction until early 2023, and

Whereas, in 1975, Wayne Courser spearheaded the effort to construct a new firehouse, which remains in use, and he has also held the office of president of Halifax Fire Company Inc., and

Whereas, his fire company involvement extended beyond standard responsibilities, with his enthusiastic work as a contributor, leader, organizer, and fundraiser, who even personally purchased a 1986 fire truck and donated it to the department, and

Whereas, Wayne and his wife, Joan, reside next door to the firehouse, his dependability is legendary, and his legacy as chief is one for others to emulate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Halifax Fire Chief Wayne Courser for his exemplary volunteer leadership and community service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Wayne Courser and to the Halifax Fire Company Inc.

H.C.R. 38

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship boys' indoor track team

Offered by: Representatives Cole of Hartford and Christie of Hartford

Offered by: Senator White

Whereas, despite its numerous athletic achievements in various sports, prior to 2023, the Hartford High School Hurricanes had never earned a boys' indoor track title, and

Whereas, the 2023 indoor track championship, held at the University of Vermont, marked an historic occasion for the Hurricanes as the team's first place victories in the 300-meter run and the long jump, combined with second place finishes in the 4x400 and 4x800 relays, culminated in a 101-82.5 Division II victory over second place Fair Haven Union High School, and

Whereas, the elated Hurricanes were Sawyer Albrecht, AJ Aldrich, John Cassell, Rocco Clough, Gavin Farnsworth, Nolan McMahon, Gavin Provost, Everett Winslow, Payton Bessette, Jordan Davis, Jack Fournier-Stephens, Gabe Guillette, Joey Knapp, Maxwell Portnoy, Alex Smith, Conner Beland, Brandon Driver, Ayodele Lowe, Bennett Moreno, Nolan Pichtel, Hugh Wendling, Ermek Baker-Nifka, and Jason Kelly, and Head Coach Mike Perry and Assistant Coach Fatimah Shabazz were proud of the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Hartford High School Hurricanes Division II championship boys' indoor track team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 39

House concurrent resolution honoring former Waterbury Municipal Manager William Shepeluk in recognition of his extraordinary public service career

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, Bill Shepeluk graduated as a political science major from the University of Massachusetts and earned a master's degree in public administration from Syracuse University, and

Whereas, as Brighton Town Manager from 1982 to 1988, Bill Shepeluk polished his already outstanding municipal administrative skills, and

Whereas, in 1988, the Town of Waterbury hired Bill Shepeluk to serve as its municipal manager, a role he retained for a remarkable 34 years and nine months, and

Whereas, although always shunning the limelight, his many supervisory accomplishments included improving the town's financial structure, major water-associated infrastructure improvements, and the complex merger of the town and village, and

Whereas, twice, the Waterbury Selectboard and Village Trustees presented Bill Shepeluk with the Keith A. Wallace Memorial Community Service Award, and he was the town's first honorary firefighter, and

Whereas, Bill Shepeluk served on the Board of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (the League), as the organization's president, and repeatedly as immediate past president, and he also sat on the Board of the League's Health Trust (now known as VERB), and, for approximately three decades, was its president, and

Whereas, the League honored him as Municipal Person of the Year, and the Vermont Town and City Manager's Association named him Municipal Manager of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Waterbury Municipal Manager William Shepeluk in recognition of his extraordinary public service career, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bill Shepeluk and to the Waterbury Town Clerk.

H.C.R. 40

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Essex High School girls' volleyball team on winning a second consecutive State championship

Offered by: Representatives Dodge of Essex, Andrews of Westford, Black of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Garofano of Essex, and Houghton of Essex Junction

Offered by: Senators Baruth, Gulick, Vyhovsky, and Wrenner

Whereas, after securing the 2021 State title, the returning members of the Essex girls' volleyball team were eager to demonstrate that their success was not a fluke, and

Whereas, the confident Hornets built a foundation for a repeat performance, remaining undefeated during regular season competition and securing the top playoff seed, and

Whereas, they not surprisingly proceeded forward to the championship contest at St. Michael's College, where they handily outscored second-seeded Champlain Valley Union High School, 3-0 (25-22, 25-5, 25-11), and

Whereas, the triumphant 2022 Hornets were Celine Yao, Jennifer Longway, Trinity Anaya, Reese Gregory, Sara Sinkewicz, Hannah Knickerbocker, Tess Adams, Bianca Williams, Anna Towne, Isabel Nerad, Jocelyn Ray, and Shakeira Konare, and Head Coach Jennifer Liguori and assistant coaches Jordynne Ales and Phil Reynolds were thrilled with the team's decisive victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Essex High School girls' volleyball team on winning a second consecutive State championship, 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. 41

House concurrent resolution honoring South Burlington City Clerk Donna Kinville for her dedicated municipal public service

Offered by: Representatives Krasnow of South Burlington, Hyman of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Minier of South Burlington, and Nugent of South Burlington

Offered by: Senator Chittenden

Whereas, since her first election to this office in 2001, Donna Kinville has served attentively and wisely as the South Burlington City Clerk, and

Whereas, she strove to develop both a detailed understanding of her responsibilities and the best administrative practices, earning certification as Master Municipal Clerk from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and as Clerk Magna Cum Laude from the Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association (VMCTA), and

Whereas, Donna Kinville employed computer technology for the benefit of the government and residents of the city, and, starting in 2008, she tackled the imposing task of digitalizing the land records of South Burlington, dating from 1865, a project now nearing completion, and

Whereas, the fair and honest administration of elections is a responsibility she assumes with the utmost gravity, and

Whereas, the members of the VMCTA have recognized this talented and hard-working colleague, electing her as their president for the 2017–2019 term, and, in 2021, honoring her as the Vermont Municipal Clerk of the Year, and

Whereas, Donna Kinville has announced she will conclude her municipal government tenure later in 2023, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors South Burlington City Clerk Donna Kinville for her dedicated municipal public service, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Donna Kinville and the office of the South Burlington City Clerk.