

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

April 27, 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. 100

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2023 as Older Americans Month in Vermont

Offered by: Committee on Human Services

Whereas, the life experience and knowledge of older Vermonters are invaluable societal assets, and

Whereas, according to the American Community Survey, as of 2021, there were over 183,000 persons 60 years of age and older residing in Vermont, and

Whereas, in 2021, the U.S. Census reported that over 61,000 older adults in Vermont were in the labor force, and

Whereas, older Vermonters are active community members involved in volunteering, mentorship, the arts, and cultural and civic engagement, and

Whereas, recognizing their successes at work or as retirees encourages continuing community participation and spurs further accomplishments, and

Whereas, local communities can engage older Vermonters in opportunities that result in rewarding lives, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 2023 as Older Americans 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 Association of Area Agencies on Aging and the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living.

H.C.R. 101

House concurrent resolution honoring spouses Eugene Uman and Elsa Borrero on their quarter century of leadership at the Vermont Jazz Center and for their individual artistic and educational contributions

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Coffey of Guilford, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Mrowicki of Putney, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senators Harrison and Hashim

Whereas, in 1997, jazz pianist Eugene Uman assumed the directorship of the Vermont Jazz Center (VJC) in Brattleboro, and Elsa Borrero became a leader at the institution, which they transformed into a year-round jazz hub “dedicated to creating, promoting, and preserving jazz for a broad constituency of artists, students, and the public,” and

Whereas, the educational offerings of the VJC range from youth ensembles to choruses to an in-house big band to a summer jazz workshop conducted at the Putney School, and stellar performances are held in a dedicated 250-seat hall, and a library and archives offer informative resources, and

Whereas, Eugene Uman has produced over 320 VJC concerts; has written and arranged over 150 jazz compositions; as an educator, has taught at the VJC, the Governor’s Institute on the Arts, and Amherst College; initiated a jazz studies program at the Universidad EAFIT in Medellín, Colombia; and was honored to be named a MacDowell Fellow, and

Whereas, at the VJC, the multi-talented Elsa Borrero has managed complex logistics, designed marketing materials, and served on the Center’s Board, and, as a board member, she has contributed her expertise to other cultural organizations, and

Whereas, as an educator, she has taught courses on Latin culture, designed elementary school Spanish-curriculum components, and was a leader and innovator in pedagogic education in Colombia, and her mixed-media artwork is on permanent display at museums in the United States and Colombia, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors spouses Eugene Uman and Elsa Borrero on their quarter century of leadership at the Vermont Jazz Center and for their individual artistic and educational contributions, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Eugene Uman and Elsa Borrero and to the Vermont Jazz Center.

H.C.R. 102

House concurrent resolution commemorating the bicentennial of the Old West Church in Calais

Offered by: Representative Mihaly of Calais

Whereas, the Old West Church, located on Old West Church Road in Calais and within the boundaries of the Kents Corner Historic District, dates its origin to August 18, 1823, when The First Meetinghouse Society was organized and a building committee was formed, and

Whereas, on August 30, 1823, the committee proposed the construction of a meetinghouse with dimensions of 40 by 42 feet, containing 40 five-by-six-foot pews on the first floor and 18 in the balcony, and, on October 13, 1823, timber farmer Lovell Kelton raised the building for the sum of \$23.13, and

Whereas, starting in 1828, Sunday worship services for several denominations commenced, and, for the next 35 years, the building also welcomed civic and cultural activities, and

Whereas, in 1897, following a long closure, major repairs enabled the building to reopen and once again host worshipers and guests, and

Whereas, on April 8, 1921, the Old West Church Association was incorporated as a volunteer organization to oversee the building and its use, and

Whereas, commencing in the 1950s, the Christmas Eve service has been held, and it is now a popular candlelight event heated by the warmth of other worshipers, and

Whereas, in 1972, the Maple Corner School bell was installed in the church's belfry; in 1973, the Old West Church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places; in 2018, the steeple was removed temporarily and restored; and, in 2023, the Old West Church remains a venerable and welcoming community resource to all, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the bicentennial of the Old West Church in Calais, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Old West Church Association.

H.C.R. 103

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 Vermont Principal of the Year, Christopher Young

Offered by: Representatives Page of Newport City, Higley of Lowell, Labor of Morgan, Marcotte of Coventry, Smith of Derby, and Templeman of Brownington

Offered by: Senators Ingalls and Starr

Whereas, Christopher Young graduated from North Country Union High School (NCUHS), where both of his parents were faculty members; earned a bachelor's degree from Boston College; and followed his parents' path into public education, and

Whereas, after teaching in Easton, Massachusetts, and serving as a coach and assistant principal, he returned home to Vermont, and

Whereas, during his successful eight- and nine-year tenures as principal at, respectively, Craftsbury Academy and the Troy School, the voters' faith in his stewardship facilitated the passage of major construction bond votes, and

Whereas, Christopher Young's NCUHS principalship began shortly prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, requiring nimble decision making, and, in the hopefully post-pandemic world, he is now addressing the mental health needs of his students, and

Whereas, he seeks to develop trusting relationships; administers the school in a transparent manner; and, in return, expects accountability from the students, and

Whereas, beyond the NCUHS campus, he serves as the Vermont coordinator for the National Association of Secondary Schools and on the Vermont Principals' Association (VPA) Executive Committee, and

Whereas, the VPA has honored him with its highest award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 Vermont Principal of the Year, Christopher Young, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Christopher Young and to NCUHS.

H.C.R. 104

House concurrent resolution in memory of Albert D. Corey of St. Albans

Offered by: Representatives McCarthy of St. Albans City and Toof of St. Albans Town

Whereas, Albert Corey was born in Burlington and graduated from Rice Memorial High School, and

Whereas, starting as a teenager, Al Corey became a radio broadcaster working at several stations as a newscaster, disc jockey, and as a sports announcer at what was known as WWSR, and

Whereas, he later taught business at Bellows Free Academy–St. Albans (BFA–St. Albans) and worked as a Handy Dealership salesperson, and

Whereas, Al Corey served on the boards of BFA–St. Albans, Maple Run Union School District, and the Collins Perley Sports Facility; was active in Franklin County Democratic politics, including a tenure as the St. Albans City Democratic Party Chair; and was an active leader of many other civic organizations and community activities, and

Whereas, for many years, Al Corey served as a Eucharistic Minister for Holy Angels Parish in St. Albans, and

Whereas, Al Corey died on January 17, 2023, at 83 years of age, predeceased by his wife, Nancy, and his survivors include his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Albert D. Corey of St. Albans, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Albert D. Corey’s family.

H.C.R. 105

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2023 U-32 Raiders Division II championship boys’ ice hockey team

Offered by: Representatives Chapin of East Montpelier, Donahue of Northfield, Goslant of Northfield, LaMont of Morristown, Mihaly of Calais, and Patt of Worcester

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Watson

Whereas, if any boys’ high school ice hockey championship game is remembered for the suspense and surprise it generated at Gutterson Fieldhouse in Burlington, it will be the 2023 Division II final that matched the top-seeded Mt. Mansfield Cougars against the second-ranked U-32 Raiders, and

Whereas, the Cougars scored first, and, from the middle of the second period until halfway into the last regulation period, Mt. Mansfield maintained a 3–1 advantage until, only seconds before the third period ended, U-32 scored two goals, sending the game into two tense overtimes—which U-32 ended

with a final goal eight minutes and nineteen seconds into the second overtime—and winning the contest 4–3, and

Whereas, the 20–2–2 Raiders who prevailed at the longest-ever Division II boys’ ice hockey championship game were Henry Lumbra, River Sciarrotta, Callum Davis, Eric Burgess, Shane Starr, Andrew Ognibene, Lance Starr, Colton Warren, Tae Rossmassler, Grady Smith, John Widener, Jacob Amones, Brenden Tedeschi, Max Scribner, Andrew Baker, Nolan Lyford, Jackson Jagemann, Camden Tatro, Owen Jones, Maddox Heise, Hazen Stoufer, Joseph Tucker, Duncan Mathies, and Bodi Hollister, and

Whereas, Head Coach Shane Locke and assistant coaches Corey Robbins, Corey Gilander, Mark Sciarrotta, and Roy Schiff were outstanding advisors, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2023 U-32 Raiders Division II championship boys’ ice hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to U-32.

H.C.R. 106

House concurrent resolution recognizing May 2023 as National Foster Care Month in Vermont

Offered by: Committee on Human Services

Whereas, all children deserve a safe, loving, and nurturing home, and

Whereas, families serve as the primary support structure for personal identity and community connections, and

Whereas, foster care nurtures family relationships, and foster care providers help children and youth develop, and

Whereas, in Vermont, there are over 1,000 children and youth in the custody of the Department for Children and Families who are living with dedicated foster, kinship, and respite care providers in homes where the children’s need for safety and belonging is ensured until their parents can safely resume family responsibilities, and

Whereas, many foster families create permanency for children and youth through adoption when they cannot safely return to live with their birth families, and

Whereas, foster care providers, in collaboration with public and private community partners, support the transition of youth and young adults to successful independence, and

Whereas, May is National Foster Care Month and is an ideal occasion to raise awareness of foster care and to celebrate those individuals who are dedicated to serving our children, youth, and families, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 2023 as National Foster Care Month in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Foster Adoptive Family Alliance, Vermont Kin as Parents, and the Vermont Commissioner for Children and Families.

H.C.R. 107

House concurrent resolution honoring the 83 years of outstanding Paquette family agricultural entrepreneurship

Offered by: Representatives Austin of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Chase of Colchester, and Taylor of Colchester

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, in 1949, in order to expand the facility, Leonel and Helen Paquette relocated their Williston chicken farm, established in 1940, to Colchester, and

Whereas, the Paquettes named their Colchester agricultural operation, which raised chickens and sold eggs, Shadow Cross Farm in recognition of the many shadow crisscrosses projected through the windowpanes onto the floor of their 160-year-old farmhouse, and

Whereas, at the height of the farm's chicken-raising era, the facility maintained 75,000 laying hens, which daily produced 68,000 to 70,000 eggs, and, because laying hens are only productive for approximately one year, baby chicks were continuously on-site, making this farm an alluring destination for first- and second-grade school field trips, and

Whereas, in 2000, after half a century of frenzied avian comings and goings, Richard Paquette, the grandson of Leonel Paquette, and Richard's wife, Linda, acknowledged that encroaching housing construction and the closure of the neighboring dairy and vegetable farms that had accepted chicken manure from Shadow Cross Farm necessitated the sale of their flocks, and

Whereas, the Paquettes continued as a distributor of eggs produced at other farms but are now desirous of adopting a less hectic lifestyle, and they ended their role as purveyors of farm-fresh eggs on April 1, 2023, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the 83 years of outstanding Paquette family agricultural entrepreneurship, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Richard and Linda Paquette.