

No. R-271. Joint resolution relating to the designation of commemorative observances in concurrent resolutions.

(J.R.H.15)

Offered by: House committee on rules

Whereas, annually, a number of resolutions designating a set period time to commemorate an event, celebrate a festival, or inform the public of a chronic physical condition or illness are presented before the General Assembly, and

Whereas, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate often place these resolutions on their respective body's calendar for consideration the next legislative day pursuant to House Rule 52 and Senate Rule 51, and

Whereas, these resolutions, other than their designation of a period of time, meet the general criteria for concurrent resolutions set forth in Joint Rule 16a and their adoption as concurrent resolutions would expedite the legislative process, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That Joint Rule 16a of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives is amended to read:

16a. Resolutions that express sentiments of congratulations, commendations, condolences, or the like, or that designate, on a one-time basis, a specified period of time for a commemorative or public education purpose and do not address matters related to public policy, the rules and operations of either or both houses of the General Assembly, or other matters, shall be styled as concurrent resolutions, and may be jointly cosponsored by

members of the Senate and House. The Senate and House cosponsors shall appear separately on two distinctive sponsorship lists on the concurrent resolution. ~~If members of the Senate and House cosponsor a concurrent resolution, it shall be introduced initially in the legislative body of the primary sponsor.~~ A concurrent resolution shall be cited by title only in the permanent journals of the Senate and House with a cite to the Acts and Resolves for that session unless it has been treated as a bill or subject of a roll call vote, in which case, the resolution shall be printed in the permanent journal of the voting legislative body.