

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**HOUSE AND SENATE
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**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

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Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Representative or Senator requests floor consideration before the end of Friday's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration must be communicated to the House Clerk's office or the Senate Secretary's office.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 1.

House concurrent resolution honoring the military service of the 300 members of the Vermont Air National Guard recently deployed to the Middle East

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, shortly before Thanksgiving 2016, Adjutant General for the State of Vermont, Major General Steven Cray, announced that several hundred members of the Vermont Air National Guard (VTANG), 158th Fighter Wing, would be deployed on short notice to the Central Command, a geographic area that encompasses North Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia, and

Whereas, the deployment, which may last several months, occurred on December 7, 2016, and at the departure ceremony Major General Cray referred to the Middle East while offering no further specifics, and

Whereas, Major Brian Lepine of Essex Junction is serving as a commander of the deployment, and

Whereas, approximately a week after the deployment, the Vermont Air National Guard released additional specifics, and

Whereas, some of the deployed VTANG personnel, who numbered 300 in total, flew a squadron of the 158th Fighter Wing's F-16 aircraft to the Middle East, and

Whereas, the Vermonters have been assigned to the 407th Air Expeditionary Group that is under the command of Colonel David C. Lyons, and they will be engaged in combat missions, and

Whereas, all of these brave members of the VTANG sacrificed spending the holidays with their families in order to serve our nation in a dangerous military mission, and

Whereas, the General Assembly respects these Vermonters' dedication to

serving our nation in combat and their readiness to go wherever duty calls, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the military service of the 300 members of the Vermont Air National Guard recently deployed to the Middle East and expresses the sincere hope they return home safely, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Adjutant General for the State of Vermont, Major General Steven Cray, and to the 158th Fighter Wing Commander, Colonel Patrick M. Guinea.

H.C.R. 2.

House concurrent resolution designating Thursday, January 5, 2017, as Homelessness Awareness Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, Krowinski of Burlington, Pugh of South Burlington, and Stevens of Waterbury

Whereas, being deprived of a permanent place to live is an indignity that far too many Vermont families continue to endure, and

Whereas, the severe early-life impediments homeless children encounter may result in long-term consequences, and

Whereas, Children's HealthWatch found that children who were homeless either prenatally or as infants or toddlers were 41 percent more likely to have been hospitalized than children who were never homeless, and

Whereas, according to the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, homeless children are nine times more likely to repeat a grade, four times more likely to drop out of school, and three times more likely to be placed in special education classes than their housed peers, and

Whereas, both the financial and human costs of homelessness strain public services, including education and physical and mental health care, and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, on January 26, 2016, 1,117 Vermonters were homeless, and of those 281 were children, 227 were victims of domestic violence, and 124 were chronically homeless, and 20 percent of the counted households included children, and

Whereas, the Vermont Point-In-Time 2016 homeless count documented that 29 percent of those counted had severe mental health problems, 19 percent had a substance abuse disorder, and the number of veterans who are homeless decreased 23 percent from last year to 109 individuals statewide, and

Whereas, while the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's

Annual Homeless Assessment Report revealed a 27 percent decrease in total homelessness in Vermont since 2015, homelessness in Vermont has seen a 17 percent increase since 2008, and

Whereas, the Vermont Housing Opportunity Grant Program Report for fiscal year 2016 documented 4,143 persons sheltered over the course of the year, and the average length of stay was approximately 39 days, and

Whereas, homelessness, especially of children, remains a public policy concern of great importance, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly applauds the progress of Vermont's housing and homeless service providers in reducing homelessness and designates January 5, 2017 as Homelessness Awareness Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness, to the Chittenden County Homeless Alliance, and to the Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition.

H.C.R. 3.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Jon Binhammer on his 25 years of outstanding service at the Vermont chapter of The Nature Conservancy

Offered by: Representatives Hooper of Brookfield and Jickling of Brookfield

Whereas, the great outdoors has been an essential facet of Jon Binhammer's life since his youth in the Midwest when he constructed forts in the woods and, with his father's assistance, developed a passion for birding, and

Whereas, a visit to The Nature Conservancy's Buzzard Roost Rock Preserve in Ohio (now known as the Edge of Appalachia Preserve) so impressed the youngster that he decided to pursue a career in land conservation, and

Whereas, as academic preparation for fulfilling this objective, Jon Binhammer earned a B.A. in biology at Grinnell College in Iowa and a master's in education degree from Northern Illinois University in De Kalb, Illinois, and

Whereas, on completing his graduate degree, Jon Binhammer began working in the dual fields of environmental education and prairie restoration until 1991 when he joined the staff of The Nature Conservancy's Vermont chapter (TNC), and

Whereas, over the past quarter century, Jon Binhammer's TNC work in Vermont has contributed significantly to the preservation of the State's landscape, and

Whereas, his overall conservation record in the State consists of supporting and ensuring the permanent protection of over 26,000 acres, and

Whereas, more specifically, Jon Binhammer played a leading role in preserving the Green River Reservoir, Black Mountain, and Shaw Mountain, and expanding TNC acreage at both Shelburne Pond and the La Platte River Marsh, and

Whereas, beyond his position as the organization's Vermont Director of Land Protection, Jon Binhammer has served TNC as a respected environmental educator and field trip leader, and

Whereas, 2016 marked the 25th anniversary of Jon Binhammer's outstanding tenure at The Nature Conservancy's Vermont chapter, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jon Binhammer on his 25 years of outstanding service at the Vermont chapter of The Nature Conservancy, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 4.

House concurrent resolution honoring Pamela Taylor for her exemplary service as a teacher, mentor, and community leader in Vergennes

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Whereas, in an era when multidecade job longevity is becoming atypical, Pamela Taylor's 43-year social studies teaching career at Vergennes Union High School (VUHS) is worthy of celebration, and

Whereas, during her VUHS tenure, she has mentored hundreds of students and taught approximately 5,000, and

Whereas, Pamela Taylor has served as a leader in many aspects of public education in Vermont and nationally, and

Whereas, she has pioneered VUHS' courses on a number of civic and historically associated subjects, including African-American History, Modern Citizenship, Native American History, and Vermont Designs, and

Whereas, experiential education has served as one of her primary teaching tools, and she led school trips domestically to our nation's capital; Gettysburg,

Pennsylvania; Charleston, South Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; and other historic locations; and internationally to Russia and Ukraine, and

Whereas, Pamela Taylor's interest in curriculum development has resulted in her serving on State and national leadership teams that developed educational standards, and

Whereas, she has always held each student accountable to perform to the best of his or her ability, and

Whereas, throughout her many years in the classroom, Pamela Taylor has been known as a vivacious and gregarious educator, and

Whereas, outside VUHS, Pamela Taylor is an active community member who has participated in church, emergency services, and other activities designed to improve the quality of life for area residents, and

Whereas, another of her extracurricular interests is serving as the editor for local publications, and

Whereas, in June 2017, after 43 memorable years on the VUHS faculty, Pamela Taylor is retiring from the teaching profession, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Pamela Taylor for her exemplary service as a teacher, mentor, and community leader in Vergennes, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 5.

House concurrent resolution honoring Jonas Rosenthal for his outstanding municipal service as Poultney Town and Village Manager

Offered by: Representative McCoy of Poultney

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, Jonas Rosenthal's municipal government career can be encapsulated with the words amazing, dedicated, and effective, and

Whereas, a business and public administration graduate of the University of Maryland, he earned a master's degree in education at Pennsylvania State University with a special focus on recreation and parks, and

Whereas, following the advice attributed to the American journalist Horace Greeley to "Go West, young man," Jonas Rosenthal moved to Montana, where he worked at Big Brothers and Sisters, and

Whereas, his hockey coach with the Great Falls Hawks suggested a career in

politics, resulting in Jonas Rosenthal's earning a second master's degree, in public administration at Montana State University, and working on the staff of the state's governor, Ted Schwinden, and

Whereas, deciding to return east, he still yearned for a rural setting and in October 1985 became the Poultney Town Manager, and

Whereas, Jonas Rosenthal's success as town manager prompted a 1996 request that he serve as Poultney Village's interim manager for a year, and he eventually assumed this complementary post on a permanent basis, and

Whereas, the different roles Jonas Rosenthal serves in Poultney, aside from the dual management positions, include zoning administrator, dog wrangler, recreation director (his passion), traffic director, and litter control officer, and

Whereas, his achievements include improved relations with Poultney-based Green Mountain College, restoration of the Stonebridge Building, a handsome Georgian edifice, and nurturing a phenomenal recreation committee, and

Whereas, the Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce was so impressed with Jonas Rosenthal's accomplishments that it honored him as the recipient of the organization's first Honorary Citizen of the Year Award, and

Whereas, other honors have been bestowed on Jonas Rosenthal, including the Frances B. Elwell Award for Municipal Management, the Preservation Trust of Vermont Award, and the Vermont Downtown Program Green Mountain Award, and

Whereas, this respected civic leader has now concluded his career of three decades of superb municipal government leadership, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Jonas Rosenthal for his municipal service as Poultney Town and Village Manager, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jonas Rosenthal and to the town and village of Poultney.

H.C.R. 6.

House concurrent resolution honoring consummate volunteers Dan and Dana Grossman of Thetford

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford and Briglin of Thetford

Whereas, Dan and Dana (Cook) Grossman, who met as students at Brown University where they cemented an enduring life partnership, are the parents of two daughters, Emily and Joanna, the grandparents of four grandchildren, and dedicated volunteers of an amazingly broad scope, and

Whereas, Dan Grossman practices law in Norwich, and for a quarter century, Dana Grossman, until retiring as publications director emerita in

2011, was the editor of Dartmouth Medical School's award-winning quarterly magazine, *Dartmouth Medicine*, and

Whereas, in 2012, she won the top prize in the adult division of the National Punctuation Day Presidential Punctuation Challenge, and she continues to edit both as a freelancer, primarily for nonprofit organizations, and as a volunteer for the newsletter of a health care program in Kosovo, and

Whereas, each has served on the Hanover Co-op's board of directors, including Dan as chair where his legal skills were put to good use, and

Whereas, Dana Grossman has contributed a professional's knowledge of publications and educational institutions during her service on the public library and school boards in Thetford, and

Whereas, she has served on the board of the Upper Valley Teacher Institute, has volunteered as a nationally certified track and field official, and has judged regional robotics tournaments, and

Whereas, Dan Grossman is for many reasons Thetford Academy's unsung volunteer hero, including his conceiving of the five-kilometer Dan Grossman Woods Trail, a cross-country running course, which Olympian John Morton designed, and that for over 25 years has hosted thousands of runners at major State and regional championships and other running competitions, and

Whereas, Dan Grossman has directed excursions for Thetford residents to Fenway Park, arranging for the placement of a Cracker Jack box on each attendee's seat, and he has organized day trips to New York City for Thetford Academy students, and

Whereas, together, the Grossmans, accruing no compensation, shoot and post thousands of photos annually, on their Maple Leaf website, of educational and athletic events occurring at Thetford Academy and also at other area nonprofit organizations, including hospitals, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors consummate volunteers Dan and Dana Grossman of Thetford, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dan and Dana Grossman.

H.C.R. 7.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 240th anniversary of the Vermont Republic

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Deen of Westminster, and Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, in 1749, New Hampshire Royal Governor Benning Wentworth issued his first New Hampshire Grant charter (within the future boundaries of the State of Vermont) for the town of Bennington, and other charters followed; in 1763, the Province of New York started to issue grants that conflicted with those of New Hampshire; and, in 1764, King George III decreed that the New York grants took precedence, and

Whereas, Ethan Allen formed the Green Mountain Boys to defend the territorial integrity of the New Hampshire Grants, and

Whereas, the need to take a more assertive political action against the British led to delegates from 28 of the New Hampshire Grant towns convening on January 15, 1777, in the town of Westminster, and

Whereas, this convention issued a declaration of independence stating “the district . . . known by the name . . . of the New-Hampshire grants . . . is . . . to be considered as a free and independent jurisdiction, or state; by the name . . . of NewConnecticut; alias Vermont: And that the inhabitants . . . shall be entitled to the same privileges, immunities, and enfranchisements as . . . the free citizens and denizens . . . of any of the free and independent states of America,” and

Whereas, one of the signatories of this declaration was Thomas Chittenden, who became the first Governor of Vermont, and

Whereas, the convention also petitioned the Continental Congress for NewConnecticut’s admission as a state, a goal that would not be achieved until March 4, 1791, when the U.S. Congress admitted Vermont as our nation’s 14th State, and

Whereas, during these 14 years, Vermont effectively functioned as an independent republic, coining money, operating a postal system, and performing other duties associated with an independent nation, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 240th anniversary of the Vermont Republic, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 8.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Essex High School Hornets girls' State championship rugby team

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dunn of Essex, Giambatista of Essex, and Houghton of Essex

Whereas, rugby is a physically demanding sport requiring stamina and endurance, and

Whereas, in the 2016 high school girl's rugby competition, the Essex High School Hornets were a powerful team that played with enthusiasm and skill, and

Whereas, the Hornets earned a championship game berth and faced the South Burlington High School Rebels in a contest played on the Hornets' home field in Essex Junction, and

Whereas, in an exciting game, the Hornets overwhelmed the Rebels 52–12, convincingly winning the 2016 girls' State rugby championship, and

Whereas, the talented Hornets squad included Morgan Bessette, Valerie Bessette, Ramona Bilodeau, Hannah Bovee, Clara Byors, Tovah Coe, Tyhe Cooper, Holly Dahlgren, Kathryn Daniels, Rachael Foell, Madeline Folsom, Meaghan Frank, Nicole Frank, Bailey Gaskill, Julia Goodrich, Jessica Hemphill, Tia Kane, Sara Lamphere, Sarah Lunn, Avery MacGillivray, Holly McClintock, Kathryn Monty, Hannah Palmer, Emma Parizo, Hollie Parks, Meredith Payson, Cassidy Reid, Zoe Shepard, Jamie Swiatlowski, and Emily Wootton, and

Whereas, Coach Amanda Eldridge and assistant coaches Gary Sturgis and Stephen Dunning inspired the team to achieve great success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Essex High School Hornets girls' State championship rugby team, and be it further

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

S.C.R. 1.

By All Members of the Senate,
By All Members of the House,

S.C.R. 1. Senate concurrent resolution honoring former Senator William T. Doyle and designating March 7, 2017 as “Bill Doyle Town Meeting Day”.

Whereas, in 1958, equipped with degrees from Princeton and Columbia universities, William T. “Bill” Doyle began his ongoing tenure as a Johnson State College faculty member, specializing in Vermont politics, and

Whereas, as an historian, Bill Doyle authored and regularly updated his book *The Vermont Political Tradition: And Those Who Helped Make It*, and by capturing a global audience showed how civil engagement is conducted “the Vermont Way,” and

Whereas, through his work as a college professor at Johnson State College, Bill Doyle has educated hundreds of Vermonters on government and politics, helping to ignite the call to public service in many who have gone on to serve the State and Nation, and

Whereas, parallel to his role as an academic, Bill Doyle embraced a political life: first serving on the Montpelier School Board, which he chaired, and since Election Day in 1968, serving in the Vermont State Senate, and

Whereas, Senator Doyle’s constituents reelected him 23 times, establishing the Senate’s longevity service record of 48 consecutive years, rightfully earning him the title of “Dean of the Vermont State Senate”, and

Whereas, as a Senator, he chaired the Committee on Government Operations, served on both the Joint and Senate Rules Committees, was the third member of the Committee on Committees, and was the Senate Minority Leader, and

Whereas, throughout his Senate career, Senator Doyle exhibited the upmost decorum and respect for his colleagues and the process and his insightful comments and input improved the legislative process, and

Whereas, Senator Doyle’s accomplishments on behalf of his constituents and the Citizens of Vermont are numerous and immeasurable and his unparalleled constituent services over his illustrious career of 48 years have improved the lives of countless Vermonters and the Citizens of Washington County, and

Whereas, a unique confluence of Senator Doyle’s academic and political careers started early in his Senate career when he created a Town Meeting Day Poll to gauge the positions of Vermonters on issues of current events providing a useful survey of public policy opinions used by legislators, the media and

Vermont citizens, and

Whereas, many political leaders have praised Senator Doyle for his roles as an insightful legislative leader and civic educator, and

Whereas, the reputation of Vermont in general has been greatly enhanced by services too numerous to mention of this true and faithful son, and

Whereas, no greater tribute could be paid to this remarkable Vermonter than designating March 7, 2017 as Bill Doyle Town Meeting Day, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Senator William T. Doyle for his unparalleled Senate career and designates March 7, 2017 as Bill Doyle Town Meeting Day, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to former Senator William T. “Bill” Doyle.

S.C.R. 2.

By Senators Cummings, Brooks, and Pollina,
By Representative Donahue of Northfield,

S.C.R. 2. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation on its 40th anniversary.

Whereas, Vermont’s 12 nonprofit economic development corporations are designed to enhance economic growth and vitality throughout the State, and

Whereas, since 1976, in Washington County and the three Orange County towns of Orange, Washington, and Williamstown, the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation (CVEDC) has assisted and advocated on behalf of the business community, and

Whereas, the CVEDC summarizes its mission succinctly as “attract[ing] and retain[ing] good wage paying jobs for the citizens of our region,” and

Whereas, the organization’s leadership is composed of its executive director, Jamie Stewart; a director of development, Jennifer Surat; and a 29member governing board consisting of municipal and State officials and local business owners, and

Whereas, CVEDC’s financing is derived from a similar combination of municipal, State, and private sector sources, and

Whereas, the services CVEDC provides to the region’s businesses are both

specific and broadly applicable, and

Whereas, CVEDC assists businesses seeking to expand at their current location or searching for a new site in the region; offers informational workshops, seminars, and confidential, specific advice and guidance to businesses; works in conjunction with the Vermont Department of Economic Development, the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, and the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce to promote Central Vermont as an ideal location for new businesses; strives to improve the regional infrastructure necessary for businesses to operate successfully; and serves as an advocate for the Central Vermont business community, and

Whereas, on October 25, 2016, at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Montpelier, CVEDC celebrated its 40th anniversary and honored the following 2016 award winners: the Small Business of the Year (Filabot); the Member of the Year (National Life Group); the Leo C. Laferriere Community Service Award (American Flatbread); the Director's Award (Darn Tough Vermont); and the President's Award recipient (Barre Mayor Thomas Lauzon), and

Whereas, this celebratory evening was a special occasion for both the CVEDC and all the honorees, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation on its 40th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation.