

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**HOUSE AND SENATE
CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

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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. 39.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Londonderry Selectboard Chair Steve Prouty

Offered by: Representative Olsen of Londonderry

Whereas, Steve Prouty was a long-serving municipal public servant in the town of Londonderry whose work in diverse municipal government offices earned him much respect and trust from the town's citizenry, and

Whereas, a life-long Londonderry resident, he graduated from Leland and Gray High School and Vermont Technical College, and

Whereas, as Londonderry's road commissioner, Steve Prouty not only directed the plowing and maintaining of Londonderry's roads but was always ready to join the road crew when duty called, and

Whereas, for many years, Londonderry's residents appreciated Steve Prouty's outstanding service as the town's alert and reliable health officer whose jurisdiction ranged from addressing the presence of rabid animals in Londonderry to attending to other local health related emergencies, and

Whereas, Steve Prouty, in his capacity as a justice of the peace, was a board of civil authority member involved in the adjudication of property tax appeals and the administration of elections, and other municipal roles included service as tree warden and member of the planning commission, and

Whereas, in 2011, Steve Prouty was elected to the Londonderry Selectboard and later served as vice chair, and

Whereas, although as vice chair he had filled in for the absent chair, his modesty and sense of fair play directed him to request a board vote prior to his assuming the chair in his own right, and

Whereas, he maintained a strong work ethic, had owned his family's excavation business, worked as a rural carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, and enjoyed gardening, collecting antiques, and being a grandfather, and

Whereas, Steve Prouty served as a hotdog and hamburger cook at the annual Pingree Park Fun Day and especially enjoyed each year's Londonderry Officer and Volunteer Dinner, and

Whereas, sadly, Steve Prouty, the outstanding Londonderry Selectboard Chair and admired community leader and friend, died at 66 years of age on February 6, 2017, and

Whereas, members of the community responded to his death with much sorrow, commenting that he was “the nicest, sweetest guy” and that his public service was critical to the town of Londonderry, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolence to the family of Londonderry Selectboard Chair Steve Prouty, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Steve Prouty’s parents, Clyde and Clara; sons, Chad and Taylor (who are the parents of Steve Prouty’s five grandchildren); and sister, Susan.

H.C.R. 40.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont League of Cities and Towns on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Townsend of South Burlington, Brumsted of Shelburne, Gannon of Wilmington, Gardner of Richmond, Hubert of Milton, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, LaClair of Barre Town, Lewis of Berlin, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Weed of Enosburgh

Whereas, the unswerving mission of Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is to serve and strengthen local government, and

Whereas, the history of the VLCT can be traced to 1964 when local officials began formally discussing the need for a statewide municipal association, and an organizing board was formed with representation from a number of municipalities, and

Whereas, these strategy sessions culminated on June 27, 1967 when the VLCT was established at a meeting in Montpelier City Hall, and University of Vermont Professor Andrew Nuquist served as the VLCT’s acting director, and

Whereas, VLCT’s first board of directors meeting was held on July 27, 1967 in Colchester and on April 15, 1968, it appointed Henry E. Warren, the Woodstock Town Manager, as the organization’s first Executive Director, and

Whereas, through the years, VLCT’s membership continued to climb and 100 percent membership of 246 cities and towns was ultimately achieved in December 1995, and

Whereas, throughout its 50-year history, VLCT has had six executive directors, the current Director being Maura Carroll, and

Whereas, through VLCT, Vermont local officials have participated actively in the National League of Cities, and

Whereas, local officials rely heavily on this membership association to give voice to municipal issues in the Legislature, to provide answers, advice, and technical assistance on all municipal issues, to serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas and best practices among cities, towns and villages, and to provide coverage for insurance needs through municipal risk pools, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont League of Cities and Towns on its 50th anniversary and extends best wishes that the next 50 years will be as productive, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

H.C.R. 41.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Alicia Dana of Putney on winning a silver medal in the women's handcycling time trial at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games

Offered by: Representatives Deen of Westminster, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Trieber of Rockingham, Belaski of Windsor, Bock of Chester, Christensen of Weathersfield, Dakin of Colchester, Dunn of Essex, Macaig of Williston, Noyes of Wolcott, Squirrell of Underhill, Till of Jericho, Walz of Barre City, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, as a teenager, Alicia Dana enthusiastically cycled and Nordic skied, and

Whereas, however, at age 17, she fell from a tree, resulting in paraplegia, and

Whereas, as she adjusted to her new physical condition, Alicia Dana entered the only cycling-comparable athletic competition then available, wheelchair racing, but longed to return to a more suited sport, and

Whereas, in the mid-1990s, handcycles were introduced, enabling Alicia Dana and other persons who have sustained spinal cord injuries or double amputations to enter a sport more closely resembling cycling, and

Whereas, one of her early handcycling adventures was a ride across the United States that raised funds for nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, Alicia Dana's traveling colleagues commented on her strength as a handcyclist and recommended that she become a competitive racer, and

Whereas, in 2001, Alicia Dana earned a spot on the U.S. national team, competed in that year's world championships, and raced again in 2002, and

Whereas, after a break of nearly a decade to raise her daughter, she resumed handcycling racing, and

Whereas, this talented handcyclist quickly demonstrated her continuing proficiency in the sport, earning an impressive fifth place in the women's handcycling time trial at the London 2012 Paralympic Games, and

Whereas, following her London performance, Alicia Dana won six World Championship medals, including a first place gold medal, and

Whereas, Alicia Dana earned a slot on the U.S. team that traveled to the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games where she achieved an outstanding fourth place finish in the women's handcycling road race, and

Whereas, most significantly, in Rio, Alicia Dana proudly secured second place and, with a time of 33 minutes 57.48 seconds, a silver medal in the women's handcycling time trial, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Alicia Dana of Putney on winning a silver medal in the women's handcycling time trial at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alicia Dana in Putney.

H.C.R. 42.

House concurrent resolution honoring the creators of "Our Time" song and music video

Offered by: Representatives Troiano of Stannard, Donahue of Northfield, Jickling of Brookfield, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 77 established a series of alternative ways for students to complete their secondary education, and

Whereas, the Vermont nonprofit Up for Learning has conducted the Communicating School Redesign (CSR) initiative to educate the public about these new educational options and to address possible concerns, and

Whereas, in 2015, CSR's combined youth-adult teams and their consultants detected resistance to the Act 77 secondary education pathways, and the CSR participants determined that a student-created song could prove persuasive, and

Whereas, the song's creation began with a two-day intensive writing session with a dozen talented Vermont student musicians who worked under the guidance of musician and teacher Brian Boyes and singer-songwriter Kris Gruen, and

Whereas, this creative collaboration resulted in the song “Our Time,” and 150 students from throughout Vermont appear in the “Our Time” music video, and

Whereas, to enhance the music video’s effectiveness, a second video, “Talking Our Time” relates the song’s composition, plus an Our Time Dialogue Guide suggests topics for discussing Act 77, and

Whereas, the individuals and organizations who contributed to the “Our Time” song and music video’s creation are Tobi April, Asia Bernatchy, Helen Beattie, Brian Boyes, Cal Burke, Henry Burke, Benjamin Burr, Ned Castle, Tailor Chapin, Anne Decker, Leah Desroches, Rebecca Elgood, Hilary Goldblatt, Kris Gruen, Grace Ecklund-Gustavson, Meredith Holch, Jacob Kaplan, Wilson Knight, Kirk Kreitz, Rebecca McGregor, Cailin O’Hara, Amy Panetta, Caleb Quittner, Eli Rivers, Sue Trecartin, Evan Warner, Dorothy Whalen, and Mary Whalen, the Cabot School Elementary Chorus, Lyndon Institute dancers, the Montpelier High School band, chorus, and orchestra, the Spaulding High School Chorus, the U-32 Orchestra, and the Waits River Valley elementary singers, and

Whereas, today, February 15, participants in the “Our Time” song’s and video’s creation are visiting the State House and displaying the video in the Cedar Creek Room, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the creators of “Our Time” song and music video, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the individuals and organizations named in this resolution.

H.C.R. 43.

House concurrent resolution designating February 16, 2017 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Day in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield, Ainsworth of Royalton, Bancroft of Westford, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Christensen of Weathersfield, Condon of Colchester, Connor of Fairfield, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dunn of Essex, Frenier of Chelsea, Gage of Rutland City, Gonzalez of Winooski, Graham of Williamstown, Hebert of Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of

Montpelier, Hooper of Brookfield, Houghton of Essex, Jickling of Brookfield, LaClair of Barre Town, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Morrissey of Bennington, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nolan of Morristown, Parent of St. Albans Town, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Rachelson of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Shaw of Pittsford, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of Derby, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Burlington, Tate of Mendon, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Walz of Barre City, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Nitka, and White

Whereas, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention reports that suicide is the nation's 10th leading cause of death and that in 2015, 44,193 Americans died as a result of suicide, and

Whereas, data for the years 2013 and 2014 documented that 112 and 124 deaths as a result of suicide, respectively, occurred in Vermont, which is a major increase from the 85 confirmed deaths as a result of suicide in the State during 2012 and is significantly above the national average, and

Whereas, as a step toward decreasing this unacceptably high number of Vermont deaths as a result of suicide, in 2013, the Vermont Suicide Prevention Data Group (VSPDG) was formed as a collaboration involving State agencies, nonprofit organizations, and academic partners engaged in suicide prevention activities, and

Whereas, the VSPDG works across State agencies to improve the data collection and reporting process, and

Whereas, VSPDG is identifying trends in suicide-related behavior, and

Whereas, a resulting benefit of the collaboration is a data source for suicide prevention researchers, and

Whereas, the important data resulting from VSPDG's efforts is useful for the establishment and evaluation of suicide prevention programs and policies, including the drafting of research funding proposals, and

Whereas, specific results of VSPDG work include the development of data

briefs at the Department of Health, improved suicide prevention services for veterans, and contributing to child safety, self-harm, and firearms-related suicide prevention projects, and

Whereas, there are more than 35 State member or contributing organizations and Sally Kerschner RN, the Coordinator of Maternal Child Health Planning and Programming at the Department of Health facilitates the group's projects, and

Whereas, VSPDG participants are visiting the State House today to inform legislators of its collaborative's life-saving work, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 16, 2017 as Suicide Prevention 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 Suicide Prevention Center.

H.C.R. 44.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Windsor High School Yellow Jackets Division III championship football team

Offered by: Representatives Belaski of Windsor and Bartholomew of Hartland

Whereas, the top-seeded Division III Windsor High School Yellow Jackets dominated the 2016 regular season, including defeating and ending the undefeated streak of local rival Woodstock High School, and

Whereas, after easily surpassing their first two playoff opponents, the Yellow Jackets encountered the third-seeded Otter Valley Union High School Otters in Rutland in the decisive championship game, and

Whereas, Windsor overwhelmed Otter Valley 42–6, completing an undefeated 11–0 season, and clinching the 2016 Division III title, and

Whereas, the thrilled Yellow Jacket players were Hunter Patenaude, Zachary Mcleod, Caleb Harrington, Josh Griep, Hunter Judd, Tanner Wright, Logan Ingalls, Kylor Lato, Dakota Page, Seth Balch, Trevor Worrall, Ben Meagher, Jake Tucker, Dylan Stillson, Trenton Allen, Duncan Frazer, Izaiah Smith, Tristin Bellimer, Ryland Richardson, Robert Slocum, Gavin Harriman, Josh Gaudette, Dakohta Sanderson, Brayton Bailey, Wyatt Bean, Max Clifford, Ryan Ducharme, Caleb Meagher, Devon Sullivan, Grayson Frazer, Rhett Barrows, and Connor Hart, and

Whereas, Head Coach Greg Balch and assistant coaches Matt Meagher, Jamie Richardson, and Tom McHugh inspired the team, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Windsor High School Yellow Jackets Division III championship football team, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 45.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Barbara A. MacIntyre

Offered by: Representatives Miller of Shaftsbury, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, and Sullivan of Dorset

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Barbara MacIntyre of Bennington was a passionate civic and political leader whose devotion to improving economic conditions and social justice in Vermont and internationally was a central element in her life, and

Whereas, she was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts and graduated from its public schools, and

Whereas, despite the challenges of being a single mother, employed fulltime, first at Union Carbide and later at Energizer, Barbara MacIntyre dedicated every possible moment to her many volunteer roles, and

Whereas, Barbara MacIntyre's continuing concern for those with no place to live resulted in her serving on the board of the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless, and

Whereas, seeking to broaden the employment options for the disadvantaged, she sat on the board of the Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council, and

Whereas, she was strongly committed to the Greater Bennington Peace and Justice Center's sister-city project with Somotillo, Nicaragua, a poverty stricken community that she visited on several occasions, and

Whereas, the Bennington Mayfest, an annual street festival and celebration of spring, had no more an enthusiastic volunteer recruiter, and

Whereas, a key avenue for Barbara MacIntyre's political activism was her leadership in the Vermont Democratic Party, and

Whereas, her progressive ideals were fundamental in her work on behalf of Democratic candidates for local, State, and national office, and

Whereas, she chaired both the Bennington town and county Democratic

committees, and earned the admiration and respect of both former governors Dean and Kunin, and

Whereas, in 2011, the Vermont Democratic Party recognized Barbara MacIntyre with its most prestigious honor, the David Curtis Award, and

Whereas, following Barbara MacIntyre's death on July 11, 2016 at 71 years of age, each member of the Vermont congressional delegation paid tribute to her legacy of political activism and fighting for social justice, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of Barbara A. MacIntyre, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to her sons, Jeremy and James, and to her special friend, Robin LeBlanc.

H.C.R. 46.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2016 Proctor High School Division IV girls' soccer championship team

Offered by: Representatives Potter of Clarendon, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, Howard of Rutland City, McCoy of Poultney, Shaw of Pittsford, Sullivan of Dorset, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, the Division IV Proctor High School girls' soccer team had earned three consecutive championships prior to the 2016 season, and

Whereas, this past fall, the Lady Phantoms again constituted an outstanding team and were awarded the third seed for playoff competition, and

Whereas, Proctor exhibited top skills, earning another championship berth and the opportunity to face the second-seeded Sharon Academy Phoenix in Bethel for the 2016 title, and

Whereas, after scoring a goal approximately 10 minutes into the first half, the Lady Phantoms' defense prevailed, and Proctor brought home a fourth consecutive Division IV girls soccer crown, and

Whereas, Lady Phantoms Alexis Bride, Reilly Duggan, Erin Flanders, Lucy George, Elisabeth Tate, Maxine Tilden, Sierra Thornton, Kiersten Williams, Erica May, Arielle Oechsle, Meredith Parker, Emma Shaw, Grace Tate, Isabel Valerio, Sarah Pecor, Allie Almond, Hannah Anderson, Amanda Reynolds, Maddie Flanders, and Brianna Bernstein, all played superbly, and

Whereas, coaches Scott French and Chris Hughes, Bench Coach Lisa Bora Hughes, and team manager Ali Blackmere each contributed to the great 2016 season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 Proctor High School Division IV girls' soccer championship team, and be it further

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