

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. 66.

House concurrent resolution honoring the green industry in Vermont and celebrating the 2017 Vermont Flower Show

Offered by: Representative Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, horticulture (the green industry) plays a significant economic role in Vermont's agricultural sector, and

Whereas, according to the 2012 U.S. Department of Agriculture Census, the most recent for which state data is available, 7.7 percent of Vermont's agricultural sector is horticulturally based, and

Whereas, regional surveys have estimated the overall value of the green industry in Vermont at \$119 million, and

Whereas, a 2009 University of Vermont survey counted roughly 5,600 Vermonters employed in the green industry whose total compensation was approximately \$50 million, and

Whereas, Vermont Technical College has reported that environmental horticulture students achieve 100 percent job placement and 20 percent of green industry jobs remain unfilled, and

Whereas, Green Works, established in 1964 as the Vermont Plantsmen's Association, also formerly known as the Vermont Association of Professional Horticulturists, and now operating as the Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association, has a membership that includes gardening specialists, landscape architects, retailers, allied trade personnel, students, and educators, and

Whereas, the mission of Green Works "is to support and strengthen the horticultural industry of Vermont by creating greater awareness of the benefits of landscaping and promoting the professional services and products," of its members, and

Whereas, Green Works promotes Vermont horticulture through *The Dirt*, a quarterly newsletter; a program to certify horticulturalists in the State; an industry

awards program, and most visibly to the general public, through the Vermont Flower Show, a biennial even that this year is taking place on March 3–5 at the Champlain Valley Expo in Essex Junction, and

Whereas, the 2017 Vermont Flower Show, with a theme of Neverland that is based on the Peter Pan story, will include an over 10,000-square-foot grand garden display featuring flowering bulbs, shrub trees, and water features; a landscaped display with trains by the Vermont Garden Railway Society; educational seminars; gardening experts; local artists; a book sale; entertainment; and food, and is a great way to welcome the arrival of spring, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the green industry in Vermont and celebrates the 2017 Vermont Flower Show, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Green Works and to the Vermont Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

H.C.R. 67.

House concurrent resolution honoring Joe DeGray of Bridport

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Bray

Whereas, for six decades, Joe DeGray has served his fellow citizens in Bridport in a broad range of civic roles, and

Whereas, as a Bridport volunteer firefighter, he first responded to an emergency call for assistance in 1957 and remains an active member of the town's fire department in 2017, and

Whereas, Joe DeGray's interest in Bridport's current construction proposals and its future development and growth led him to volunteer on the planning commission and the zoning board, and

Whereas, desirous of participating in the critical discussions pertaining to educating the children of Bridport, he served as a member of the school board, and

Whereas, Joe DeGray's community roles have extended beyond his official municipal duties into the sports realm, and

Whereas, he was a charter member of the Middlebury Memorial Sports Center, and

Whereas, in appreciation of his efforts to establish and sustain this popular community organization, Joe DeGray received the Middlebury Citizens Award, and

Whereas, his athletic pursuits include a strong baseball affinity as he has coached both Little League and Babe Ruth teams, and

Whereas, members of the local American Legion post and their guests are familiar with Joe DeGray's weekly working of the post's bingo game, and

Whereas, Joe DeGray's home holiday light display each December is one of the wonders of Bridport and always memorable, and

Whereas, still living an active life, Joe DeGray continues to operate Joe's Barber Shop in Middlebury, and

Whereas, Joe DeGray epitomizes the ideal civic volunteer, and in recognition of his many years of serving and assisting his hometown, the 2016 Bridport Town Report is dedicated in his honor: a well-deserved tribute to this outstanding member of the community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Joe DeGray of Bridport, and be it further

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

H.C.R. 68.

House concurrent resolution honoring those who care for, educate, and advocate for the youngest Vermonters, and designating March 15, 2017 as Early Childhood Day at the State House

Offered by: Representatives Miller of Shaftsbury and Mrowicki of Putney

Whereas, today's young children are tomorrow's voters, workers, taxpayers, and parents, and

Whereas, a child's good start in life helps ensure both the child's and Vermont's future prosperity, and

Whereas, research at Harvard University's Center on the Developing Child has shown that early life experiences affect the quality of the architecture of a child's developing brain, and nurturing and individualized interactions with parents and caregivers at home and in the community are important factors in the development process, and

Whereas, the quality of early childhood experiences can establish either a sturdy or fragile foundation for all development that follows, and a fragile foundation presents more challenges for a child's development and growth, and

Whereas, Vermonters want their young children to grow into healthy adults, solid community members, and active participants in our economy, and

Whereas, concerned Vermonters will gather at the State House on March 15, 2017 to discuss with their State legislators increasing accessibility to and affordability for all Vermonters of high-quality, early child care, health, and education services; ensuring the safety and food security of our youngest citizens; and fostering the economic security of Vermont's families, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors those who care for, educate, and advocate for the youngest Vermonters, and designates March 15, 2017 as Early Childhood 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 Early Childhood Alliance, Let's Grow Kids, and Building Bright Futures, who are jointly sponsoring the 2017 Early Childhood Day at the Legislature.

H.C.R. 69.

House concurrent resolution in memory of former Craftsbury Assistant Fire Chief Randi Calderwood

Offered by: Representatives Strong of Albany and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Rodgers and Starr

Whereas, Randi Calderwood graduated from Craftsbury Academy and Vermont Technical College, earning a degree in dairy herd management, and

Whereas, in partnership with his family, he oversaw a successful dairy and maple sugaring operation in East Craftsbury, and

Whereas, starting early in his career, when the Vermont Farm Bureau named him as the State Young Farmer of the Year, Randi Calderwood won many awards from both dairy and sugar making organizations, and

Whereas, the National Trust for Historic Preservation praised his careful dairy barn renovation, and

Whereas, aside from his agricultural activities, Randi Calderwood's community roles included serving as an Elder of the East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church, President of the Craftsbury Community Care Center Board, and as a Craftsbury selectboard member, and

Whereas, perhaps above all of these laudatory roles and awards, Randi Calderwood devoted 29 years to helping his fellow residents, at all hours, as a member of the Craftsbury Volunteer Fire Department, most recently as assistant fire chief, plus several years volunteering with the Hardwick Rescue Squad, totaling 1,500 responses to emergency pager calls, and

Whereas, on August 13, 2016, after spending much of the day participating in the Craftsbury Fire Department's Old Home Day festivities, Randi Calderwood died in a tragic accident on his farm, and his departmental colleagues remained with him for many hours after his death until the coroner arrived, and

Whereas, in signs of affection and respect, 100 uniformed fire and rescue personnel served as an honor guard at his memorial service at the Craftsbury Academy, during which his final emergency pager message was heard "Assistant Fire Chief Randi Calderwood: Rest in Peace," and

Whereas, his survivors include his wife, Louise; his sons, Douglas and Andrew; his mother, Fielda; his brothers, Ricki and Donald; and his sister, Earlo, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family and many friends of Craftsbury Assistant Fire Chief Randi Calderwood, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of Randi Calderwood's Family and to the Craftsbury Volunteer Fire Department.

H.C.R. 70.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 Essex High School Hornets' 12th consecutive State championship gymnastics team

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

Whereas, the Essex High School Hornets began the recently concluded 2016–2017 gymnastics season with an undefeated winning streak dating back to December 22, 2010 and as the holders of 11 consecutive State championships, and

Whereas, at this year's State championship meet, Essex completed crowd-pleasing performances, including first place on the vault and bars and first,

second, and fifth places in the all-around individual rankings as the team demonstrated its agility, mastery, and precision of multiple gymnastic events, and

Whereas, when all the points were tallied, the Hornets had clinched their 12th consecutive State championship, 144.53 to 139.78 over second-place Champlain Valley Union High School, as Essex concluded an extraordinary sixth consecutive perfect season, and

Whereas, these skilled Essex gymnasts were Anna Charland, Eve Contois, Mya Dusablon, Claire Emery, Kaitlyn Farrar, Abigail Gehsmann, Abigael Gleason, Lindsey Gleason, Allison Green, Kiara Keenan, Ella Lesny, Claire Peterson, Hannah Poquette, Kylie Svarczkopf, Angela Tiersch, and Lauren Watson, and

Whereas, Head Coach Ashley Neary and assistant coaches Mary Krug and Lucy Lincoln were the Hornets' special asset throughout the 2016–2017 gymnastics season, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2017 Essex High School Hornets' 12th consecutive State championship gymnastics team, 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. 71.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Thomas C. Davis of Barre Town

Offered by: Representatives Poirier of Barre City, McFaun of Barre Town, and Walz of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, Tom Davis, a 17th-generation Vermonter and son of former Governor Deane Davis, was deeply devoted to social justice and his lifelong hometown of Barre, and

Whereas, after graduating from Spaulding High School and earning bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Vermont, Tom Davis forged a public service career focused on helping the less fortunate, and

Whereas, in the 1960s, despite the strong resistance from community groups in both Windsor and Windham Counties, Tom Davis's talent, vision, and perseverance

resulted in the formation of Southeastern Vermont Community Action, and later in 1966, Governor Philip Hoff appointed Tom Davis as the Director of the Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity, and

Whereas, in the 1970s, Governor Thomas Salmon handed Tom Davis a broader assignment as Secretary of Human Services, and

Whereas, knowing of Tom Davis's passion for making government a positive force for helping others and his leadership experience, U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy appointed Tom Davis as the senator's State Director, and

Whereas, Tom Davis subsequently moved from Congress to the Executive Branch, accepting an appointment as the Regional Representative for the U.S. Department of Labor, and

Whereas, Tom Davis's distinguished public service career was merely one aspect of a busy, productive, and meaningful life, and

Whereas, a creative mind with a literary bent and a gift for telling stories enabled him to write two mystery novels and three volumes of memoirs, and

Whereas, Tom Davis's pride in Barre City was manifested through his service on the Board of the Barre Historical Society-Old Labor Hall and as president of the closely associated Vermont Labor History Society, and on a broader scale, he sat on several other nonprofit boards, including the Committee on Vermont Elders, the American Heart Association, and the Vermont Historical Society, and

Whereas, he continued serving as a volunteer advocate for the less fortunate and amazingly found time for many leisure activities ranging from the golf course to the chess table, and

Whereas, on February 16, 2017, Tom Davis died at 85 years of age and his survivors include his wife, Delores, to whom he was married for 65 years; nine children; ten grandchildren; and three 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 Thomas C. Davis of Barre Town, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of Tom Davis's family.

H.C.R. 72.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Vermont Choral Union on its 50th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, Beyor of Highgate, Brumsted of Shelburne, Christie of Hartford, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Colchester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dunn of Essex,

Fagan of Rutland City, Fields of Bennington, Gamache of Swanton, Head of South Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Houghton of Essex, Joseph of North Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Lanpher of Vergennes, Long of Newfane, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax, O’Sullivan of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans Town, Pearce of Richford, Pugh of South Burlington, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Weed of Enosburgh, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, the Vermont Choral Union “provide[s] audiences with exemplary performances which entertain, delight, and educate,” and

Whereas, in 1967, music professor James G. Chapman established the University of Vermont Choral Union (UVMCU), and

Whereas, Professor Chapman directed the UVMCU for 37 years to great acclaim, focusing on a repertoire drawing on the inspiration of ten centuries of classical a cappella music supplemented with contemporary choral compositions, and

Whereas, a highlight of the UVMCU’s performance history was the popular carol dinners started in 1983 and held for 22 years, and

Whereas, these dinners led to the recordings *Music for a Carol Dinner* and *Welcome Yule*, and

Whereas, among the ensemble’s other recordings are four Vermont Harmony recordings, performances of the music of Vermont composers who worked in the State during 1790–1810, including the musical compositions of Justin Morgan, and

Whereas, upon Professor Chapman’s retirement in 2004, devoted members of the ensemble assumed responsibility for the group’s management and performances, renaming it the Vermont Choral Union (VCU), and

Whereas, Gary Moreau served as the VCU’s music director through 2010, Carol Reichard conducted a spring 2011 concert, and Jeff Rehbach, long associated with the musical leadership of the Middlebury College Community Chorus and who has led the annual Middlebury Messiah Sing for over 30 years, assumed the VCU’s podium later that year, and

Whereas, in 2017, the VCU consists of 30–36 talented and auditionselected choristers, and

Whereas, VCU performs December concerts in St. Albans and in

Burlington, in the spring at St. Michael's College and a variety of locations across the State, and

Whereas, in commemoration of its 50th anniversary, the VCU is performing at Farmers' Night on March 29, 2017, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont Choral Union on its 50th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Choral Union and to Jeff Rehbach.

H.C.R. 73.

House concurrent resolution designating July 2017 as Parks and Recreation Month in Vermont

Offered by: All members of the House

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Balint, Baruth, Benning, Branagan, Bray, Brooks, Campion, Clarkson, Collamore, Cummings, Degree, Flory, Ingram, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pearson, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Starr, Westman, and White

Whereas, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the State of Vermont, and

Whereas, Vermont's parks and recreation programs are important in establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our local communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the State, and

Whereas, parks and recreation programs help build healthy and active communities, contribute to the prevention of chronic disease, assist in the provision of therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and contribute to the improvement of the mental and emotional health of all citizens, and

Whereas, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction, and

Whereas, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe,

provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, Vermont's parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our State and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and to recreate outdoors, and

Whereas, in 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted House Resolution 288, designating July as National Park and Recreation Month, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the month of July, 2017 as Park and Recreation 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 Recreation and Parks Association.

H.C.R. 74.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2017 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I championship boys' indoor track and field team

Offered by: Representatives Beck of St. Johnsbury, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Martel of Waterford, Quimby of Concord, and Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Benning and Kitchel

Whereas, the 2017 State boys' indoor track and field championship was held over two days, with the weight throw competition conducted at St. Johnsbury Academy and the balance of the events held at Norwich University, and

Whereas, the St. Johnsbury Hilltoppers completed excellent performances in many events, and especially noteworthy were first-place finishes in the 55-meter dash, 55-meter hurdles, the long jump, and the weight throw, and

Whereas, the combination of the Hilltoppers' great showing in the various events culminated in a well-earned Division I title as St. Johnsbury Academy easily surpassed second-place South Burlington High School 166-121, and

Whereas, victorious Hilltoppers Sam Baird, Zane Buckminster, Charlie

Cahillane, Ian Clough, Craig Fillion, Ben Lahey, Michael Langham, Justin Mach, Brandon Mach, Lintaro Miyashin, Ethan Roberts, Korey Simons, Brodie Talbot, Collin Urie, Tre Wofford, Kristian Baird, Nolan Buckingham, Matteo Dill, Cameron Dwinell, Patrick Fogarty, Noah Glenshaw, Ben Hammer, Andrew Hegarty, Ralph Steyn, Nathaniel Atkins, Carter Barron, Branden Burmeister, Ethan Eames, Sajan Harvey, Malik Joell, Jacob Lacaillade, Jayden Ming, Orrin Olmstead, Dillon Ryan, Ty Avery, and Mackay Breton were proud of their accomplishments, and

Whereas, Head Coach Chip Langmaid and event coaches Adam Kennedy, Steve Badgley, and Richard Boisseau helped paved the boys' path to the championship crown, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2016 St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltoppers Division I championship Boys' Indoor Track and Field team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to St. Johnsbury Academy.

H.C.R. 75.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Florilla Ames on her 106th birthday

Offered by: Representatives Wood of Waterbury and Stevens of Waterbury

Whereas, the long and eventful life of Florilla (Perkins) Ames began on St. Patrick's Day in 1911 when she was born in Montpelier, and her parents were Arthur and Ida Perkins, and

Whereas, she spent her youth on the family's farm in Waterbury, and

Whereas, Florilla Perkins graduated from Waterbury High School as a member of the class of 1928, and

Whereas, seeking to continue her education, Florilla Perkins attended the Montpelier Seminary and earned a teaching certificate at Lyndon Institute, and

Whereas, she helped educate the next generation of Vermonters, serving as a teacher in Waterbury and Derby Line, and

Whereas, in 1938, while teaching in the more northerly community, she met her future husband, Darrel Ames, and they were wed on July 28 of that year, and

Whereas, the couple settled in Massachusetts, where Darrel Ames was employed, relocating to the Perkins family's Waterbury farm in 1960 in order that Florilla could tend to her ailing mother, and

Whereas, Florilla and Darrel Ames were married for 70 years until his death in 2008, and

Whereas, she still recollects surviving the influenza pandemic of 1918–1919 and her experiences during Vermont's infamous flood of 1927, and

Whereas, Florilla Ames is celebrating her 106th birthday on March 17, 2017, and as one of our State's longest-living citizens, she is a grand example of a hearty Vermonter who still lives in her own wood-heated home and remains attentive to current events, especially those affecting public education, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Florilla Ames on her 106th birthday and extends to her best wishes on this special day, and be it further

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