

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**SENATE AND HOUSE
CALENDARS**

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Thursday, January 12, 2017

CONSENT CALENDAR
Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

The following joint concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted by the Senate unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before the end of the session of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the Secretary's Office and/or the House Clerk's Office, respectively.

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.