

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**SENATE AND HOUSE
CALENDARS**

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Thursday, January 19, 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. 3.

By Senators Cummings, Brooks, and Pollina,

By Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Wood of Waterbury, and Donahue of Northfield

S.C.R. 3. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating radio station WDEV in Waterbury on its 85th anniversary.

Whereas, long before the arrival of FM radio and the introduction of digital technology or global HD streaming, listeners tuned in to AM radio, and

Whereas, on July 15, 1931, this still young medium found a home in central Vermont when radio station WDEV began broadcasting at 550 KHz from studios in Waterbury, and

Whereas, starting from its first minute on the airwaves, WDEV has offered a menu of locally focused informational and entertainment programs, and

Whereas, in 1935, Lloyd Squier, through his Radio Vermont Group, purchased the station, inaugurating long-term family ownership, which continued after his death in 1979 when his son, Ken Squier, an award winning broadcaster for the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, assumed this leadership role, and

Whereas, WDEV has always taken great pride in bringing its microphones to the people and places of Washington County, be they high school and college athletic contests, the Thunder Road racing oval, and the halls of the State House, including listener callin programs featuring legislators and other State officials, and

Whereas, recognizing that central Vermont is a vibrant part of Red Sox Nation, WDEV broadcasts the team's season of baseball competition, and

Whereas, WDEV is noted for its unique and eclectic local programs, including Music to Go to the Dump By, a regular Saturday morning feature, and

Whereas, in order to extend the range of its original AM signal, in 1991,

WDEV-FM was established in Warren, and more recently additional FM relays have been added in Barre, Island Pond, and Montpelier, and

Whereas, 2016 marked WDEV's 85th anniversary of venerable broadcasting accomplishments, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates radio station WDEV in Waterbury on its 85th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ken Squier at radio station WDEV in Waterbury.

S.C.R. 4.

By Senators Cummings, Brooks, and Pollina,

By Representative Jessup of Middlesex

S.C.R. 4. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Katherine McCann on her selection as the 2017 Vermont Teacher of the Year.

Whereas, an exemplary mathematics teacher is an expert mathematician, is well-versed in pedagogic methodologies, and has developed an effective personal instructional style and rapport with students, and

Whereas, Katherine McCann epitomizes these attributes and has been recognized as a model secondary school mathematics teacher, and

Whereas, she earned both a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's in education and curriculum instruction from the University of Vermont (UVM), and

Whereas, 11 of Katherine McCann's 18 years of service as an innovative teacher have been spent as a U-32 Middle and High School faculty member, and

Whereas, the breadth of her course offerings at U-32 ranges from Algebra 1 to Advanced Placement Statistics, and

Whereas, Katherine McCann's desire to enhance her teaching skills and her students' classroom experience resulted in her becoming a nationally board certified secondary school mathematics teacher, an important credential she believes more teachers should obtain, and

Whereas, in recognition of her leadership and planning skills, Katherine McCann's professional colleagues elected her as co-president of the Vermont Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and in that role she is serving as lead organizer of the 2017 State Math Fair to be held at UVM in March, and

Whereas, Katherine McCann is a past recipient of the prestigious

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), and

Whereas, the Agency of Education recently concurred with the PAEMST review panel that Katherine McCann is a teacher worthy of special recognition and selected her as the 2017 Vermont Teacher of the Year, and

Whereas, Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe presented the award to Katherine McCann at a surprise school assembly on December 20, 2016, and

Whereas, Katherine McCann is now the Vermont nominee for the coveted 2017 National Teacher of the Year award that the Council of Chief State School Officers will present this spring in Washington, D.C., *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Katherine McCann on her selection as the 2017 Vermont Teacher of the Year, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Katherine McCann and to U-32 Middle and High School.

S.C.R. 5.

By All Members of the Senate,

By All Members of the House,

S.C.R. 5. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Howard Frank Mosher, the Northeast Kingdom's special chronicler and literary ambassador.

Whereas, the fictionalized, but inherently authentic, stories and voices of Vermont's fabled Northeast Kingdom (NEK) are preserved in the writings of the author Howard Frank Mosher, and

Whereas, the three essential writing principles that his eighth grade teacher, Mrs. Earla Armstrong, taught him (to read the classics, revise your work, and write about what you know), have remained with him throughout his illustrious career, and

Whereas, in 1964, upon his graduating from Syracuse University, Howard Frank Mosher and his wife, Phillis, left their native upstate New York and headed for the NEK, which he immediately recognized as an author's gold mine of stories, and

Whereas, during his early years in Vermont, Howard Frank Mosher taught at the former Orleans High School and Lake Region Union High School, and

Whereas, in a collaboration with NEK filmmaker Jay Craven, four of Howard Frank Mosher novels, *Where the Rivers Flow North*, *A Stranger in the*

Kingdom, Disappearances, and Northern Borders, have been transformed into movies, and

Whereas, Howard Frank Mosher's talent as a writer has been recognized through his receipt of a Guggenheim Fellowship, the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters Literature Award, the Vermont Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, and the New England Independent Booksellers Association's President's Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts. The Vermont College of Fine Arts' Howard Frank Mosher Short Fiction Prize is a lasting tribute to the author and his published works, and

Whereas, he has written that Kingdom Common, the quintessential NEK town central to much of his writing, is located approximately where Orleans is situated, although infused with elements from other NEK communities, and that his favorite protagonists, the Kinnesons, are based on his own "pretty strange outfit" of a family, and

Whereas, for 40 years, Howard Frank and Phillis Mosher have resided in Irasburg, and in December 2016, he donated his beloved personal book collection to Irasburg's Leach Memorial Library, writing in an accompanying Christmas letter, "I love to write...But I live to read," *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Howard Frank Mosher, the Northeast Kingdom's special chronicler and literary ambassador, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Howard Frank Mosher.