

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

**SENATE AND HOUSE
CALENDARS**

**Text of Senate
Concurrent Resolutions**

of

Thursday, January 26, 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. 6.

By Senators Campion and Sears,

By Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, and Morris of Bennington

S.C.R. 6. Senate concurrent resolution in memory of John Behan of Bennington.

Whereas, since his birth on December 15, 1944, John Behan was a Bennington resident, and

Whereas, he graduated from Bennington High School and earned a criminal justice degree at Champlain College, and

Whereas, attending to the personal and community safety of Bennington town and county residents became the focus of John Behan's public service career, and

Whereas, for 32 years, he was proud to serve as a member of the Bennington police force, and

Whereas, another public safety role John Behan performed was the decade he served as a Bennington County deputy sheriff, and

Whereas, a different aspect of his protecting individuals and the community was as a 43-year member of the Eagle Hose Fire Department in Bennington, and

Whereas, in this capacity, John Behan served as the department's second assistant and first assistant, and he rose to the top leadership position of chief, and

Whereas, John Behan served as an elected Bennington town official as a justice of the peace and board of civil authority member who derived great pleasure in performing weddings, and

Whereas, when not serving in one of his official roles, John Behan enjoyed woodworking and created furniture for both his own and his children's homes, and

Whereas, he also enjoyed traveling on vacation excursions with family and friends, and

Whereas, John Behan died on June 18, 2016, at 71 years of age, and his survivors include his wife, Anna; his children, Colleen, Shannon, John, and Kathleen; five grandchildren; and one great grandchild, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of John Behan of Bennington, *and be it further*

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

S.C.R. 7.

By Senator Westman,

By Representatives Hill of Wolcott and Noyes of Wolcott

S.C.R. 7. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Shirley Arlene Brown for her over half century of outstanding community service in the town of Belvidere.

Whereas, Shirley Eldred was born in Belvidere on December 10, 1934, and this Lamoille county town has always been her home, and

Whereas, she attended the Belvidere Central School, graduated from Cambridge High School, and briefly attended the former Johnson Normal School, and

Whereas, on September 3, 1955, Shirley Eldred and Larry Brown were married at the Belvidere Community Church, and they are the parents of eight children as well as grandparents and great-grandparents, and

Whereas, in 1961, Larry Brown was elected town clerk and appointed his wife as assistant town clerk, and

Whereas, their personal lives and Belvidere's municipal government became intertwined as both shared a house, a mailbox, and a phone number, and town clerk services were available anytime day or night, including for the sale of hunting licenses at 2:00 a.m., and

Whereas, after a number of years, Shirley Brown assumed her husband's role as Belvidere Town Clerk and continues to perform this role enthusiastically and effectively but now from a separate town clerk's office located near the Brown family's home, and

Whereas, Shirley Brown has seen her office evolve from the pen and paper era to the digital age, and

Whereas, the strict compliance with all legal and ethical aspects of election administration and other responsibilities of a town clerk's office are Shirley Brown's first priority and personal mandate, and

Whereas, Shirley Brown has provided outstanding leadership and guidance in venues beyond her office, including serving on the planning commission; at the Belvidere Community Club, especially in the acquisition of town recreation land; in the former school's Mother's Club; as an organizer of the town's library; and as a volunteer for the Rattling Brook Bluegrass Festival, and

Whereas, for over half a century, Shirley Brown has, in all her roles, served as an exemplary community leader and friend, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Shirley Arlene Brown for her over half century of outstanding community service in the town of Belvidere, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Shirley Brown and to the town of Belvidere.

S.C.R. 8.

By Senators Rodgers and Starr,

By Representatives Strong of Albany and Young of Glover

S.C.R. 8. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Jane Sprenger of Greensboro on her centennial birthday.

Whereas, living for 100 years is a privilege not extended to all Vermonters, and

Whereas, reaching this special life milestone is even more spectacular when the 100th anniversary celebrant remains active, healthy, and lives an independent life, and

Whereas, Jane Sprenger is most fortunate to be a member of this extremely select group of individuals who, on the occasion of her 100th birthday on January 15, 2017, was more spry and vibrant than many others a score or more years younger, and

Whereas, she lives in her own home; still drives; tends to her dog, Penny; and nurtures her many plants and flowers, and

Whereas, Jane Sprenger's life has been filled with exciting moments, including an encounter in Hawaii with Amelia Earhart who suggested to Jane's family that flying back to the United States was a safe alternative to a ship, and

Whereas, she once had an eclectic set of conversations with Eleanor Roosevelt while riding up and down in a Manhattan Fifth Avenue apartment building's elevator, and

Whereas, Jane Sprenger aspired to become a professional singer, but her career path took an alternative turn, and she worked as a social worker and a teacher, and

Whereas, she has no patience for bigotry, and her dedication to liberal ideals prompted her to dabble in politics, and

Whereas, her late husband, Wally, was an international sailor, and Jane Sprenger traveled the world to rendezvous with him at different ports, and

Whereas, Jane Sprenger's Caspian Lake residence in Greensboro was originally her summer home, but it eventually became her permanent residence, and

Whereas, in November 2016, WCAX television honored Jane Sprenger as a Super Senior who truly enjoys life and her many good friends, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jane Sprenger of Greensboro on her centennial birthday and extends to her future best wishes, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jane Sprenger in Greensboro.