

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE 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 requests floor consideration before the end of today's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration should be communicated to the House Clerk's office.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 220.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Dale Long

Offered by: Representative Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Browning of Arlington, Corcoran of Bennington, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington and Wilson of Manchester

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, one of the most honored and respected EMTs (emergency medical technician) in Vermont was Dale Long, who had served in this role for a quarter of a century on both the Bennington and Manchester rescue squads, and

Whereas, Dale Long was a critical-care EMT, the highest attainable level for EMTs, and was a paramedic supervisor, and

Whereas, the excellence of Dale Long's work and his pivotal contributions to the delivery of emergency medical services in the communities in which he served were recognized repeatedly with local and national awards, and

Whereas, in 1998, Dale Long was recognized as the Vermont EMS Advanced Rescuer of the Year, and, in 2009, the Bennington Rescue Squad named Dale Long as its Member of the Year, and

Whereas, in May 2009, Dale Long traveled to Washington, D.C., where he was honored with the American Ambulance Association's Star of Life award, and

Whereas, when not attending to a rescue squad call, Dale Long worked in the emergency department as a coordinator-technician at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington, and

Whereas, the life of this truly special human being ended prematurely on June 15, 2009, when he was killed in an ambulance crash while transporting a patient to a helicopter landing site for a flight to the Albany (New York) Medical Center, and

Whereas, following this tragic accident, a memorial quickly appeared at the accident site in Bennington, an American flag was flown at half-staff at the Bennington Rescue Squad headquarters, and the EMS flag in front of the Vermont Emergency Services Memorial in Pittsford was lowered in his memory, and

Whereas, a procession of over 70 emergency vehicles accompanied the casket of Dale Long on a procession from a Manchester funeral home to his memorial service at Southern Vermont College, and, for the final half-mile, the New York City Fire Department's EMS bagpipe unit led this parade of remembrance and honor, and

Whereas, at the service, approximately 500 family members, friends, and colleagues from Vermont and beyond the state's borders bid him a fond farewell, and

Whereas, Vermont's U.S. Senators have named, in Dale Long's honor, their pending legislation extending the federal Public Safety Officers Benefits program to the families of paramedics who are killed or disabled in the line of duty and whose employers were nonprofit organizations or ambulance services, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its profound condolences to the family of Dale Long, including his sons, Carsen and Timothy, and his grandchildren Alexzander and Cheyenne, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Bennington Rescue Squad and to Dale Long's sons.

H.C.R. 221.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Bellows Falls Union High School former girls' basketball coach Jayne Barber on her induction into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Partridge of Windham, Deen of Westminster and Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, Bellows Falls Union High School's girls' basketball program and Jayne Barber are truly synonymous, beginning with her 1,000-point-plus Terrier playing career, and

Whereas, Jayne Barber remained ever loyal to her high school alma mater, and after earning her bachelor's degree at Springfield College, she assumed the coaching job of her former team, and

Whereas, her 28-year basketball coaching record was remarkable as she guided her teams to five state divisional championships and many playoff appearances, and

Whereas, regionally, Jayne Barber's teams were Marble League champions in six different seasons and the Connecticut Valley League winners four times, and

Whereas, between the two leagues, she was honored as the girls' basketball coach of the year on a dozen occasions, and

Whereas, in 1996, Bellows Falls Union High School inducted Jayne Barber into its Hall of Fame, and

Whereas, Jayne Barber retired from coaching at the conclusion of the 2008–2009 season, and

Whereas, an unidentified member of the New England Basketball Hall of Fame's Vermont state nominating team submitted Jayne Barber's name for consideration, and her amazing coaching record made the affirmative vote an easy choice for the ultimate selection committee, and

Whereas, on October 9, 2009, at a memorable ceremony held at the Mohegan Sun resort in Uncasville, Connecticut, Jayne Barber was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame, and

Whereas, the presenter of the award to Jayne Barber was former University of Vermont Basketball Coach Tom Brennan, and

Whereas, Jayne Barber is anticipating a continued association with secondary school basketball in a new role as a junior high school referee, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jayne Barber on her induction into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jayne Barber at Bellows Falls Union High School.

H.C.R. 222.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Rutland Gift-of-Life Marathon

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Andrews of Rutland City, Courcelle of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Howard of Rutland City and McNeil of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, since 2003, the Gift-of-Life Marathon in Rutland, a joint collaboration of Central Vermont Public Service(CVPS), Rutland radio station WJJR 98.1 FM, the city of Rutland, and the American Red Cross, has been a highlight of the local winter holiday season, and

Whereas, the marathon, conducted at the Paramount Theatre in downtown Rutland, is the largest blood drive in all of New England, and

Whereas, seeking to increase the number of pints of blood collected at the Paramount Theatre, CVPS spokesperson Steve Costello and Rutland Mayor Chris Louras each pledged to have his hair cut in a Mohawk style if 1,000 pints were collected, and

Whereas, a new feature of the 2009 marathon was the introduction of a double-red cell donation option, and

Whereas, on December 23, 2009, donors started to stream into the theater at approximately 10:00 a.m., and blood contributions continued until 8:30 in the evening, and

Whereas, after the last donor had contributed blood, a tally of the number of pints collected commenced, and

Whereas, when the counting was concluded, marathon officials were thrilled to announce to the many spectators who had gathered at the Paramount that a new record 1,024 pints had been collected, far exceeding the record 856 pints donated in 2008, and

Whereas, true to their commitment, before they left the theater, both Steve Costello and Mayor Chris Louras, along with American Red Cross official Amor Ostojic, submitted their heads to a barber who trimmed their hair in the Mohawk style, and

Whereas, of far greater importance than the haircutting frenzy, many individuals will be the grateful recipients of the blood donated at the 2009 Gift-of-Life Marathon, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the organizers, volunteers, and donors associated with the spectacularly successful 2009 Gift-of-Life Marathon, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Mayor of Rutland City, Steve Costello at CVPS, to WJJR Radio General Manager Debbie Grembowicz, and to Amor Ostojic at the American Red Cross.

H.C.R. 223.

House concurrent resolution recognizing Wilmer Brandt's commitment to preserving the natural world and promoting social justice as he celebrates his 90th birthday

Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

Whereas, Wilmer Brandt of Marshfield arrived in Vermont many decades ago to study at Goddard College, and

Whereas, he has worked to preserve Vermont's woodlands as a forester and continues to work in the woods as he begins his tenth decade, and

Whereas, his support for the educational programs of the Vermont Wilderness School, Inc. demonstrates his concern for the natural world, and

Whereas, of greatest importance to Wilmer Brandt is his passionate commitment to domestic and international social justice, and his activism in the cause of peace has been a central element in his life, and

Whereas, Wilmer's soft voice and gentle prodding belie his passionate belief in social justice, and

Whereas, he has combined his faith-based activities and his belief in world peace as a member of the Plainfield Friends Meeting, and

Whereas, desirous of communicating the importance of social justice to a larger audience, Wilmer Brandt serves on the WGDR Radio Community Advisory Board, and

Whereas, in January 2010, Wilmer Brandt, a Vermonter who has dedicated his life to the preservation of Vermont's natural resources and fighting for domestic and international social justice and world peace, is observing his 90th birthday, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes Wilmer Brandt's commitment to preserving the natural world and promoting social justice as he observes his 90th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Wilmer Brandt in Marshfield.

H.C.R. 224.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Rice Memorial High School Green Knights 2009 Division III championship field hockey team

Offered by: Representative Till of Jericho, Audette of South Burlington,

Donovan of Burlington, Geier of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Larson of Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, Moran of Wardsboro, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington and Wright of Burlington

Offered By: Senators Ashe, Flanagan, Lyons, Miller, Racine and Snelling

Whereas, as the defending 2008 Division III field hockey champions, the Green Knights of Rice Memorial High School were well acquainted with the excitement and tempo of post-season competition, and

Whereas, the Green Knights played a consistently high-caliber game throughout the 2009 regular season, earning them the first-seed slot for the 2009 playoffs, and

Whereas, the Green Knights once again met the Stowe High School Raiders in the Division III championship field hockey showdown played this past fall at Castleton State College's Spartan Stadium, and

Whereas, at 23:19 of the first half, a Rice player slapped the ball directly into the net, enabling the Green Knights to assume a 1-0 lead and prompting the Raiders to try unsuccessfully, due in large measure to the Green Knights' goalie's alertness and assertiveness, to even the score before the halftime break, and

Whereas, at 16:20 of the second half, a rested Raider squad tied the contest at one-all, where the game's score remained for the balance of regulation play despite the Green Knights' persistent attempts to surge ahead, and

Whereas, memories of the 2008 shootout motivated Rice to end the game as quickly as possible, which it did just 1:52 into the overtime period when a Green Knight charged through the Raider defense, scoring the game's winning goal, and

Whereas, the Rice team left the field as the 2009 Division III field hockey champions, winning the crown for a second consecutive year and concluding a second undefeated fall campaign, and

Whereas, Green Knights Sydney Carney-Knisely, Annie Maheux, Kelly Carroll, Annie Finn, Jenna Campbell, Katie Gray, Meghann Dempsey, Natalie Crowley, Jackie Spitler, Christine Skeffington, Sydney Bouchard, Nora Varhue, Molly McClintock, Meghan Plant, Julie Collins, Katie Cutting, Sara Till, Jenna Durkee, Amira Garen, Emily Cutting, and Victoria DeLuca each played skillfully from the season's first second until the championship's final whistle, and

Whereas, Head Coach Betsy Sprague and assistant coaches Dave Peterson and Karen Lavalley inspired the players in their quest for a second consecutive

championship crown, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Rice Memorial High School Green Knights 2009 Division III championship field hockey team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Betsy Sprague at Rice Memorial High School.

H.C.R. 225.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Springfield High School Cosmos Division II championship boys' soccer team

Offered by: Representatives Emmons of Springfield, Martin of Springfield and Pellett of Chester

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, in 2009, Springfield High School won its first-ever boys' soccer championship in a dramatic overtime victory, and

Whereas, the Cosmos' regular season record of 12–2 entitled them to a first-round bye, and, in the quarterfinals they defeated Montpelier 1–0, then subsequently defeated U-32 1–1 (5–4) in an exciting penalty-kick showdown,

Whereas, the Springfield Cosmos then traveled to the neutral site of Randolph, where they faced the Missisquoi Thunderbirds, a team that Springfield does not usually compete against, and

Whereas, the Thunderbirds were a physical and direct team compared to Springfield's more indirect possession and passing style team, and

Whereas, despite the Thunderbirds' direct style of play, the Cosmos executed a strong defensive game, deflecting numerous Thunderbird drives that threatened to put Missisquoi on the scoreboard, and

Whereas, at the end of regulation play as well as the first overtime period, a scoreless tie prevailed, and

Whereas, the pivotal game sequence began at 8:28 in the second overtime period, when a Springfield corner kick bounded beyond the goal and a Cosmos team member retrieved the ball, delivering it to a position in front of the goal, and

Whereas, a waiting Springfield player kicked the ball with the back of his foot, and despite the immediate presence of three Thunderbird defenders, including the goalie, the ball was projected with sufficient power to land at the

back of the net, awarding the Cosmos a 1–0 triumphant win and the 2009 Division II championship, and

Whereas, Cosmos members Ryan Brady, Angelo Jardina, John Kendall, Eric Bolavong, James Karkowski, Derek Graham, Derek Osborne, Ethan McAllister, John Michael Errair, Jordan Pfenning, Joe Ankuda, Ben Sidler, Cody Filkins, Michael Pianka, Tom Kendall, Colin Brady, Mikey Whittemore, and Jake Sargent and manager Tyler Putnam were ecstatic at winning Springfield’s first-ever state soccer championship, as were Head Coach Paul Kendall and his assistants Dave Churchill and Corey Cenate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Springfield High School Cosmos Division II championship boys’ soccer team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Paul Kendall at Springfield High School.

H.C.R. 226.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the students and staff of Hartford High School on their creation of the High Five mural

Offered by: Representatives Bohi of Hartford, Clerkin of Hartford, Adams of Hartland, Mitchell of Barnard and Townsend of Randolph

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, in 2009, students and staff at Hartford High School expressed their belief in tolerance for each other through the creation of a colorful mural known as High Five which now adorns the school’s cafeteria, and

Whereas, the genesis of the High Five mural was the showing to the Hartford High School student body of the film “Shout It Out” which teaches students the importance of tolerance, diversity, and acceptance in their school community, and

Whereas, after watching the film, students and staff decided to create a mural that celebrates tolerance, and

Whereas, art instructor Andersen (Ann) Thorp, drawing inspiration from a Shaker cookie cutter, proposed a hand with a heart in the middle as the painting’s symbol, and

Whereas, social studies teacher Bob Potter described the symbol as a “High Five,” an internationally recognized phrase meaning the sharing of emotions of success and strength, and

Whereas, students and staff then began to design the mural with the guidance and assistance of Hartford High School graduate and professional mural painter Caitlin Beilder, and

Whereas, during the summer of 2009, Ann Thorp and Hartford High School counselor Abby Breen assumed the administrative responsibilities associated with this ambitious project, and

Whereas, students and staff brainstormed this past fall to select the images, themes, words, and ideas that the mural would portray, and

Whereas, the High Five mural's realization was financed through the generosity of the Hartford Prevention Coalition, and

Whereas, with the funding, materials, and specific elements in place, Caitlin Beilder developed a sketch, and following conversations between the school community and her, the mural was completed and proudly displayed in the school's cafeteria, and

Whereas, the student participants in this unusual artistic and civic awareness endeavor were Julia Borchert, Taylor Bonini, Amber Boyce, Hannah Chambers, Marley Cooley, Conner Day, Kaitlyn Dodge, Ashley Durand, Colin Elsasser, Rebecca Fogg, Brett Hausler, Travis Herschel, Lee Hobbs, Shea Hurd, Nick Jamrong, Bailey Laflam, Gracie Locke, Garrett Lyon, Molly Mead, Nate Ocker, Kelsey Porter, Emma Seaver, Danielle Simino, Brandon Smith, Brianna Spangler, Jordan Tucker, Patrick Underhill, Sara Vella, and Callie Westenfield, and

Whereas, Hartford High School staff members Byron Baribeau, Jonathan Barth, Abby Breen, Joe Collea, Cindy Edson, Janet Farley, Scott Farnsworth, John Grant, Jennifer Jabareen, Sarah Jacobs, Ellen Langtree, Mike Martel, Bob Potter, Louis Ryan, Dave Smith, Mark Smith, Lenny Tetrault, Ann Thorp, and Wendy Windsor contributed their talents and time, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the students and staff of Hartford High School on their creation of the High Five mural, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hartford High School and to Caitlin Beilder.

H.C.R. 227.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Bob Kinzel on his receipt of the 2009 Vermont Association of Broadcasters' Distinguished Service Award

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Condon of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Marek of

Newfane, Mrowicki of Putney and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, Vermont Public Radio (VPR) has become the leader in radio coverage of the events and happenings occurring in the General Assembly, throughout the executive branch of Vermont state government and the state's courts, and on the political campaign trail, and

Whereas, much of the credit for the accuracy, breadth, depth, and respectability of VPR's state government and politics coverage is attributable to the foresight, perseverance, and professionalism that are the hallmarks of Montpelier reporter Bob Kinzel, and

Whereas, this talented broadcast journalist began his career reporting on the state's governmental and political scene from the studios of Montpelier radio station WNCS-FM, and

Whereas, recognizing that interest in state capital business and politics extended beyond the reach of the WNCS-FM signal to all of Vermont, Bob Kinzel established the Vermont News Service (VNS) which grew to an 11-station statewide network, and

Whereas, in 1992, because VPR did not then have its own news department, National Public Radio was forced to look elsewhere for a report on the Montpelier flood and quickly turned to Bob Kinzel, and

Whereas, VPR later contracted with Bob Kinzel for regular Montpelier news reports, and his professional relationship with VPR expanded to include the hosting of call-in shows and the moderating of political candidate debates, and

Whereas, in 2002, as VPR News became an integral part of the station's broadcast operations, Bob Kinzel was hired as its first full-time Montpelier reporter and later helped established a VPR studio and newsroom at the Capital Plaza Hotel, and

Whereas, Bob Kinzel worked to bring House and Senate floor deliberations to the public through audio streaming on the VPR website, and

Whereas, he is a familiar presence at the State House with reporting skills and unbiased editorial product of the highest possible level and

Whereas, the Vermont Association of Broadcasters has honored Bob Kinzel by naming him as a recipient of its 2009 Distinguished Service Award which is a most richly deserved professional recognition for his many years of fair and informative reporting, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Bob Kinzel on his receipt of the 2009 Vermont Association of Broadcasters' Distinguished Service Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bob Kinzel at Vermont Public Radio.

H.C.R. 228.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ray Kimball on his being named a 2009 recipient of the Vermont Association of Broadcasters' Alan Noyes Community Service Award

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Condon of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Emmons of Springfield, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham and Pellett of Chester

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, 1480 AM has been the broadcast home of a Springfield radio station since 1954, and

Whereas, the station, currently broadcasting as WCFR and with a signal enhanced with a repeater frequency at 106.5 FM, has aired a variety of program formats and been assigned several different sets of call letters, and

Whereas, in recent years, the station's current owner, Bob Vinikoor, has made great strides in revitalizing this local broadcasting resource and increasing its listenership, and

Whereas, one of the primary reasons for the station's renaissance is on-air personality Ray Kimball whose daily broadcasts have become popular with local listeners, and

Whereas, although Ray Kimball's broadcasts are primarily filled with musical selections, he has also used his air time to support community causes, and

Whereas, in 2009, Ray Kimball solicited his listeners to support the "Share the Warmth" campaign of the Southeastern Vermont Community Action organization, and

Whereas, his effective and moving appeals to the listening audience resulted in \$48,000.00 being donated to this urgent and worthy cause, and

Whereas, in recognition of this special project, and to honor his special role in revitalizing local radio in Springfield, the Vermont Association of

Broadcasters presented Ray Kimball its 2009 Alan Noyes Community Service Award, and

Whereas, the staff and management of WCFR radio were thrilled with a statewide broadcasting organization honoring their wonderful colleague's professional achievements, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ray Kimball on his being named a 2009 recipient of the Vermont Association of Broadcasters' Alan Noyes Community Service Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to Ray Kimball and Bob Vinikoor at WCFR Radio in Springfield.

H.C.R. 229.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Tim Johnson on his receipt of the Vermont Association of Broadcasters' Distinguished Service Award

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Burke of Brattleboro, Condon of Colchester, Deen of Westminster, Edwards of Brattleboro, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Milkey of Brattleboro, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Olsen of Jamaica and Partridge of Windham

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, Tim Johnson has broadcast news, public affairs, and other community events for the past 36 years, and

Whereas, Windham County residents first heard Tim Johnson's voice on the air in 1973 when Brattleboro radio station WKVT hired the then 17-year-old as a part-time announcer, and

Whereas, his natural broadcasting talents were apparent to listeners and station management and, within two years, he had been promoted to the position of full-time news anchor, and

Whereas, the allure of Tim Johnson's broadcasts attracted the attention of Springfield radio station WCFR-FM, and after eight highly successful years signing on from Brattleboro, he relocated the origination of his broadcasts to the Windsor County station, and

Whereas, eventually, WKVT so missed his program being on its schedule that it convinced him to return, and

Whereas, in 1997, when the then WTSA-FM news director Larry Smith was preparing to leave his post, he persuaded Tim Johnson to succeed him as the station's news director, and

Whereas, at his new radio perch, Tim Johnson has reported on local, state, and international events and kept his many loyal listeners well-informed, and

Whereas, he has ventured beyond the newsroom to call the play-by-play at local high school athletic competitions, and

Whereas, Tim Johnson's community role extends beyond the WTSA-FM airways as he has served on the United Way of Windham County and as a board member at Project Feed The Thousands and Warm Hands, Warm Hearts, and

Whereas, for many years, he has listened to the public deliberating town budgets and other matters while serving as the Vernon town moderator, and

Whereas, in 2009, the Vermont Association of Broadcasters (VAB) honored Tim Johnson for his many years of excellence in the broadcasting profession with the organization's Distinguished Service Award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Tim Johnson on his receipt of the 2009 Vermont Association of Broadcasters' Distinguished Service Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tim Johnson at WTSA-FM radio in Brattleboro.