

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

February 5, 2010

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before the end of today's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Secretary's office and/or the House Clerk's office, respectively.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 230.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2009 Windsor High School Yellow Jackets Division III championship football team

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor, Adams of Hartland and Shand of Weathersfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, in both 2007 and 2008, the Windsor High School Yellow Jackets tried mightily to triumph at the Division III championship football game, and

Whereas, the 2009 first-seeded Windsor squad, for a second consecutive year, faced its more southerly rival, the Springfield Cosmos, this time in a contest played at Natowich Field in Brattleboro, and

Whereas, on an extremely rainy afternoon, the two well-matched teams played to a halftime tie, and

Whereas, with 7:44 remaining in the third quarter, a Yellow Jackets defensive end expertly intercepted a pass from the Cosmos's quarterback, and he carried the football for 39 yards to place Windsor on top 6-0, and

Whereas, at approximately the same time in the fourth quarter, Springfield failed to gain a yard on a fourth-and-1 play, giving possession to Windsor, and the Yellow Jackets' quarterback ran swiftly in four plays to bring his team the afternoon's second touchdown, and

Whereas, not resting on his laurels, Windsor's quarterback later rushed for 63 yards, in six consecutive plays, scoring Windsor's final touchdown, and a successful point-after kick raised the Yellow Jackets' lead to 19-0, and

Whereas, the Cosmos's offense did rebound and scored eight points on a touchdown and two-point conversion, but the Yellow Jackets emerged victorious, winning their first Division III football title since 1999 with a 19-8 victory, and

Whereas, the happy 2009 football Yellow Jackets are Austin Soule, Tyler Kibling, Winnie Townsend, James Lewis, Luke TanCreti, Teddy Thompson,

Gavin Callahan, Steve Weeks, Matt Rafus, Evan Wood, Nick Newcity, Kyle LaFlamme, James Nolan, Tyler Garrow, Adam Harkness, Sam Kendall, Nick Ziccardi, Dan Wierzbicki, Greg Kennett, Kurt Buckman, Cody LaFlamme, Ben Fontaine, Dan Lyon, Jesse Boudro, Zachary Wood, JB Griep, Ben Collier, Jordan McCarthy, Eric Brown, Jacob Page, Leo Patenaude, Brian Holloway, and Kyle Cushing, and

Whereas, Head Coach Jim Taft and his great assistant coaches, Gary Hurlburt, Joe Putnam, Trace TanCreti, Jesse Taft, and Ryan Hingston, are each to be commended, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Windsor High School Yellow Jackets Division III championship football team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jim Taft at Windsor High School.

H.C.R. 231.

House concurrent resolution honoring Tanner Dow for his artistic and literary accomplishments

Offered by: Representatives Sweaney of Windsor, Adams of Hartland, Shand of Weathersfield and Stevens of Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, just before his third birthday, Tanner Dow was diagnosed with autism and the prognosis for his being able to read and write was not optimistic, and

Whereas, although he barely uttered a word until age five, once enrolled in kindergarten Tanner Dow quickly discovered the joy of visiting the library and he especially favored books about animals, and

Whereas, Tanner Dow surprised nearly everyone by mastering reading and writing skills at approximately the sixth-grade level, and

Whereas, perhaps even more impressive are the artistic and literary talents Tanner Dow has developed to considerable acclaim, and

Whereas, Tanner Dow's proclivity to take a pen in hand and create beautiful illustrations amazed his teachers and classmates, and

Whereas, as a student at Windsor High School, Tanner Dow created a children's book entitled *The ABC Zoo Book*, a collection of alphabetized and witty snippets of animal life featuring endearing characters such as Hardee the Hare, Larry the Lion, and Tito the Tiger, and

Whereas, the 150 copies of *The ABC Zoo Book* that Tanner Dow's parents arranged to be printed were purchased quickly, and the additional 300 copies of a second run also proved popular, and

Whereas, Tanner Dow's classmates widely applauded him at their high school prom last spring, and, at Windsor High School's Senior Night, his teachers patiently stood in line waiting for him to autograph their personal copies, and

Whereas, since *The ABC Zoo Book's* publication, Tanner has read the book aloud to several elementary school classes, and

Whereas, thrilled with the success of his first literary venture, Tanner Dow is working on a new book with a Noah's Ark theme, and

Whereas, in recognition of his artistic flair and savvy, the Center for Cartoon Studies in White River Junction, in conjunction with the Vermont Alliance for Arts Education, awarded Tanner Dow a scholarship to attend a one-week workshop at the center, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Tanner Dow for his artistic and literary accomplishments, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tanner Dow in Windsor.

H.C.R. 232.

House concurrent resolution in memory of Representative Richard Hube of Londonderry

Offered by: All members of the House of Representatives

Offered by: All members of the Senate

Whereas, Representative Richard (Rick) Hube served the citizens of the Windham-Bennington-Windsor-1 House district effectively and enthusiastically for the past decade, faithfully remaining a respected leader in Montpelier and a good neighbor at home, and

Whereas, Representative Rick Hube maintained a following of dedicated "fans," as evidenced by the multiplicity of his distinctive "Pick Rick" campaign signs and ball caps, and

Whereas, as a famously intelligent public servant, he meticulously researched all his public policy stances prior to presenting them publicly, and

Whereas, he conducted pointedly precise interrogations during floor debate that were always devoid of personal rancor and frequently contained generous sprinklings of humor, and

Whereas, as an impassioned advocate for all Vermont taxpayers, Representative Rick Hube helped craft a bipartisan compromise to fix Act 60, and

Whereas, although Representative Rick Hube was perhaps best known for his continuing work on matters pertaining to education finance and property taxes, his personal legislative radar was far wider in scope, and

Whereas, his House Republican colleagues selected him to lead their caucus in the 2002 redistricting negotiations, and in 2005 they elected him as their beloved floor leader, and

Whereas, as a great promoter of the state of Vermont throughout the rest of the United States and abroad, Representative Rick Hube recently accompanied Governor James Douglas on an international trade mission to both the People's Republic of China and Taiwan in search of new economic development partnerships for Vermont, and

Whereas, Representative Rick Hube took great pride and satisfaction in his many legislative friendships that crossed the partisan divide, and he was known to instigate a good-natured joke in the cause of lightening the inevitable tensions of a legislative day, and

Whereas, a native of Connecticut, Rick Hube graduated from Colgate University, served as a ski patroller in the late 1970s, was promoted to the position of personnel director for the Bromley and Stratton Mountain ski areas, and in 1990 formed his own business, Hube, Inc., and

Whereas, in recent years, Representative Rick Hube had worked hard to develop a healthy lifestyle and had resumed his much loved athletic activities, and

Whereas, sadly, Representative Rick Hube died in December 2009 while visiting family in Florida, and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly were shocked and saddened to learn of Representative Rick Hube's untimely death at age 62, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its most sincere condolences to the family of Representative Richard Hube of Londonderry, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to his sister, Jane Louttit in Maitland Florida.

H.C.R. 233.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Windsor High School Yellow Jackets 2009 Division II field hockey championship team

Offered by: Representative Sweaney of Windsor, Adams of Hartland and Shand of Weathersfield

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, in 2009, the Windsor High School Yellow Jackets field hockey team compiled a respectable 8–6 record, meriting the third seed in the playoff competition, and

Whereas, the largely defensive post-season playoffs tested the Yellow Jackets' endurance, perseverance, and playing skills, and

Whereas, in the quarterfinal game against the Harwood Union High School Highlanders, the two squads were scoreless at the end of regulation play, forcing an overtime period that Windsor won when two Yellow Jackets players staged a coordinated effort to score the game's only goal, and

Whereas, the penultimate game was a satisfying Windsor 2–1 victory over a southern neighbor, the Springfield High School Cosmos, and

Whereas, the 2009 field hockey finale, played under the lights at Castleton State College, was an edge-of-your-seat match pitting Windsor against its northern rival, the Woodstock Union High School (WUHS) Wasps, and

Whereas, the Yellow Jackets had defeated the Wasps twice in 2009 play, but this championship game was unquestionably a match starring two top-notch teams, and

Whereas, the Wasps took great advantage of a penalty corner sequence to set up a three-person play that resulted in the game's first goal, and

Whereas, Woodstock retained this narrow lead into the second half, but its

offensive efforts had run their course, and

Whereas, following a set of six penalty corners, a Yellow Jackets team member put Windsor on the scoreboard, and the teams remained tied through the balance of regulation play and the first overtime period, and

Whereas, the second overtime period was close to conclusion when one of the Windsor players ran the ball down the field's left side and passed it to a

teammate who slammed it into the goal for a thrilling 2–1 victory and the 2009 Division II field hockey championship, and

Whereas, Yellow Jackets Janine Lens, Shawna Pinsonault, Amanda Ashline, Lillee Van Reeth, Audrey Kinney, Makenzie Callahan, Kaleigh Kinney, Alexandra Morley, Aleigha Sykes, Holly Heath, Nikki Kibling, Kaitlin Callahan, Lindsey Buckman, Paige Townsend, Alicia Cowdrey, Megan O’Neil, Allison Wilcox, Abigail Wright, Amber Heath, Brooke Bowers, Katelyn Curtis, and Sherrie McHugh each contributed to the team’s 2009 championship season, and

Whereas, Head Coach Sandy Clary and Assistant Coach Heather Hurd instructed the Yellow Jackets on the game’s finer points, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Windsor High School Yellow Jackets 2009 Division II field hockey championship team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Sandy Clary at Windsor High School.

H.C.R. 234.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Shelburne Community School Wind Ensemble on its selection as a participant in the 25th annual Walt Disney World’s Magic Music Days

Offered by: Representatives Lenes of Shelburne and Webb of Shelburne

Whereas, in 2004 and 2007, the Shelburne Community School (SCS) Wind Ensemble was honored to participate in Walt Disney World’s annual Magic Music Days, where the young Vermont players impressed the professional Disney musicians who heard them play, and

Whereas, the 2009–2010 SCS Wind Ensemble members have repeated their predecessors’ accomplishments and earned a highly coveted invitation to participate in the 25th annual Walt Disney World’s Magic Music Days to be held in March, and

Whereas, entrée into this elite musical gathering is extremely difficult as thousands of groups, including bands, choruses, and various instrumental ensembles, audition for the few hundred invitations, and

Whereas, even among the limited number of successful musical competitors, only a select few are also awarded a prized workshop opportunity, which the SCS Wind Ensemble has won, and

Whereas, the workshop will occur at the EPCOT Magic Music Days recording studio, where the students will learn how music is produced for animated films, and

Whereas, a number of the SCS Wind Ensemble members are also organized as the SCS Sax Attack and separately auditioned for the chance to perform on their own at the 25th annual Walt Disney World's Magic Music Days, and

Whereas, the Sax Attack musical audition convinced the Disney judges this exciting subgroup of SCS Wind Ensemble players merited a separate Walt Disney World stage opportunity, and it was awarded this special privilege, and

Whereas, the SCS Sax Attack, which performed a musical devotional at the opening of today's session of the House of Representatives, is representative of all the exemplary musicians who are members of the 2009–2010 SCS Wind Ensemble, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Shelburne Community School Wind Ensemble on its selection as a March 2010 invitee to the Walt Disney World's Magic Music Days, and be it further

Resolved: That the General Assembly designates the 2009–2010 Shelburne Community School Wind Ensemble as the official Ambassadors of the State of Vermont to the 25th annual Walt Disney World's Magic Music Days, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to David Myers at the Shelburne Community School.

H.C.R. 235.

House concurrent resolution congratulating Front Porch Forum, Inc. on its 10th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Wizowaty of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Donovan of Burlington, Frank of Underhill, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, Johnson of South Hero, Krebs of South Hero, Larson of Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Minter of Waterbury, O'Brien of Richmond, Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Till of Jericho, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Weston of Burlington, Wright of Burlington and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, Front Porch Forum (FFP) has helped thousands of Vermont neighbors connect and build real community through its free, online service, and

Whereas, FPF now hosts 140 online neighborhood forums that blanket all of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties, plus Starksboro, and

Whereas, more than 17,000 Vermont households subscribe to FPF, including in excess of 40 percent of dozens of neighborhoods and towns, and

Whereas, hundreds of local businesses and public officials use FPF to connect with Vermont customers and constituents, and

Whereas, thousands of Vermonters use FPF to find lost pets, report break-ins, organize neighborhood clean-ups and block parties, give away and sell household items, announce public events, debate local issues, and more, and

Whereas, FPF has been recognized nationally for helping Vermonters lead more civically engaged lives, and

Whereas, FPF looks forward to expanding its service to all Vermont towns, and

Whereas, today, March 30, 2010, marks Front Porch Forum's 10th anniversary, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Front Porch Forum, Inc. on its 10th anniversary and its success in reinvigorating Vermont neighborhoods while building new online communities, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michael Wood-Lewis at Front Porch Forum, Inc. in Burlington.

H.C.R. 236.

House concurrent resolution honoring Brittany Gilbert for her remarkable humanitarian work in Haiti

Offered by: Representative O'Donnell of Vernon

Whereas, as a high school student, Brittany Gilbert volunteered at a Heartline Ministries-operated orphanage in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince, and

Whereas, following her high school graduation, she decided to return to the orphanage and continue working with the young children under its care, and

Whereas, at the time of the recent devastating earthquake in Port-au-Prince, many of the orphanage's senior staff were temporarily in Florida at the Heartline Ministries administrative offices, and Brittany Gilbert was acting in a supervisory role at the orphanage, and

Whereas, Brittany Gilbert and one other volunteer evacuated the children, all of whom survived this monumental disaster, to another Heartline Ministries location in Port-au-Prince as most of the orphanage was uninhabitable, and

Whereas, once all of the youngsters were supposedly removed from the destroyed orphanage building, Brittany realized that one infant was missing, and she dashed back inside, risking her own life to remove the baby from the dangerous site, and

Whereas, she made trips back to the orphanage to salvage food and other supplies and eventually returned with the over-20 young orphans to the one building at the orphanage that remained relatively stable in order to provide the children with a familiar and reassuring environment in the midst of the crisis, and

Whereas, Brittany's mother, Karen Gilbert, helped organize a group of doctors and other volunteers who flew with 4,000 pounds of food to the Haitian capital in an airplane which Vermont State Senator John Campbell helped arrange in cooperation with his brother, a Florida-based airplane pilot, and

Whereas, the office of U.S. Representative Peter Welch quickly contacted the U.S. Department of State to expedite assistance for Brittany and the orphanage, and

Whereas, the courage, faith, and leadership that Brittany Gilbert has displayed since the earthquake are truly remarkable and worthy of praise, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Brittany Gilbert for her remarkable humanitarian work in Haiti, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Brittany Gilbert and Karen Gilbert.

H.C.R. 237.

House concurrent resolution congratulating all Vermonters competing for the United States in the 2010 Olympics in British Columbia

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Vermont, the home of some of America's best downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, and snowboarding athletes, is one of the primary centers in the United States for competition in these sports, and

Whereas, the 2010 Winter Olympics will be held this month from February 12 through 28 in British Columbia, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, Vermonters and other competitors who trained on Green Mountain trails are well represented on the 2010 U.S. Winter Olympics team in several sports, and

Whereas, the Vermonters selected to represent our country in the 2010 Winter Olympics are a group of extremely dedicated and talented athletes who have worked over many years to earn this special honor in their respective sports, and

Whereas, the names, home communities, and sports of the Vermonters headed to British Columbia include Kelly Clark, West Dover, snowboarding–halfpipe; Lindsey Jacobellis, Stratton, snowboarding–snowboardcross; Nolan Kasper, Warren, downhill skiing; Hannah Kearney, Norwich, freestyle skiing–moguls; Chelsea Marshall, Pittsfield, downhill skiing; Andy Newell, Shaftsbury, cross-country skiing; Liz Stephen, East Montpelier, cross-country skiing; Hannah Teter, Belmont, snowboarding–halfpipe, and

Whereas, Caitlin Compton of Minneapolis, cross-country skiing, is a former resident of Warren and graduated from Harwood Union High School, and Michael Morse of Boston, downhill skiing, attended Killington Mountain School, and

Whereas, the thoughts of the members of the General Assembly are with Kevin Pearce and his family as he continues to recover at a Utah hospital from injuries sustained in a practice snowboarding run earlier this winter, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates all Vermonters competing for the United States in the 2010 Olympics in British Columbia, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to the family of Kevin Pearce in Norwich, to the Vermont Ski Areas Association in recognition of our state’s unsurpassed skiing heritage, and to the Whistler Athlete Village at the 2010 Winter Olympics site in Whistler, British Columbia.