

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. 238.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the celebration in the town of Rochester of the Asian Lunar New Year 4708

Offered by: Representative Haas of Rochester

Whereas, according to ancient legend, 4708 years ago, Nian, the evil dragon, ravaged the countryside, spreading war and famine and consuming human beings for sustenance, until the emperor vanquished him, and Nian has never returned, and

Whereas, annually, the Chinese people and others across east Asia celebrate this victory of good over evil with the loud sound of gongs and the beating of drums to keep Nian away and assure that the new year will be one of peace, prosperity, and good fortune, and

Whereas, an essential aspect of the Asian Lunar New Year festivities is the commemoration of the Chinese zodiac, as beautifully explained in local author Gregory Crawford's children's book *Animals in the Stars – Chinese Astrology for Children*, and

Whereas, the Chinese zodiac consists of 12 animals including a rat, an ox, a tiger, a rabbit, a dragon, a snake, a horse, a ram, a monkey, a rooster, a dog, and a pig that all race to the Buddha's presence on his calling them, and

Whereas, the rat jumps off its perch on the ox in order to reach the Buddha before all of the others, and

Whereas, over a 12-year cycle, each animal in the Chinese zodiac is honored as the animal associated with one of the 12 years, and

Whereas, 2010 marks the 4708th commemoration of the emperor's triumph over Nian and is the Year of the Tiger, and

Whereas, in order to create and promote a more culturally and socially diverse America and Vermont, for several years, a group of local residents have organized an Asian Lunar New Year celebration in Rochester, and

Whereas, 4708, the Year of the Tiger, will be celebrated in Rochester on February 13, and the planned festivities include craft projects (making noise

makers, lanterns, and a tiger origami), the serving of Asian dishes at local restaurants, the burning of wishes, a simulated indoor firecracker display using bubble wrap, and a parade that local schoolchildren are helping to design, and

Whereas, the Rochester Asian Lunar New Year festival is a special event in the community and a wonderful combination of cultural sharing and great fun, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates and extends best wishes to the Rochester Asian Lunar New Year celebration as it commemorates the beginning of 4708, the Year of the Tiger, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Barbara Shenton in Rochester.

H.C.R. 239.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the important role of nonprofit organizations in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Edwards of Brattleboro, Aswad of Burlington, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Burke of Brattleboro, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Representative Davis of Washington, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fisher of Lincoln, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Hooper of Montpelier, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Klein of East Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larson of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Maier of Middlebury, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, McCullough of Williston, Minter of Waterbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, Obuchowski of Rockingham, Pellett of Chester, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Smith of Mendon, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Toll of Danville, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington and Young of St. Albans City

Offered by: Senators Doyle and Cummings

Whereas, nonprofit organizations operate in most Vermont communities and include diverse groups whose focus or mission includes animal welfare, the arts and culture, children's services, land conservation and environmental

protection, energy efficiency, food security, health care, caring for the homeless, recreational activities, and senior citizen services, and

Whereas, the state of Vermont frequently partners with nonprofit organizations for many services which might not otherwise be provided by government, and

Whereas, nonprofit organizations offer an important outlet for the philanthropic donations, and Vermonters volunteer countless hours of time to their communities through nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, a new organization, Common Good Vermont, is serving as a cooperative information clearinghouse for nonprofit organizations in Vermont, providing tools, training, and technical assistance that offers informative instruction and guidance in the management of a nonprofit's in-person activities and use of the Internet, and

Whereas, on February 16, 2010, under the auspices of Common Good Vermont, nonprofit organizations will gather at the state house to educate legislators concerning the work of their individual organizations and the importance of nonprofit organizations in the civic life of our state, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to honor nonprofit organizations and Common Good Vermont for their important contributions to the quality of life in Vermont communities, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Common Good Vermont.

H.C.R. 240.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Leland & Gray Union High School 2009 Division III championship baseball team

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Jamaica, Marek of Newfane, Moran of Wardsboro, Obuchowski of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, in 2008, the Leland & Gray Rebels baseball team achieved an historic milestone, winning the school's first-ever state championship, clinching the Division III title, and

Whereas, the feeling of accomplishment that victory engendered motivated the 2009 squad to strive for a second consecutive baseball crown, and

Whereas, the baseball Rebels defeated all but two of their opponents in the regular season, and their solid performance in the playoff competition earned them a berth in the 2009 Division III championship showdown against the eighth-seeded Northfield High School Marauders, and

Whereas, the game began as primarily a pitchers' duel with no batter reaching first base during the opening three innings, and

Whereas, the scoreless tie was ended in the fourth inning when a Rebel line single, then a bunt single, a hit batter, and a second line single brought the first run across home plate, and

Whereas, in Northfield's half of the sixth inning, the Rebel pitcher hit the first two Marauder batters, the third batter advanced them each a base with a bunt, and the lead Northfield runner came home courtesy of his teammate's grounding out, and

Whereas, the tie between the two championship contenders was short-lived as Leland & Gray began its seventh inning at bat with a long double, and the next Rebel gained first base on a walk, and

Whereas, Northfield's introducing a new pitcher into the equation only briefly delayed the scoring of the Rebels' decisive winning run, and

Whereas, although the third Rebel batter bunted, resulting in Leland & Gray's first out, the subsequent batter's bouncing grounder to second base led to the walked runner's being tagged out, but the immediate confusion surrounding that play enabled the lead Rebel runner to quickly scamper on home and assure his team its second consecutive Division III baseball championship, and

Whereas, this great outing on the Centennial Field diamond in Burlington featured a Rebel baseball team roster consisting of James Crowther, Trevor Howe, Cody Larson, Christopher Marcucci, Tyler Miller, Colin Nystrom, Zachary Peterson, Gabe Pozzi, Brandon Reilly, Tyler Russell, Paul Symanski, and Jared Van Osdol, and

Whereas, first-year coach Tom Russell launched his Leland & Gray coaching tenure in great style and received wonderful support from assistant coaches Gregg Morrow and Greg Marcucci as well as bat boys Corey Nystrom and Nick Morrow and scorer Ashley Chapin, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Leland & Gray Union High School 2009 Division III championship baseball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tom Russell at Leland & Gray Union High School.

H.C.R. 241.

House concurrent resolution congratulating WCAX television news and reporter Kristin Carlson on receipt of a 2010 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, in 1942, Jesse Ball duPont established the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Awards “as a tribute to the journalist integrity and public-mindedness of her husband,” and

Whereas, these awards are considered the most prestigious honors in broadcast journalism, equivalent to the Pulitzer Prizes that the Columbia University School of Journalism also administers, and

Whereas, in 1999, shortly after graduating from the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University, Kristin Carlson joined the staff of WCAX television news, and

Whereas, the excellence of her work has been recognized as she is the recipient of three Edward R. Murrow Awards for local reporting, and

Whereas, in 2007, WCAX television news appointed Kristin Carlson as its Montpelier bureau chief, and

Whereas, in 2009, Kristin Carlson served as the reporter on a three-part investigative series entitled *Foreigners on the Farm*, and

Whereas, this series revealed the extent that Vermont dairy farmers hire, and are now reliant for their continued operations on, illegal workers, and

Whereas, Kristin Carlson featured interviews with both farmers and the illegal workers, and

Whereas, state and federal authorities were questioned, as part of the series, regarding their roles in enabling these illegal hires to occur, and

Whereas, the series did not assume either a pro or con position but offered a detailed view of the dairy farm labor situation in Vermont, and

Whereas, in recognition of the exemplary reporting associated with this in-depth investigative series, the duPont jury selected WCAX and Kristin Carlson as the joint recipients of a 2010 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award for excellence in broadcast journalism, and

Whereas, this award was formally presented to WCAX and Kristin Carlson at a ceremony held on January 21 at the Columbia University School of Journalism in New York City, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates WCAX television news and reporter Kristin Carlson on receipt of a 2010 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to WCAX television news and to Kristin Carlson.

H.C.R. 242.

House concurrent resolution congratulating GospelFest on its 20th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Ram of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Donovan of Burlington, Head of South Burlington, Larson of Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, Weston of Burlington, Wright of Burlington and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, different variants of gospel music are deeply rooted in the American psyche, and in the African-American community, a very special version is a treasured highlight of its musical heritage, and

Whereas, African-American gospel music is a mixture of call-and-response rhythms that originated with African tribes, and are beautifully blended with Christian biblical stories and liturgical verses, and

Whereas, GospelFest 2010 is a musical extravaganza honoring African-American history and music under the patronage of the New Alpha Missionary Baptist Church, and

Whereas, on Sunday, February 14, the joyous sounds of African-American gospel music will be celebrated in their full sonic glory as GospelFest's 20th anniversary concert takes to the stage at the Flynn Theater, and

Whereas, this year's concert brings together established performers along with those who have more recently discovered the passionate beat of gospel singing, and

Whereas, the music making will include several New Alpha Missionary Baptist Church's choruses, including the Adult Gospel Choir, Children's Gospel Choir, and Men's Chorus, and

Whereas, a highlight on the concert's musical menu is the Burlington Ecumenical Gospel Choir which will enchant the audience with its own enthusiastic renditions of gospel favorites, and

Whereas, the Burlington Ecumenical Gospel Choir is a vibrant vocal ensemble whose 100-plus singing membership is culturally diverse and religiously multid denominational, and

Whereas, 2010 marks GospelFest's 20th anniversary, and a legislative resolution commemorating this wonderful event is in order, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates GospelFest on its 20th anniversary, and extends best wishes for many future years of presenting Vermonters with inspiring gospel music, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to GospelFest Chairperson Wanda Heading-Grant and to the New Alpha Missionary Baptist Church.

H.C.R. 243.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Green Mountain Council Boy Scout Eagle Class of 2009

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Aswad of Burlington, Baker of West Rutland, Bohi of Hartford, Cheney of Norwich, Clark of Vergennes, Clerkin of Hartford, Devereux of Mount Holly, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Frank of Underhill, Geier of South Burlington, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Krebs of South Hero, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Marcotte of Coventry, Martin of Springfield, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, Olsen of Jamaica, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburg, Pugh of South Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Savage of Swanton, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Stevens of Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Turner of Milton and Wheeler of Derby

Whereas, the Green Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America has provided thousands of young Vermont men, be they rich or poor, from Pownal to Canaan, with a special opportunity to learn important lifelong skills and values, and

Whereas, through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America, each of these young men receives important preparation for future citizenship and leadership roles in his community, and

Whereas, the ultimate goal of every Boy Scout is to achieve the rank of Eagle, and

Whereas, fewer than two percent of all Scouts succeed in climbing the mountain that culminates at its summit in becoming an Eagle Scout, and

Whereas, in the year 2009, the following Vermonters achieved the special honor of earning the Boy Scout rank of Eagle: Lucas Amber, Justin Atwood, Michael Barrett, Ethan Bishop, Kyle Bonin, Christian Brechbuhl, Eric Brown, Shawn Carter, Brian Cesiro, Andre Coutu, Seth Dandurand, Joshua Derosia, Joseph Dexter, Jeffrey Dumas, Andrew Dunoskovic, Aaron Early, Graham Edmondson, Sheamus Fagan, Jordan Fields, Jonathan Flint, William Funk III, Maxwell Gariety, Brendan Gates, Andrew Giroux, Matthew Gray, Kenneth Hafner, Nicholas Harvey, Benjamin Harwood, Eric Hodet, Mark Irwin, Joseph Jackman, Moroni Johnson, Jr., Charles Johnston, Daniel Johnstone, Christopher Kaiser, Ross Kelley, Darren Kennedy, Zebadiah Leister, Charles Lyman III, Samuel Macy, Christopher McDonnell, Isaac Merriam, Ethan Mick, Jeffrey Morgan, Nathan Mullins, Joshua Noyes, Ethan Nutting, Brandon Ogilvie, Raymond Perkins, Daniel Perry IV, Michael Pierattini, Storm Pouliot, Nolan Power, Andrew Proft, Phillip Robinson, Joshua Scaralia, Jesse Schaal, Robert Schlesinger, Deaton Spinks, Liam Storrings, Daniel Thomas, Benjamin Turcotte, Nicolas Vyhovsky, Garan Wilson, Alexander Yale, Conrad Zeller, and Stephen Zylinski, and

Whereas, many of these outstanding young men are gathered today, February 12, 2010, at the state house to be honored for their accomplishments, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to congratulate the Boy Scouts in Vermont who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2009, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Green Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Waterbury for distribution to each Eagle Scout honored in this resolution.

H.C.R. 244.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the Boy Scouts of America's centennial anniversary and the establishment of Boy Scouting in Vermont

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Koch of Barre Town, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette

of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Brennan of Colchester, Canfield of Fair Haven, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, Conquest of Newbury, Crawford of Burke, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Geier of South Burlington, Greshin of Warren, Helm of Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Howard of Cambridge, Hubert of Milton, Johnson of Canaan, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Krebs of South Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Leriche of Hardwick, Lewis of Derby, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Marcotte of Coventry, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, McAllister of Highgate, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Minter of Waterbury, Morley of Barton, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Olsen of Jamaica, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall, Perley of Enosburg, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Turner of Milton, Webb of Shelburne, Winters of Williamstown, Wright of Burlington and Zenie of Colchester

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Carris, Cummings, Flory, Giard, Hartwell, MacDonald and McCormack

Whereas, in the early 1900s, British General Robert Baden-Powell established the Boy Scout movement in Great Britain, and

Whereas, in 1909, prior to the establishment in 1910 of the national Boy Scouts of America, William Foster Milne, a stonecutter who had immigrated to Barre from Aberdeen, Scotland, where he had been active in the fledgling scouting movement, established Troop #1 in Barre, and

Whereas, although the date October 29, 1909, is etched on a downtown Barre granite monument honoring Troop #1, the troop was probably formed several months earlier, and

Whereas, even if Troop #1 (the Boy Scout Club in Barre) was not actually the first Boy Scout Troop in the United States, a letter that Sir Francis Fletcher Vane, one of the early leaders of the Boy Scouts in Great Britain, wrote described Milne as “the First Scoutmaster in America,” and

Whereas, on October 29, 2009, the U.S. Postal Service established a temporary post office in the Aldrich Public Library in Barre and issued a special cancellation marking Troop #1’s historic role in Boy Scouting, and

Whereas, in coordination with this special postal cancellation, the Green Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America prepared a commemorative envelope to celebrate the occasion, and the City of Barre declared October 29, 2009, as Scout Day in Barre, and

Whereas, when William Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910 in Washington, D.C., Troop #1 of Barre joined the national organization and continued to operate into the 1970s, and

Whereas, in 1916, the Boy Scouts of America became one of the few national youth groups to be granted a congressional charter, and

Whereas, under the auspices of the Green Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America and its four regional districts—Calvin Coolidge, Ethan Allen, Long Trail, and Three Rivers—Boy Scouting continues to provide Vermont youth with valuable learning and recreational opportunities, and

Whereas, throughout the country, many celebratory events marking the centennial will take place during 2010, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the centennial anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and of Boy Scouting in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the national office of the Boy Scouts of America in Irving, Texas, the Green Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Waterbury, the Aldrich Public Library, and Troop #1 historian Stephen Restelli in Barre.