

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

March 12, 2010

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. 271.

House concurrent resolution commemorating the Green Mountain Club on its centennial anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Minter of Waterbury, Botzow of Pownal, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Ancel of Calais, Baker of West Rutland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Browning of Arlington, Burke of Brattleboro, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Shrewsbury, French of Randolph, Geier of South Burlington, Gilbert of Fairfax, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Cambridge, Howard of Rutland City, Jerman of Essex, Koch of Barre Town, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Barnard, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Olsen of Jamaica, Partridge of Windham, Pellett of Chester, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Ram of Burlington, Rodgers of Glover, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Shand of Weathersfield, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Mendon, South of St. Johnsbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, Young of St. Albans City, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Scott, Mazza, Illuzzi, Ashe, Ayer, Bartlett, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Choate, Cummings, Doyle, Flanagan, Flory, Giard,

Hartwell, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Racine, Sears, Shumlin, Snelling, Starr and White

Whereas, the Long Trail, a “footpath through the wilderness,” extends the length of Vermont and is America’s oldest long-distance hiking trail, and

Whereas, on March 11, 1910, in the Sample Room of Burlington’s Van Ness House hotel, James P. Taylor convened a meeting of civic leaders who sought to promote recreational pedestrian access to the Green Mountains, and they established a new organization named the Green Mountain Club (GMC), and

Whereas, the Green Mountain Club’s founders enjoyed the support and good wishes of prominent Vermonters, including Governor George H. Prouty, former Governors Urban A. Woodbury and Fletcher D. Proctor, and U.S. Senators Carroll S. Page and William P. Dillingham, and

Whereas, the core mission of the GMC is to make “the Vermont Mountains play a larger part in the life of the people” by protecting and maintaining the Long Trail, and

Whereas, the design and construction of the Long Trail and of a network of shelters for hikers to sleep in overnight was not completed until 1931, and

Whereas, on the club’s 50th anniversary in 1960, the general assembly adopted joint resolution J.R.H.50, which expressed the legislature’s “thanks to the Green Mountain Club for a good job done and . . . every good wish for the Green Mountain Club’s continued success,” and

Whereas, pursuant to joint resolutions J.R.S.22 of 1971 and J.R.S.18 of 1985, the General Assembly recognized the Green Mountain Club “as the founder, sponsor, defender and protector of the Long Trail system for now and future generations to come,” and

Whereas, in 1986, the Green Mountain Club and the state of Vermont embarked together on a land protection campaign to ensure a permanent corridor for the trail’s path and its connecting side trails, an effort which is nearly complete but continues to this day, and

Whereas, after a devastating fire in 2003 destroyed the GMC’s historic South Barn at its Waterbury campus headquarters, the club initiated a successful Second Century Campaign to raise private funds for construction of a new energy-efficient visitor center and increased the club’s financial wherewithal to perform its mission for another hundred years, and

Whereas, today, March 11, 2010, marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the GMC's founding, and tonight, GMC members and friends of the Long Trail will gather in Burlington to mark this date in the history of a great Vermont organization, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Green Mountain Club as it celebrates a century of mud, rocks, sweat, black flies, heroic volunteers, and great hikes on Vermont's Long Trail, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the secretary of the Green Mountain Club.

H.C.R. 272.

House concurrent resolution honoring the South Burlington Community Library children's librarian Marje Von Ohlsen

Offered by: Representatives Head of South Burlington, Audette of South Burlington, Geier of South Burlington and Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, Marje Von Ohlsen has dedicated her life to working with children as a special needs teacher, elementary school principal, and since 1994 as the children's librarian at the South Burlington Community Library, and

Whereas, she is recognized as a leader and mentor among Vermont's children's librarians, and

Whereas, upon her arrival at the South Burlington Community Library, Marje Von Ohlsen implemented major children's services improvements, including relocating the library's Children's Room to a larger space and broadening the collection development policy to include the introduction of materials in new literature and media formats, and

Whereas, Marje Von Ohlsen initiated outreach activities, including early essential education story times at day care centers, preschools, and family centers, and in the summer of 2009, through her efforts, the children's bookmobile service was inaugurated, and

Whereas, among the roles Marje Von Ohlsen assumed as the South Burlington Community Library's children's librarian were parent liaison, teen volunteer supervisor, and documentation photographer, and

Whereas, her success at the South Burlington Community Library, including increased materials circulation and program attendance as well as the establishment of creative community partnerships, can be partially attributed to her effective networking with educators, authors, storytellers, local businesses, social service providers, and parents, and

Whereas, Marje Von Ohlsen established an advisory group to encourage novice children's literature authors, and

Whereas, as a children's librarian, Marje Von Ohlsen actively participated in the statewide Books for Breakfast group, served on the Vermont Library Conference Committee, and was the children's librarian representative to the Vermont Library Association, and

Whereas, the Herbert and Margaret Turrell Fund awarded her a significant grant to fund library services for disadvantaged children, and

Whereas, Marje Von Ohlsen, known affectionately among her young patrons as Mrs. Marje, is retiring in 2010, and her professional accomplishments in South Burlington are those of an exemplary children's librarian, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors South Burlington children's librarian Marje Von Ohlsen for her outstanding professional performance and wishes her an enjoyable retirement, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Marje Von Ohlsen in South Burlington.