

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**HOUSE CALENDAR**

**Text of House Concurrent  
Resolutions**

**of**

**April 2, 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. 299.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Albert D. Lawton Intermediate School Vermont MATHCOUNTS competition championship team

Offered by: Representatives Waite-Simpson of Essex and Jerman of Essex

Whereas, MATHCOUNTS “inspires excellence, confidence, and curiosity in U.S. middle school students through fun and challenging math programs,” and

Whereas, MATHCOUNTS competitions are held in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. State Department schools, and

Whereas, the 27th Vermont MATHCOUNTS competition was held on March 13, 2010, at Randolph Union High School, and

Whereas, the participating middle school students were directed to solve challenging problems that required them to maximize their mathematical skills and ingenuity, and

Whereas, when the judges reviewed the students' answers to the competition's problems, the Albert D. Lawton Intermediate School won first prize in the team competition, and

Whereas, the talented mathematics wizards who represented the Albert D. Lawton Intermediate School were Andrey Chmykh, Anna O'Malley, Vignesh Rajendran, and Matthew Wu, and they received instruction and support from their expert coach, Toni Zimmerman, and

Whereas, two members of the team earned the first- and second-place individual scores and, along with Coach Zimmerman, will be part of the team representing Vermont at the National MATHCOUNTS competition to be held at Walt Disney World on May 6–9, and

Whereas, the MATHCOUNTS team from the Albert D. Lawton Intermediate School can be extremely proud of its academic accomplishment, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Albert D. Lawton Intermediate School Vermont MATHCOUNTS competition championship team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Toni Zimmerman at the Albert D. Lawton Intermediate School in Essex Junction.

**H.C.R. 300.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Representative Carolyn Branagan on being named the 2010 Vermont Mother of the Year

Offered by: Representatives Howrigan of Fairfield, Consejo of Sheldon, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Gilbert of Fairfax, Keenan of St. Albans City, McAllister of Highgate, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburg, Savage of Swanton and Young of St. Albans City

Offered by: Senators Brock and Kittell

Whereas, Vermont Mothers, Inc. each year searches from border to border within the state to identify the ideal recipient of the Vermont Mother of the Year award, and

Whereas, in 2010, this exhaustive survey ended when Representative Carolyn Branagan of Georgia was designated this year's honoree, and

Whereas, Representative Carolyn Branagan was raised on her family's dairy farm, and she and her husband, Christopher Branagan, are enthusiastic maple syrup producers, and

Whereas, she graduated from Bellows Free Academy-St. Albans and earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in education from the University of Vermont, and she worked as a teacher and teaching principal, and

Whereas, Representative Carolyn Branagan left her school role to assume the even more personally enriching position of mother, and she has stated that "raising children is the best thing I have ever done," and

Whereas, as the mother of three grown children, her departure from the teaching profession did not mean she ended her passionate involvement in public education, as she has served as a member and the chair of the Georgia school board and on the board of her local supervisory union, and

Whereas, the citizens of Georgia have known Representative Carolyn Branagan as their capable town moderator and as the town history editor, and

Whereas, her other community roles have included serving as a board member and officer of Franklin County's only institutionally freestanding soup kitchen, on the Franklin County Home Health board, and chairing the Vermont Maple Festival, and

Whereas, politically, she has chaired the Franklin County Republican Committee and in 2002 decided to seek a seat in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, now serving her fourth term in the House, Representative Carolyn Branagan is the ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee, she has cochaired the Vermont Legislative Women's Caucus, and her general assembly colleagues elected her to serve as a University of Vermont trustee, and

Whereas, Representative Carolyn Branagan will be formally honored as the Vermont Mother of the Year on April 3 at the Georgia Plain Baptist Church, where she is an active parishioner, and she will be the state's candidate for National Mother of the Year recognition, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is delighted to congratulate a proud mother, Representative Carolyn Branagan of Georgia, on being named the 2010 Vermont Mother of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Representative Carolyn Branagan.

**H.C.R. 301.**

House concurrent resolution in memory of U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Joseph Douglas Fortin of St. Johnsbury

Offered by: All members of the House of Representatives

Offered by: All members of the Senate

Whereas, Joseph Fortin, a native of St. Johnsbury, was a brave American who was committed to serving our nation in the United States Armed Forces, and

Whereas, he graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 2004, where the headmaster described him as a caring, reflective, and thoughtful student, and

Whereas, after earning his criminal justice degree from Roger Williams University in 2008, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army, and

Whereas, once on active duty, 2nd Lt. Joseph Fortin was trained as a fire support officer with the 1st Calvary Division 1-7 “Garryowen,” based in Fort Hood, Texas, and he was deployed to Iraq, and

Whereas, on August 23, 2009, 2nd Lt. Fortin was in a military vehicle traveling in the Iraqi town of Muhallah, near Baghdad, when an improvised explosive device struck the vehicle and killed him, and

Whereas, all Vermonters, and especially his wife, Nicquelle; parents, Martin and Betsy Fortin; sister and brother-in-law, Jennifer and Steve McKinney; sister, Jocelyn Fortin; paternal grandmother, Virginia Fortin; and maternal grandparents, Donald and Sunny Wood, were all saddened on learning of his untimely death, and

Whereas, St. Johnsbury Academy and the citizens of his hometown honored 2nd Lt. Joseph Fortin by having him lie in state at Fuller Hall on the academy’s campus, and

Whereas, at a memorial service held in the St. Johnsbury Academy Alumni Gymnasium, the town of St. Johnsbury and leading state dignitaries, including Governor James Douglas and Vermont National Guard adjutant general, Major General Michael Dubie, paid their final respects to this fallen soldier, and

Whereas, the death of 2nd Lt. Joseph Fortin is a tragic loss, and his presence will be deeply missed by his family and many friends, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its most profound sympathies to the family of U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Joseph Douglas Fortin who died in military service, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to his wife, parents, sisters, grandparents, and Headmaster Tom Lovett at St. Johnsbury Academy.

**H.C.R. 302.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Mount Anthony Union High School Patriots Division I championship boys’ Nordic ski team

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, the Mount Anthony Union High School boys’ Nordic ski team was a clear contender for the 2010 Division I championship, and

Whereas, the Nordic skiing championship is a two-day event, starting with the freestyle events, including individual and team relay races, conducted at the Craftsbury Nordic Center, and

Whereas, the Patriot boys finished third, sixth, and seventh among the top ten skiers participating in the individual race and third among the relay teams, giving them a comfortable 21-point lead at the end of the freestyle competition, and

Whereas, the skiers traveled to Prospect Mountain in Woodford for the second day's events of classic-style competition, and the Patriots were right at home on the course where they regularly train, and

Whereas, in the individual race, the Mount Anthony boys placed fourth, fifth, eighth, tenth, 11th, and 12th in the 79-skier field, and

Whereas, when the individual and relay races of the second day had concluded, the Mount Anthony Union High School boys' Nordic ski team had earned a two-day total of 90 points, and secured a 56-point margin of victory over second-place Mount Mansfield Union High School, and the 2010 Division I boys' Nordic skiing championship joined the girls' team which achieved a similar victory at Prospect Mountain, and

Whereas, the skiers who made 2010 a great season of boys' Nordic skiing at Mount Anthony Union High School included Tyler Greenawalt, Michael Hurley, Simon Lyon, Travis Mattison, Jacob Reisler, Michael Smith, Jeffrey Thibodeau, Brian Vargo, and Miles Yucht, and

Whereas, head coach Bruce Smith, and assistant coach Rob Short served as great teachers and mentors for these fine skiers, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Mount Anthony Union High School Patriots Division I championship boys' Nordic ski team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bruce Smith at Mount Anthony Union High School.

### **H.C.R. 303.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Mount Anthony Union High School Patriots championship wrestling team

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, the Mount Anthony Union High School Patriots can point to a proud history of excellence on the wrestling mats, having won 21 consecutive state championships prior to the 2009–2010 season, and

Whereas, the Patriots entered the 2010 state championship meet at Vergennes Union High School confident of continuing their winning ways, and

Whereas, all 14 of the Patriots who wrestled at Vergennes placed in their respective weight class, qualifying for all-state recognition, including eight who won first place honors, and

Whereas, kudos should also be extended to the Patriots who finished second, third, fourth, and sixth in their weight classes, and

Whereas, these individual wins simultaneously translated into team points, and Mount Anthony's total score of 318.5 overwhelmed its nearest rival, second-place Spaulding Union High School, which tallied 153.5 points, and

Whereas, this team of well-trained and dedicated athletes included Justin Bassler, Michael Bradley, Kyle Fletcher, Spencer Foucher, Liston Gauthier, Zak Hale, Brandon Marcoux-Schaefer, John Mooney, Ben Price, Bradley Sawyer, Christopher Schramm, Smith Stratton, Sam Webster, Zach Weinfurt, Jason Welch, Tyler White, and Jimmy Zupko, and

Whereas, the always helpful assistance of student managers Alec Cranston, Patricia Miller, and Sierra Carangio reduced the coaches' administrative responsibilities, and

Whereas, legendary head coach Scott Legacy directed his Patriot team to the school's national record, its 22nd consecutive state wrestling championship, and assistant coaches Brian Coon, Frank Gaudette, Ken Volkmer, and Jeff Whitesell can share in these wrestlers' success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Mount Anthony Union High School Patriots championship wrestling team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Scott Legacy at Mount Anthony Union High School.

**H.C.R. 304.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Mount Anthony Union High School Patriots Division I championship girls' Nordic ski team

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, the girl Nordic skiers at Mount Anthony Union High School impressed their competitors throughout the 2010 season, and

Whereas, the Patriots were well prepared for the two-day Division I championship meet whose first day entailed freestyle skiing at the Craftsbury Nordic Ski Center followed with a second day of classic-style events at Prospect Mountain in Woodford, and

Whereas, in the freestyle individual race, Mount Anthony girls crossed the finish line in eighth and ninth places, and

Whereas, when combined with the relay scores, the Patriots departed Craftsbury with 26 fewer points than second-place Mount Mansfield Union High School, and

Whereas, Prospect Mountain, the Patriots' regular practice course, proved an ideal location for the classic-style competition, and the Mount Anthony Union girl Nordic skiers excelled in both the individual and relay events, and

Whereas, at the conclusion of two days of exciting competition, the Patriots were the clear winners of the Division I girls' Nordic skiing championship with a significant 71 to 138 victory over Champlain Valley Union High School, and

Whereas, the 2010 girls' Nordic skiing roster included Alyssa Amos, Melissa Buckley, Kristen Carra, Carson Casey, Anya Eckhardt, Catherine Keenan, Cassidy Lang, Charlotte Malmborg, Elise Seyferth, and Catherine Sharkey, and

Whereas, head coach Bruce Smith and assistant coach Rob Short directed a talented team of girl Nordic skiers as they did for the boys' team which also won this year's Division I Nordic skiing title, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Mount Anthony Union High School Patriots Division I championship girls' Nordic ski team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bruce Smith at Mount Anthony Union High School.

### **H.C.R. 305.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2010 Norwich University Cadets ECAC East women's ice hockey championship team



Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield, Grad of Moretown, Poirier of Barre City and McFaun of Barre Town

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Scott and Doyle

Whereas, as the Norwich men hockey Cadets were commemorating 100 years on the ice, the women Cadets were celebrating their greatest ice hockey season they have ever played, and

Whereas, the season's opening 4–2 win over Utica College foreshadowed a glorious string of successes that reached a grand plateau when the Cadets clinched the 2010 ECAC East women's ice hockey crown in a shutout 3–0 win against New England College in a game played at Manhattanville College in Rye, New York, and

Whereas, this win gave the Cadets an automatic berth in the NCAA Division III championship tournament, and

Whereas, after defeating Plattsburgh State 3–2 on the New York school's home ice, the Cadets traveled to Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota to play for the first time in the coveted final frozen four, and

Whereas, the momentous 3–2 victory over Elmira College catapulted Norwich into the NCAA Division III women's ice hockey championship game against No. 1-ranked Amherst College, and

Whereas, the Cadets, despite a heroic effort, were unable to surpass the powerful and defending NCAA Division III champions who handed Norwich a disappointing 7–2 loss, and

Whereas, the opportunity to play in the championship game was a remarkable feat that women hockey-playing Cadets Danielle LaSpina, Courtney Parisot, Brittany Casey, Katie Leupp, Sarianne Lynn, Julie Fortier, Shannon Silver, Sophie Leclerc, Bianca Bogda, Sarah Scardino, Emily Goff, Brittane Michaud, Danielle Del Dotto, Felicia Desorcie, Amanda Wilks, Ashley Cassan, Kelsey Cone, Stephanie Invernizzi, Caitie Banfield, Annie DiVito, Mollie Fitzpatrick, Melissa Rundlett, Jacqueline Perez, Suzanne Whitaker, Cindy Fortin, and Chiara Traversa will always cherish, as will their team's managers—Whitney Brown, Megan Davis, and Sasha Johannes, and

Whereas, head coach Mark Bolding and assistant coaches Dana Bean, Keith Maurice, Holly Russo, Jon Guiffre, and Hilary Davis inspired their talented team to a university record 20–6–5 season, of which they are extremely proud, and

Whereas, as a result of his stellar leadership this season, Mark Bolding has been named the 2010 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Coach of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2010 Norwich University Cadets ECAC East women's ice hockey championship team, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mark Bolding and the Norwich University athletic department.

**H.C.R. 306.**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Craftsbury Academy student Mael Le Scouezec on winning the 2010 Vermont State Individual Spelling Bee

Offered by: Representatives Rodgers of Glover and Morley of Barton

Whereas, correct spelling is far more than a mere academic exercise as it serves as the foundation for written communication, and

Whereas, the English language is filled with many grammatical and spelling principles that are matched with perhaps an equal number of specific exceptions, and

Whereas, these contradictions in the order of the letters that form a word make mastery of English language spelling at times a challenging enterprise, and

Whereas, as an incentive to encourage middle school students to pay close attention to the order of letters in words, the Vermont Principals' Association, the Vermont Department of Education, the Vermont Humanities Council, and the *Burlington Free Press* jointly sponsored the 2010 Vermont State Individual Spelling Bee, and

Whereas, 46 students from across the state gathered in Montpelier to display their spelling abilities, and

Whereas, when all the day's words had been spelled correctly or incorrectly, the last student to spell a word correctly, and the winner of the 2010 Vermont State Individual Spelling Bee, was Mael Le Scouezec, a seventh grader at Craftsbury Academy, and

Whereas, the last word he spelled correctly was "ornithoscopy" which means bird watching, and

Whereas, in addition to a trophy and a Net Book computer, Mael Le Scouezec won an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. where he will participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, and

Whereas, the teachers at Craftsbury Academy can take great pride in Mael Le Scouezec's achievement and their contribution to his spelling bee victory, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Mael Le Scouezec on winning the 2010 Vermont State Individual Spelling Bee, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mael Le Scouezec at Craftsbury Academy.