

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**SENATE and HOUSE  
CALENDAR**

**OF**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2009**

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### Concurrent Resolutions for Notice under Joint Rule 16

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

#### Senate Concurrent Resolutions

By Senators Scott, Cummings, Doyle, Mazza, Kittell, Starr Ayer, Brock, Campbell, Choate, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Maynard, McCormack, Nitka, Sears, Shumlin and White,

By Representatives McDonald of Berlin, Poirier of Barre City, Taylor of Barre City and Partridge of Windham,

#### **S.C.R. 7.**

Senate concurrent resolution celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Vermont Farm Show.

*Whereas*, the history of the Vermont Farm Show, a true extravaganza of agricultural events and products, has its origins in the joint annual winter meeting of the former Vermont Dairymen's Association and the Maple Sugar Makers, and

*Whereas*, in 1930, Orlando Martin of Plainfield, the secretary of the Vermont Dairymen's Association, rented exhibit space to several farm equipment vendors and printed an advertising booklet to help defray the meeting's expenses and those of the concurrently convened sessions of the Wives and Daughters of the Vermont Dairymen organization, and

*Whereas*, the success of the commercial exhibitions encouraged him to inquire of Harold Dwinell, the director of the newly established division of markets at the Department of Agriculture, if there was interest in creating an educational exhibit at the meeting, and both Dwinell and Agriculture Commissioner Edward Jones responded enthusiastically, and

*Whereas*, the division's successful first display in 1931 highlighted new retail packaging innovations, and with the financial support of agricultural membership organizations and several individuals, the division in 1932 inaugurated the Vermont Farm Products contest with approximately 50 entries and the participation of expert judges, and

*Whereas*, the contest raised the meeting's attendance to a record level and led University of Vermont College of Agriculture Dean Joseph Carrigan,

Commissioner Jones and Division Director Dwinell to oversee the formation of the Vermont Union Agricultural Council, with a membership that included the Vermont Dairymen's Association, the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Association, the Vermont Poultry and Egg Producers' Association, the Vermont Certified Seed Potato Growers' Association, and the Vermont Horticultural Society, and

*Whereas*, under the council's auspices, the combined Union Agricultural Meeting and Vermont Farm Products Show premiered in Burlington in 1935 to great applause, and

*Whereas*, in 1947, this now-annual winter agricultural extravaganza was relocated to the Barre Auditorium, where it has resided ever since, and

*Whereas*, in November 1957, the Vermont Farm Show, Inc. was officially organized and incorporated, and

*Whereas*, the legislature's night at the Vermont Farm Show, featuring the House-versus-Senate milking contest, is always a fun occasion, and

*Whereas*, the Vermont Farm Show has presented many innovative displays and programs over its 75-year history, and its daily attendance now numbers close to 10,000, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly, along with the state's agricultural community, celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Vermont Farm Show, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Farm Show Manager Jon Turmel in Montpelier.

By Senators Carris, Hartwell, Sears and Shumlin,

By Representative Shand of Weathersfield

**S.C.R. 8.**

Senate concurrent resolution recognizing the greater weather fortitude of the Vermont General Assembly in comparison to the New Hampshire General Court.

*Whereas*, the state of New Hampshire can take great pride in its illustrious political forebears, such as Daniel Webster and Franklin Pierce, for whom rugged peaks in the White Mountains are named, symbolizing both men's courage and strength of character, and

*Whereas*, the state of Vermont is equally proud of its early political leaders, including Ethan Allen, who was instrumental in organizing the first Vermont Militia, the Green Mountain Boys, and Matthew Lyon, each of whom were imprisoned for his support of civil liberties and freedom from tyranny, and

*Whereas*, each of these gentlemen embodied an ability to overcome adverse conditions and challenges that his governmental descendants, the members of the New Hampshire General Court and the Vermont General Assembly supposedly inherited and continue to draw upon in the 21st century, and

*Whereas*, sadly for the citizens of the Granite State, these seemingly obvious, undeniable and historic presumptions were refuted and shattered on the morning of January 28, 2008, when the mere forecast of a large snowfall, nary a blizzard, sent its trembling solons to the protection of their homesteads, and

*Whereas*, while the New Hampshire General Court was forsaking the majestic halls of the state house in Concord, the Vermont General Assembly learning of a not dissimilar weather forecast for the Green Mountain State rolled up its law-making sleeves and continued to perform its legislative duties, and

*Whereas*, the fortitude and moral fiber of the Green Mountain Boys endures in the members of the Vermont General Assembly in contrast to the actions of their colleagues on the Connecticut River's eastern bank, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly wishes the members of the New Hampshire General Court a comfy snooze on a typical northern New England day, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Terie Norelli, Speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, and to Sylvia Larsen, President of the New Hampshire Senate.

**House Concurrent Resolutions**

**H.C.R. 30**

House concurrent resolution honoring the judicial career of Bennington Probate Judge Doris S. Buchanan

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

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Doris Buchanan has been a daily and welcome presence in the judicial system in Bennington County during an illustrious career that has spanned half a century, and

Whereas, a Bennington native, Doris Buchanan attended the Sacred Heart School and graduated in 1952 from the former Bennington High School, and

Whereas, in 1959, she embarked on her judicial odyssey when she began her role as a municipal court clerk while Judge Eugene Clark was presiding, and

Whereas, nine years later, as the Vermont municipal court system was coming to a close, Doris Buchanan transferred to the Bennington District Court where she assumed the role of district court clerk, a position she retained for the next 23 years, and

Whereas, she worked cooperatively and effectively for many district court judges beginning with Judge John P. Morrissey, and

Whereas, Doris Buchanan displayed great dedication and industriousness in performing her district court duties and when necessary did not hesitate to work nights and weekends to assure that all of the administrative work was in order for the next sitting of the court, and

Whereas, as a keen observer of judicial process and proceedings, when Doris Buchanan retired in 1990 from her district court clerkship, she decided to stand for election to serve as Probate Judge for the Bennington Probate District, and the voters wisely elected her to a seat on the probate bench, and

Whereas, for the past 18 years, Judge Doris Buchanan has written judiciously rendered decisions that have promoted the causes of justice and equity in the probate court system, and

Whereas, on February 1, 2009 she will step down from the bench and conclude a judicial career that has spanned half a century, and

Whereas, while working in the courts, Judge Buchanan has found time to be a social member of the Moose organization and the Bennington Club, and

Whereas, Judge Doris Buchanan is a communicant of Sacred Heart-St. Francis Church and actively assists with many church community and social functions, and

Whereas, she remains physically active and is proud of her 600-workout certificate that the local health club, which she visits six days a week, awarded her in 2006, and

Whereas, Judge Doris Buchanan will be enjoying her retirement with her children, Laurie, Scott, John, and Amy, her seven grandchildren, and especially her new husband, Christopher (Kit) Vail, who she married this past December 27 in Marietta, Georgia, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the judicial career of Bennington Probate Judge Doris Buchanan and extends best wishes on her recent marriage and for a happy retirement, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Probate Judge Doris Buchanan in Bennington.

### **H.C.R. 31**

House concurrent resolution recognizing the work of the National Alliance of Mental Illness

Offered by: Representatives Lenes of Shelburne, Adams of Hartland, Andrews of Rutland City, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Canfield of Fair Haven, Condon of Colchester, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donahue of Northfield, Flory of Pittsford, French of Randolph, Geier of S. Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McNeil of Rutland Town, O'Donnell of Vernon, Partridge of Windham, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburg, Pugh of S. Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Rodgers of Glover, Scheuermann of Stowe, Stevens of Shoreham, Trombley of Grand Isle, Webb of Shelburne and Wright of Burlington

Whereas, the problems associated with mental illness affect millions of Americans and thousands of Vermonters, and

Whereas, significant advances in mental health care have improved the lives of many, but there is much research still needed, and

Whereas, beyond scientific research, societal attitudes toward the mentally ill and the ways these individuals are welcomed to and befriended in local communities are of equal importance, and

Whereas, the National Alliance on Mental Illness focuses its attention on improving the lives of the mentally ill, and

Whereas, today, Wednesday, January 28, 2009, Vermont members of the National Alliance on Mental Illness are visiting the general assembly to inform legislators about the challenges the mentally ill must endure each day and on efforts to improve their quality of life, now therefore be it

#### Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the work of the National Alliance of Mental Illness to improve the lives of individuals with mental illness, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to National Alliance of Mental Illness Vermont Executive Director Larry Lewack in Waterbury.

## H.C.R. 32

House concurrent resolution commending the leadership of Central Vermont Public Service and the support of other electric companies and state offices in restoring electric power in southern Vermont following the December 2008 ice storm

Offered by: Representatives Hube of Londonderry, Acinapura of Brandon, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Baker of West Rutland, Browning of Arlington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Fagan of Rutland City, Flory of Pittsford, Helm of Castleton, Howard of Rutland City, Komline of Dorset, Krawczyk of Bennington, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Masland of Thetford, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Obuchowski of Rockingham, O'Donnell of Vernon, Pellett of Chester, Shand of Weathersfield, Smith of Mendon, Sweaney of Windsor, Wilson of Manchester and Winters of Williamstown

Offered by: Senators Campbell, Carris, Hartwell, Maynard, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Sears, Shumlin and White

Whereas, on December 11, 2008, a winter storm struck the state with such strong ferocity in Bennington, Orange, Windham, and Windsor counties that Governor Douglas later issued a state disaster declaration for those southern and eastern jurisdictions where the storm's precipitation fell largely in the form of ice, and

Whereas, the extensive accumulation of ice on power lines, or on trees that subsequently tumbled, in whole or part, onto these lines, caused over 49,000 customers of the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS) in Orange, Windham, and Windsor counties to lose electrical service, and

Whereas, in response to this major electrical service interruption, CVPS dispatched crews to restore the power as quickly as realistically possible, and

Whereas, because of both the extent of the damage to power lines and the sizeable number of these lines situated in isolated locations, the task at hand proved challenging and beyond the exclusive ability of CVPS's very capable, but finite number of, repair personnel, and

Whereas, in order to complete this huge and time-sensitive assignment, CVPS received invaluable assistance from a number of Vermont's municipal electric utilities, including those of Burlington, Hardwick, Johnson, Ludlow, Lyndonville, Morrisville, and Swanton, as well as from the Green Mountain Power Company, Washington Electric Cooperative, Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc., and the Vermont Electric Power Company, and

Whereas, CVPS procured major technical support from beyond the state's borders from Allegheny Power, Inc. of Pennsylvania and Hydro One, Inc. of Ontario, and

Whereas, the agency of transportation and the department of public safety, including its Vermont emergency management office, and the department of public service provided invaluable assistance, and

Whereas, each of these organizations can be proud of its role throughout the power restoration process, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends the leadership of Central Vermont Public Service and the support of other electric companies and state offices in restoring power in southern Vermont following the December 2008 ice storm, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bob Young, President and CEO of Central Vermont Public Service, and to each of the electric utilities and state organizations cited in this resolution.

**H.C.R. 33**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Mary Jane Shriver of Barre Town

Offered by: Representatives Koch of Barre Town, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, Andrews of Rutland City, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Donahue of Northfield, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Haas of Rochester, Maier of Middlebury, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Donnell of Vernon, Orr of Charlotte and Pugh of S. Burlington

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Scott

Whereas, as executive director of the Vermont Health Care Association for the past decade, Mary Jane Shriver played a leading role in public policy deliberations pertaining to the operation of assisted living and long-term care nursing facilities throughout the state, and

Whereas, in this position, she advocated before the legislative and executive branches of state government on behalf of her member institutions, and

Whereas, Mary Jane Shriver grew up in New Jersey and New Hampshire, and she attended River College in Nashua, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, after settling in Bedford, New Hampshire, she represented her neighbors as a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives,



where she developed a keen familiarity and mastery of the political skills that are associated with the legislative process, and

Whereas, Mary Jane Shriver relocated to town of Barre when she assumed the executive directorship of the Vermont Health Care Association, and

Whereas, her life was not focused exclusively on her professional duties, as she was an active participant in civic and religious organizations in central Vermont, and

Whereas, her interest in the dramatic arts led her to serve on the board of directors of Lost Nation Theater, and

Whereas, she was a passionately devoted baseball fan who delighted in her volunteer responsibilities as the official statistician for Montpelier's own baseball team, the Vermont Mountaineers, and

Whereas, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Barre, and

Whereas, Mary Jane Shriver's death following a brief illness this past fall brought great sorrow to her family, including her children, Jacquelyn and David, her grandson, Nathan, and her many colleagues and friends, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of Mary Jane Shriver, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of Mary Jane Shriver's children and to the Vermont Health Care Association in Berlin.

#### **H.C.R. 34**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2008 Williston All Stars state championship Little League Baseball team

Offered by: Representatives Macaig of Williston and McCullough of Williston

Whereas, Little League Baseball affords young boys and girls an exciting opportunity to participate in athletic competition during the spring and summer months, and

Whereas, the pinnacle of Little League play occurs in the age 11–12 division which features state, regional, and international championships, and

Whereas, all-star teams are formed in many Vermont towns as a first step toward choosing a state championship team to compete in the Eastern Regional Little League championship in Bristol, Connecticut, and

Whereas, in 2008, the Williston team defeated its opponent in each round leading to the Vermont state championship game in Brattleboro, in which after trailing 10–3, it staged an impressive and victorious comeback, and

Whereas, at the Eastern Regional Little League championship, the Williston team came within two games of proceeding to the international tournament in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, each of the boys on Williston’s 2008 Vermont state championship team, including Davis Mikell, Erik Bergkvist, Tommy Fitzgerald, Hayden Smith, Ryan Schneiderman, Brendan Gannon, Connor Stankevich, Pete Scrimgeour, Jeffrey Martin, Max Whitcomb, Jamie Pierson, and Chris Reiss, deserves special commendation for his dedication, determination, and unbelievable performance on the baseball diamond, and

Whereas, coach Jeff Smith and team manager Will Mikell provided the guidance and administrative support, respectively, that made the Williston All Star Little League team’s great 2008 season possible, and

Whereas, upon its return home from tournament play, the team received a police escort from Richmond into Williston and a rousing welcome from the town, and

Whereas, the players’ parents were always supportive of their sons in every way possible, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2008 Williston All Stars state championship Little League Baseball team, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jeff Smith in Williston.

### **H.C.R. 35**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Fraternal Order of Eagles’ Bennington Aerie #1861 on its centennial anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington and Krawczyk of Bennington

Whereas, on February 6, 1898, six theater owners in Seattle, Washington founded the “Seattle Order of Good Things,” and

Whereas, shortly thereafter, the organization selected the Bald Eagle as its official emblem, changing its name to “The Fraternal Order of Eagles,” and the new group rapidly expanded across the United States and Canada with the establishment of an aerie, or local unit, in many communities, and

Whereas, the organization’s mission is “to unite fraternally for mutual benefit, protection, improvement, social enjoyment and association, all persons of good moral character,” and

Whereas, among the legal and legislative battles for justice that the Fraternal Order of Eagles has fought and won are the enactment of workers’ compensation laws, the creation of mothers’ and old age pensions, and the establishment of Social Security laws and job protection for older workers, and

Whereas, the Fraternal Order of Eagles supports medical research through the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, the Max Bear Heart Fund, the Jimmy Durante Children’s Fund, the “Doc” Dunlap Kidney Fund, and the Diabetes Fund, and

Whereas, Bennington Aerie #1861 was established on March 15, 1909, and

Whereas, for many years, Bennington Aerie #1861’s governance structure did not include a president, but, in 1937, it was reorganized, and the first person to have the honor of serving as its aerie president was James “Dash” Gibney, and

Whereas, one of the charitable activities to which Bennington Aerie #1861 is dedicated is the sponsorship of a Thanksgiving dinner that reaches out into the community to persons who would not otherwise enjoy a celebratory holiday meal, and

Whereas, another priority for Bennington Aerie #1861 is making regular financial contributions to the Vermont Children’s Hospital in Burlington, and

Whereas, in the area of athletics, Bennington Aerie #1861 sponsors a youth football team and contributes funds to other sports programs in the area, and

Whereas, President Robin “Robbie” Stratton and Auxiliary President Cheryl Harrington are preparing to commemorate Bennington Aerie #1861’s centennial anniversary at a celebratory dinner on Saturday evening, January 31, 2009, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Fraternal Order of Eagles’ Bennington Aerie #1861 on its centennial anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Robin Stratton in Bennington.