

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**ADDENDUM**

**TO THE**

**SENATE and HOUSE  
CALENDAR**

**OF**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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.

#### House Concurrent Resolutions

##### H.C.R. 36

House concurrent resolution honoring Maurice Stephens Winn as Vermont's oldest working land surveyor

Offered by: Representatives Corcoran of Bennington, Krawczyk of Bennington, Mook of Bennington and Morrissey of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Maurice Winn is one of the foremost land surveyors in Vermont and is indisputably the oldest person, at the age of 88, who is practicing the profession, and

Whereas, his deep appreciation of the beauty of Vermont's woodlands has been reflected throughout his long and illustrious career, and

Whereas, Maurice Winn was born in Barnet and has resided nearly his entire life in Bennington, and

Whereas, he graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1942 with a degree in forestry and then served the nation in the U.S. Navy Air Corps, and

Whereas, for many years he was employed at Glastenbury Timberlands in Bennington as a forester who assisted in the management of 32,000 acres of northern hardwoods, and

Whereas, in more recent years, Maurice Winn has been self-employed as an independent land surveyor and forestry consultant in both Vermont and Massachusetts, performing many professional duties including the creation of subdivisions, developing boundary surveys, mapping, and completing forestry consultations, in particular those related to timber cruising and forestry inventories, and

Whereas, over the years, Maurice Winn has been a member of the Green Mountain Chapter of the Society of American Foresters and the American Congress of Surveying and Mapping, and he holds emeritus status in and is a past secretary-treasurer of the Vermont Society of Land Surveyors, and

Whereas, governors have recognized his professional expertise, and he served as a member on the governor's current land use advisory board and on the board of registration for land surveyors, and

Whereas, his colleagues have long admired and respected his extensive contribution to the management of Vermont's forests and to the profession of land surveying, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Maurice Winn as Vermont's oldest working land surveyor, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Maurice Winn in Bennington.

### **H.C.R. 37**

House concurrent resolution in memory of Fletcher Brush of Salisbury

Offered by: Representative Jewett of Middlebury

Offered by: Senators Ayer and Giard

Whereas, Fletcher Brush was born in Middlebury, and his father gave him the nickname Buster upon learning that his hefty new son weighed nearly 11 pounds, and

Whereas, Buster Brush, as he was known to one and all, was a resident of Salisbury and played many diverse and prominent roles in the civic life of his town, county, and state, and

Whereas, a graduate of Middlebury Union High School (MUHS), he remained closely associated with his alma mater throughout his life and was a past president and cofounder of the school's alumni association, and

Whereas, for 28 years, Buster Brush was employed at the Co-operative Insurance Companies in Middlebury, beginning as a claims adjuster and rising to the senior position of vice president of education and community relations, and

Whereas, Buster Brush most recently was serving on the boards of the National Bank of Middlebury, the Youth Safety Council of Vermont, and the Middlebury Community House, and he had also been a leader in the Middlebury Junior Golf Association, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, especially in the development of the foundation's Vermont-New Hampshire All Star Hockey Game,

Whereas, he had served as president of both the Middlebury Rotary Club and the Addison County Chamber of Commerce, and each organization paid special tribute to his leadership, and

Whereas, Buster Brush had served in the public sector as a review board member of Addison County Court Diversion and chaired the Outreach and Function Group of the Vermont Strategic Highway Plan, and

Whereas, he had devoted time to preserving Salisbury's history as president of the Salisbury Historical Society and as chair of the Salisbury Village Cemetery Restoration Project, and

Whereas, Buster Brush was the recipient of many awards honoring his good deeds, perhaps the most significant being Middlebury College's 2007 Citizen's Medal for outstanding community contributions, and

Whereas, after family members were killed in auto accidents, he dedicated many hours to the safety of young drivers, and

Whereas, his special passion was ice hockey which he indulged as a member of the Middlebury Amateur Hockey Association, as assistant boys' varsity coach at MUHS, and as an enthusiastic player, and

Whereas, his last day of active life was spent playing hockey at the Howard E. Brush Arena, whose construction he spearheaded and which was named after Buster Brush's father, and

Whereas, his wife, Jeanette, and his many friends, including the numerous young persons who knew him as Uncle Buster, will miss him very much, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of one of the Middlebury area's most admired individuals, Fletcher Brush, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jeanette Brush in Salisbury.

### **H.C.R. 38**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Hartford High School Hurricanes 2008 Division I championship football team

Offered by: Representatives Bohi of Hartford, Clerkin of Hartford, Mitchell of Barnard, Adams of Hartland, Deen of Westminster, Fagan of Rutland City, Greshin of Warren, Lewis of Derby, McCullough of Williston, O'Brien of Richmond, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka

Whereas, the 2007 Division I football champions, the Hartford High School Hurricanes, kicked off the 2008 season with a squad of talented players eager to retain first-place honors on the gridiron, and

Whereas, each week this past fall, the Hurricanes' opponents sought the winning formula to defeat this powerful Windsor County team, but none succeeded in their quest for this elusive strategy, and

Whereas, once again, the Hurricanes earned a berth in the Division I championship game, but they faced a double challenge from both the strong Rutland High School Raiders and a game site in their opponents' hometown, and

Whereas, the Raiders scored the game's opening points taking a 7-0 lead, but the Hurricanes responded quickly with a 56-yard drive that tied the contest with 4:24 left in the first quarter, and soon thereafter in the second quarter, Hartford took command of the score 14-7, but the Raiders quickly equalized the point distribution at 14-all, and

Whereas, with the first half nearly concluded, Hartford out-maneuvered the Raiders in an expertly executed passing maneuver that enabled the Hurricanes to regain the lead 20-14 heading into the midgame break, and

Whereas, on the Hurricanes' first possession in the third quarter, they completed a 57-yard drive culminating in a 15-yard touchdown run that created the final 26-14 lead, and the late game assistance of Hartford's great defense answered any lingering doubts that Hartford would win its second consecutive Division I football title, and

Whereas, the Hurricanes' entire roster, including Cory Simonds, Tucker Stone, Trevor Wood, Brandon Bergeron, Jeff Leach, Ryan Wetzels, Mick Wong, Taylor Kelton, Michael Paino, Cameron Laundry, Jake St. Sauveur, Connor McWilliams, Derek Bebee, Matt Latvis, Jackson Young, Peter Crosby, Alex Rowe, John McKinney, Travis Wilson, Patrick Riley, Carl Barr, Scott Scott-Smith, Troy Bell, Eric LaFontaine, Miles Latham, Martin Dulac, Terrell Martin, Tyler Frink, Seth Bell, Steven Ladka, Drew Twitchell, Logan DeFelice, Beau Bomhower, Tyler Rider, Thomas Andrews, Bobby Murray, Eric Meunier, Ryan Aiken, Jesse Schaal, Nathan Ocker, Walter Todt, Les Hobbs, Stephen Mackner, Robert Shaw, Ryan Carman, and Owen Newton, played skillfully and with great team spirit and appreciated the dependable support of team manager James Courtney, and

Whereas, Head Coach Mike Stone and his assistant coaches Ben Gardner, Matt Trombley, Rick Adams, William Schellong, Peter Lynch, Gary Aher, Lauck Blake, and Corey Holmes, as well as video and scouting coordinator David St. Sauveur, provided essential guidance to the Hurricanes, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Hartford High School Hurricanes 2008 Division I championship football team, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mike Stone at Hartford High School.

### **H.C.R. 39**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Eliza Masure of Bellows Falls for organizing a Walk for Warmth Sunday

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, due to the difficult economic conditions that our state and nation are now confronting, thousands of Vermont youngsters will be unable to afford the cost of goods and services required to cope with the effects of wintry weather, and

Whereas, one young Vermonter, Eliza Masure, a senior at Bellows Falls Union High School, decided to rally local residents as part of her personal initiative to assist these children to survive in comfort and security during the state's coldest months, and

Whereas, the focus of her effort was organizing a Walk for Warmth Sunday on October 19, 2008 that encompassed a two-mile route, beginning and ending at the Central Elementary School in Bellows Falls, and

Whereas, participating walkers, in addition to paying a \$5.00 registration fee, were requested to secure pledges for each mile walked, and

Whereas, walkers who brought in a minimum of \$25.00 became eligible to receive a commemorative T-shirt, and

Whereas, as a result of Eliza's Masure's initiative and organizational skill, the Walk for Warmth Sunday in Bellows Falls raised an impressive total of \$4,443.00 that she donated to the Our Place Drop-in Center in Bellows Falls for use in the purchase of food, clothes, and fuel oil for children whose families must survive on limited financial resources, and

Whereas, Eliza Masure demonstrated admirable creativity and initiative in organizing and successfully completing the Walk for Warmth Sunday in Bellows Falls, now therefore be it

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

That the General Assembly congratulates Eliza Masure for her leadership on behalf of the Walk for Warmth Sunday in Bellows Falls, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Eliza Masure in Bellows Falls.

## H.C.R. 40

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Peace & Justice Center in Burlington on its 30th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Wizowaty of Burlington, Aswad of Burlington, Atkins of Winooski, Bissonnette of Winooski, Bohi of Hartford, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Burke of Brattleboro, Conquest of Newbury, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Davis of Washington, Donovan of Burlington, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, Geier of S. Burlington, Gilbert of Fairfax, Haas of Rochester, Head of S. Burlington, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larson of Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Lorber of Burlington, Maier of Middlebury, Milkey of Brattleboro, Nease of Johnson, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, Pearce of Richford, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Ram of Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Till of Jericho, Trombley of Grand Isle, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Weston of Burlington, Wheeler of Derby and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, citizen activism has been a hallmark of Burlington, Vermont, and has helped make it one of the leaders in peace and social and economic justice work throughout the United States, and

Whereas, one of the leading voices of citizen activism in Burlington has been the Peace & Justice Center, which for 30 years has rallied people throughout the city and the state to “speak truth to power,” and

Whereas, the Peace & Justice Center was founded on January 29, 1979, as the Burlington Peace Coalition by Burlington residents who were deeply concerned about the ever-escalating nuclear arms race between our nation and the Soviet Union, and

Whereas, these activists tirelessly worked to bring the cause of nuclear disarmament, nonintervention, solidarity with people around the world struggling for better lives, as well as peace and economic and racial justice for people in our own communities to the mainstream of our society through popular education, petition initiatives, and direct action, and

Whereas, the Peace & Justice Center was instrumental gaining approval for a nuclear weapons freeze resolution on Burlington’s and 16 other towns’

town meeting ballots in 1981, thereby kicking off a statewide movement that saw 177 Vermont municipalities vote for the freeze at their town meetings, and

Whereas, the votes in Vermont influenced a national movement that brought one million people to New York City for the June 12, 1982, Nuclear

Disarmament March and led to a major breakthrough in relations between the superpowers and an end to the arms race, and

Whereas, throughout the 1980s, the Peace & Justice Center organized to oppose U.S. involvement in wars in Central America, and

Whereas, a lasting legacy of the Peace & Justice Center's Central America related organizing activities is the creation of the Burlington-Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, sister city relationship, and

Whereas, the Peace & Justice Center was one of the first to speak out against war with Iraq and continues to do this while also providing Burlington's and other Vermont youth with education about alternatives to military service, and

Whereas, in the early 1990s, the Peace & Justice Center was instrumental in the community organizing in Burlington that led to Burlington Electric Department's embarking on an \$11 million energy efficiency-demand side management bond instead of buying power from HydroQuebec, and

Whereas, this work for economic and racial justice for all people also led the Peace & Justice Center to create the first fair trade store in Burlington, the Peace & Justice Store, and

Whereas, other institutions in Burlington that have embedded principles of economic and racial justice in their economic activities include City Market and the Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility, and

Whereas, this emphasis on economic and racial justice also led the Peace & Justice Center to initiate the Vermont Job Gap Study in the mid-1990s, and

Whereas, this study in turn led the Vermont legislature to study the level of wages Vermont workers are required to pay for basic needs, bringing the concept of a livable wage to Vermont and leading to increases in the minimum wage and, in 2007, the indexing of the minimum wage to inflation, and

Whereas, this economic justice work continues through the current work of the Peace & Justice Center's Vermont Livable Wage Campaign and its efforts to obtain paid sick leave for Vermont workers, and

Whereas, the Peace & Justice Center continues to be a place where community members can gather, learn, discuss, organize, and fair-trade shop, thereby proving its continuing value and importance to Burlington and the state of Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Peace & Justice Center on its 30th anniversary, and be it further



Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Peace & Justice Center in Burlington.

#### **H.C.R. 41**

House concurrent resolution honoring the heroism of Robert Meehan of Middlesex

Offered by: Representative Klein of East Montpelier

Whereas, on a snowy Sunday evening, December 7, 2008, with the temperature registering a chilly 13 degrees Fahrenheit, Caitlin McCarthy, a junior at Norwich University, was driving along a slippery Center Road in Middlesex, and

Whereas, under these difficult driving conditions, she attempted to negotiate a sharp turn at the bottom of a hill when she suddenly lost control of the vehicle, and

Whereas, the car began to slide along the road, and it then skidded onto the property of Robert Meehan, first hitting his Subaru Outback automobile and then finishing this unintended, and potentially deadly, journey in the adjacent icy pond on the Meehan property, five feet from shore, and

Whereas, at the time of this incident, Robert Meehan was inside his home watching a televised football game with his two young children when he heard a thud, and

Whereas, he immediately looked out the window and saw automotive brake lights protruding out of the pond, and

Whereas, even though he was hardly dressed for wintry weather, Robert Meehan dashed outside to assist a terrified Caitlin McCarthy who was stranded in the vehicle that had broken through the ice and was rapidly taking on water, and

Whereas, as water began to inundate the vehicle, a dazed Caitlin McCarthy maneuvered herself into the back seat, but ice blocked the car's rear door that the terrified young woman was attempting to open, and

Whereas, Robert Meehan waded into the frigid and icy water and successfully smashed sufficient ice to open the door and free Caitlin McCarthy from the car, and

Whereas, Catlin's legs were temporarily paralyzed, and Robert Meehan dragged her up to his home, and he sent her into the bathroom with dry clothes, enabling her to regain her senses while he called 911 for medical assistance, and

Whereas, Robert Meehan's unselfish and instantaneous response to this extraordinary emergency situation was undeniably an act of heroism that merits praise, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Robert Meehan of Middlesex for his heroism in rescuing Caitlin McCarthy from her ice-bound car, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Robert Meehan in Middlesex.

#### **H.C.R. 42**

House concurrent resolution celebrating the diamond anniversary of alpine skiing in Vermont and the 2009 Woodstock Winter Fest

Offered by: Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Whereas, alpine skiing is a favorite winter recreational activity in Vermont, both for local residents and the thousands of individuals who flock to the state in order to ski Vermont's challenging and packed-powder slopes, and

Whereas, the large multiple trail ski areas that exist in 2009 can trace their origins to a simple rope tow laid across a Woodstock hillside three-quarters of a century ago, and

Whereas, in the winter of 1934, Bob and Betty Royce of Woodstock's The White Cupboard Inn hired David Dodd to create a rope tow, the first in the United States, to transport their skiing guests to the top of farmer Clint Gilbert's hill, and

Whereas, this new form of recreational mountainside transportation was devised by fitting a Model T Ford automobile with pulley wheel and a rope, and within the following two years, other Woodstock area hillsides were hosting similar rope tows, and

Whereas, in celebration of the 75th anniversary of Vermont alpine skiing, the Friends of Woodstock Winters will sponsor the Woodstock Winter Fest on February 6-8 with athletic competitions, including a winter triathlon, a sledding race, and ski races will be offered as will a photo exhibit at the Billings Farm, sleigh rides, and a dance, and

Whereas, the special highlight of Winter Fest will be a commemorative art exhibit on Gilbert's Hill that will consist of 45 downhill panels mounted on bamboo poles, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly celebrates the diamond anniversary of alpine skiing in Vermont and the 2009 Woodstock Winter Fest, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Charlie Kimbell in Woodstock.

### **H.C.R. 43**

House concurrent resolution congratulates Outright Vermont on its 20th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Lippert of Hinesburg, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Donovan of Burlington, Fisher of Lincoln, Grad of Moretown, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Larson of Burlington, Lorber of Burlington, Marek of Newfane, McCullough of Williston, Mitchell of Barnard, Moran of Wardsboro, Nease of Johnson, Pellett of Chester, Pugh of S. Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Webb of Shelburne, Wizowaty of Burlington and Zuckerman of Burlington

Whereas, Outright Vermont was established in 1989, following the release of a national survey documenting high levels of depression and suicide among gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual, and questioning (GLBTQ) youth, and

Whereas, the fundamental mission of Outright Vermont is to provide educational and outreach support services for these youngsters, and

Whereas, Outright Vermont has created many program services to fulfill the organization's vital mission, including the inauguration of a statewide toll-free support line in 1991, and it convened a conference in Montpelier in 1994 for gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth, and

Whereas, in 1995, an HIV prevention program was initiated and, in 1996, transsexual and questioning youth were fully incorporated into the organization's target audience, and

Whereas, in 1998, a pivotal year for the organization, Outright Vermont hosted its first substance-free pride ball at Burlington City Hall, hired its first educational director, and increased the number of gay-straight alliances to 12, and

Whereas, in 2000, during the height of the controversy over civil unions, Outright Vermont's office was subjected to protest marches, and the organization received hate mail, and

Whereas, Outright Vermont was not deterred and proceeded with its mission of supporting GLBTQ youth, and

Whereas, a pivotal institutional development for Outright Vermont was the launching in 2005 of weekly Friday night support groups and Saturday social evenings, and

Whereas, in 2006, the Queer Youth Fund awarded Outright Vermont a major grant to continue and expand its operations, and

Whereas, in 2007, Outright Vermont hosted its first gay-straight alliance conference at the University of Vermont and, in 2008, it started a new statewide visibility campaign known as Vermont Youth StandOUT, and

Whereas, in 2009, Outright Vermont remains strongly committed to working to improve the lives of GBLTQ youth, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Outright Vermont on its 20th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Outright Vermont in Burlington.